

**Table 2.37A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	203,368	203,976	162,415	162,876	125,309	126,760
<b>AGE</b>						
12-17	10,255 <sup>a</sup>	9,949	8,361 <sup>a</sup>	8,016	4,222	4,021
18-25	28,310 <sup>b</sup>	27,886	25,814	25,504	20,282	20,034
26 or Older	164,804	166,141	128,240	129,356	100,805	102,705
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	102,646	102,824	83,275	83,583	68,025	68,088
Female	100,722	101,152	79,140	79,293	57,283	58,672
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	178,997	179,324	143,050	143,278	111,350	112,348
White	146,347	147,074	118,557	119,080	94,009	94,884
Black or African American	21,961	21,845	16,040	15,920	11,657	11,501
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,016	1,021	670	751	459	566
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	599	*	512	345	*
Asian	6,904	6,546	5,470	5,255	3,640	3,727
Two or More Races	2,070	2,239	1,709	1,760	1,240	1,301
Hispanic or Latino	24,371	24,652	19,365	19,598	13,959	14,412

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.37B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	82.7	82.3	66.0	65.7	50.9	51.1
<b>AGE</b>						
12-17	40.4	39.4	32.9 <sup>a</sup>	31.8	16.6	15.9
18-25	86.5 <sup>b</sup>	85.2	78.8	77.9	61.9	61.2
26 or Older	87.7	87.5	68.3	68.1	53.7	54.1
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	86.0	85.5	69.8	69.5	57.0	56.6
Female	79.5	79.3	62.5	62.2	45.2	46.0
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	84.2	84.0	67.3	67.1	52.4	52.6
White	86.9	87.0	70.4	70.4	55.8	56.1
Black or African American	75.4	74.7	55.1	54.5	40.0	39.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	82.5	80.6	54.4	59.3	37.2	44.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	84.6	*	72.3	36.7	*
Asian	67.1	61.8	53.2	49.6	35.4	35.2
Two or More Races	78.5	81.8	64.9	64.3	47.1	47.5
Hispanic or Latino	72.9	72.0	57.9	57.2	41.8	42.1

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.38A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,255 <sup>a</sup>	9,949	8,361 <sup>a</sup>	8,016	4,222	4,021
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	5,217	5,114	4,174	4,056	2,111	2,045
Female	5,038	4,836	4,187 <sup>a</sup>	3,960	2,110	1,975
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	8,457 <sup>a</sup>	8,125	6,937 <sup>b</sup>	6,540	3,525 <sup>a</sup>	3,312
White	6,574	6,304	5,596 <sup>a</sup>	5,243	2,933	2,739
Black or African American	1,339	1,307	940	926	411	390
American Indian or Alaska Native	64	*	45	*	28	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	282	258	209	175	78	83
Two or More Races	171	162	129	116	67	52
Hispanic or Latino	1,798	1,824	1,424	1,476	697	709
<b>GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	3,349	3,256	2,795	2,666	1,485	1,407
Female, White, Not Hispanic	3,225	3,048	2,801 <sup>a</sup>	2,577	1,448	1,332
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	665	656	455	456	203	186
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	674	651	485	469	207	204
Male, Hispanic	924	930	730	742	333	353
Female, Hispanic	873	894	695	735	364	356

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.38B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	40.4	39.4	32.9 <sup>a</sup>	31.8	16.6	15.9
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	40.2	39.7	32.2	31.5	16.3	15.9
Female	40.6	39.2	33.7	32.1	17.0	16.0
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	40.6	39.5	33.3 <sup>a</sup>	31.8	16.9	16.1
White	43.1	41.9	36.7 <sup>a</sup>	34.8	19.2	18.2
Black or African American	34.4	34.0	24.1	24.1	10.5	10.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	47.3	*	33.2	*	20.5	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	27.4	25.3	20.2	17.2	7.6	8.1
Two or More Races	41.4	38.7	31.2	27.7	16.2	12.5
Hispanic or Latino	39.5	39.1	31.3	31.6	15.3	15.2
<b>GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	43.0	42.2	35.9	34.6	19.1	18.3
Female, White, Not Hispanic	43.2	41.5	37.6 <sup>a</sup>	35.1	19.4	18.1
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	33.2	33.7	22.7	23.5	10.1	9.5
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	35.6	34.2	25.6	24.6	11.0	10.7
Male, Hispanic	39.7	39.0	31.4	31.1	14.3	14.8
Female, Hispanic	39.2	39.1	31.2	32.2	16.3	15.6

