

Table 8.27A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2005

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005
TOTAL				
Lifetime	20,911	20,936	20,709	20,671
Past Year	17,492	17,554	17,568	17,729
Past Month	10,713	10,876	10,838	10,819
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	7,175	7,190	7,397	7,197
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	2,301	2,297	2,375	2,296
MALE				
Lifetime	10,719	10,537	10,624	10,500
Past Year	8,847	8,735	8,946	8,927
Past Month	5,619	5,720	5,723	5,658
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	4,140	4,162	4,271	4,175
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	1,544	1,506	1,582	1,492
FEMALE				
Lifetime	10,192	10,399	10,085	10,171
Past Year	8,645	8,819	8,622	8,802
Past Month	5,094	5,156	5,115	5,160
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	3,035	3,027	3,127	3,022
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	756	791	793	803

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2005 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2005 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Table 8.27B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Percentages, 2002-2005

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005
TOTAL				
Lifetime	56.2 ^b	55.8 ^b	54.9	53.9
Past Year	47.0	46.8	46.6	46.3
Past Month	28.8	29.0	28.7	28.2
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	19.3	19.2	19.6	18.8
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.0
MALE				
Lifetime	56.5 ^b	55.0	54.9	53.7
Past Year	46.6	45.6	46.3	45.6
Past Month	29.6	29.9	29.6	28.9
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	21.8	21.7	22.1	21.3
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	8.1	7.9	8.2	7.6
FEMALE				
Lifetime	56.0 ^a	56.6 ^b	54.8	54.2
Past Year	47.5	48.0	46.9	46.9
Past Month	28.0	28.1	27.8	27.5
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	16.7	16.5	17.0	16.1
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3

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