

Table 3.89

Reported alcohol use

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "Do you have occasion to use alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer, or are you a total abstainer?"

	Yes	No, total abstainer
National	61%	39%
Sex		
Male	66	33
Female	55	45
Race		
White	63	36
Nonwhite ^a	46	54
Black	36	64
Age		
18 to 29 years	66	34
30 to 49 years	67	32
50 to 64 years	58	42
50 years and older	50	50
65 years and older	42	58
Education		
College post graduate	73	27
College graduate	66	32
Some college	66	34
No college	51	48
Income		
\$75,000 and over	79	21
\$50,000 and over	79	21
\$30,000 to \$49,999	64	36
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	43
Under \$20,000	44	55
Community		
Urban area	60	40
Suburban area	66	33
Rural area	52	47
Region		
East	63	37
Midwest	66	34
South	54	45
West	62	37
Politics		
Republican	66	34
Democrat	52	47
Independent	65	34

Note: The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

^aIncludes black respondents.

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