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.39A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	28,310 <sup>b</sup>	27,886	25,814	25,504	20,282	20,034
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	14,351	14,137	13,277	13,119	10,869	10,757
Female	13,959	13,749	12,537	12,385	9,413	9,277
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	23,627 <sup>a</sup>	23,331	21,769	21,580	17,283	17,102
White	18,358	18,107	17,179	16,921	13,987	13,656
Black or African American	3,473	3,508	2,994	3,078	2,103	2,267
American Indian or Alaska Native	153	152	133	143	96	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	1,171	1,064	1,031	970	763	725
Two or More Races	320	384	302	362	228	279
Hispanic or Latino	4,683	4,555	4,045	3,923	2,999	2,932
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	5,121 <sup>a</sup>	4,787	4,407 <sup>a</sup>	4,080	3,078	2,882
High School Graduate	9,515	9,147	8,521	8,211	6,366	6,145
Some College	9,590	9,858	8,933	9,295	7,381	7,549
College Graduate	4,083	4,094	3,953	3,917	3,457	3,458
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	14,179	13,692	13,077	12,720	10,580	10,301
Part-Time	7,184	7,148	6,641	6,617	5,237	5,148
Unemployed	2,090	2,143	1,887	1,918	1,415	1,448
Other <sup>1</sup>	4,856	4,902	4,209	4,249	3,050	3,137

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.39B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	86.5 <sup>b</sup>	85.2	78.8	77.9	61.9	61.2
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	87.0	85.8	80.5	79.6	65.9	65.3
Female	85.9	84.6	77.2	76.2	57.9	57.1
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	87.8 <sup>a</sup>	86.6	80.9	80.1	64.2	63.5
White	90.9 <sup>b</sup>	89.5	85.1 <sup>a</sup>	83.6	69.3 <sup>a</sup>	67.5
Black or African American	77.4	77.6	66.7	68.1	46.9	50.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	84.5	90.5	73.6 <sup>a</sup>	85.0	53.1	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	76.5	73.5	67.3	67.1	49.9	50.1
Two or More Races	92.2	86.8	87.1	82.1	65.6	63.1
Hispanic or Latino	80.4	78.7	69.4	67.8	51.5	50.7
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	78.5	77.0	67.6	65.6	47.2	46.4
High School Graduate	84.4 <sup>b</sup>	82.1	75.6	73.7	56.5	55.2
Some College	90.3	89.9	84.1	84.8	69.5	68.9
College Graduate	94.3	92.7	91.3 <sup>a</sup>	88.7	79.8	78.3
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	89.9	89.3	82.9	83.0	67.1	67.2
Part-Time	86.8 <sup>a</sup>	84.9	80.2	78.6	63.3	61.1
Unemployed	83.8	82.0	75.7	73.4	56.7	55.4
Other <sup>1</sup>	78.5	77.0	68.0	66.8	49.3	49.3

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.40A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	164,804	166,141	128,240	129,356	100,805	102,705
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	83,079	83,573	65,824	66,409	55,045	55,286
Female	81,725	82,568	62,416	62,948	45,759	47,419
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	146,913	147,868	114,344	115,158	90,542	91,934
White	121,415	122,662	95,782	96,916	77,090	78,489
Black or African American	17,149	17,030	12,106	11,916	9,143	8,844
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	802	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	5,451	5,224	4,230	4,110	2,799	2,920
Two or More Races	1,579	1,694	1,278	1,281	945	969
Hispanic or Latino	17,890	18,273	13,896	14,198	10,263	10,771
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	22,503	22,273	14,448	14,340	10,297	10,391
High School Graduate	49,987	49,369	37,081	36,108	28,165	27,953
Some College	40,944	42,547	32,903	33,747	25,676	26,271
College Graduate	51,370	51,952	43,808	45,162	36,667	38,090
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	97,192	97,309	80,752	80,973	64,849	65,949
Part-Time	18,295	18,201	14,427	14,837	11,339	11,489
Unemployed	3,881	3,932	3,080	3,182	2,260	2,594
Other <sup>1</sup>	45,435	46,700	29,980	30,364	22,356	22,673

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.40B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	87.7	87.5	68.3	68.1	53.7	54.1
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	92.4	91.9	73.2	73.1	61.2	60.8
Female	83.4	83.4	63.7	63.6	46.7	47.9
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	89.1	89.0	69.4	69.3	54.9	55.4
White	91.3	91.7	72.0	72.5	58.0	58.7
Black or African American	82.7	81.6	58.4	57.1	44.1	42.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	85.9	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	70.5	64.2	54.7	50.5	36.2	35.9
Two or More Races	84.2	90.3	68.2	68.3	50.4	51.7
Hispanic or Latino	77.7	76.8	60.3	59.7	44.5	45.3
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	74.7	73.9	48.0	47.6	34.2	34.5
High School Graduate	86.4	86.6	64.1	63.3	48.7	49.0
Some College	91.7	91.5	73.7	72.6	57.5	56.5
College Graduate	92.9	92.4	79.2	80.3	66.3	67.7
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	91.9	91.7	76.3	76.3	61.3	62.1
Part-Time	88.8	86.3	70.0	70.4	55.0	54.5
Unemployed	85.1	87.6	67.5	70.9	49.6 <sup>a</sup>	57.8
Other <sup>1</sup>	79.8	80.3	52.7	52.2	39.3	39.0

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.



**Table 2.41A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	193,113	194,026	154,054	154,860	121,087	122,739
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	97,430	97,710	79,100	79,527	65,914	66,043
Female	95,684	96,316	74,953	75,333	55,173	56,697
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	170,540	171,199	136,113	136,738	107,825	109,036
White	139,773	140,769	112,962	113,837	91,076	92,145
Black or African American	20,622	20,538	15,100	14,995	11,246	11,111
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	954	625	692	431	527
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	6,622	6,288	5,261	5,080	3,562	3,645
Two or More Races	1,899	2,077	1,580	1,644	1,173	1,248
Hispanic or Latino	22,573	22,828	17,941	18,122	13,262	13,703
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	27,625	27,060	18,855	18,420	13,375	13,274
High School Graduate	59,502	58,515	45,602	44,319	34,531	34,098
Some College	50,534	52,406	41,836	43,042	33,057	33,820
College Graduate	55,453	56,046	47,760	49,079	40,124	41,548
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	111,371	111,001	93,829	93,692	75,429	76,250
Part-Time	25,479	25,348	21,068	21,454	16,576	16,637
Unemployed	5,972	6,075	4,967	5,100	3,675	4,042
Other <sup>1</sup>	50,292	51,602	34,189	34,613	25,406	25,810

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.41B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TIME PERIOD					
	Lifetime		Past Year		Past Month	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	87.5	87.2	69.8	69.6	54.9	55.1
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	91.6	91.0	74.3	74.1	62.0	61.5
Female	83.8	83.6	65.6	65.4	48.3	49.2
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	88.9	88.7	71.0	70.8	56.2	56.5
White	91.3	91.4	73.8	73.9	59.5	59.8
Black or African American	81.8	80.9	59.9	59.1	44.6	43.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	86.6	57.0	62.8	39.3	47.8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	71.5	65.6	56.8	53.0	38.5	38.0
Two or More Races	85.5	89.6	71.1	70.9	52.8	53.9
Hispanic or Latino	78.2	77.2	62.2	61.3	45.9	46.3
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	75.4	74.5	51.4	50.7	36.5	36.5
High School Graduate	86.1	85.9	66.0	65.0	50.0	50.0
Some College	91.4	91.2	75.7	74.9	59.8	58.9
College Graduate	93.0	92.4	80.1	80.9	67.3	68.5
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	91.6	91.4	77.2	77.1	62.0	62.8
Part-Time	88.2 <sup>a</sup>	85.9	72.9	72.7	57.4	56.4
Unemployed	84.6	85.5	70.4	71.8	52.1	56.9
Other <sup>1</sup>	79.7	80.0	54.2	53.6	40.3	40.0

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.42A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	125,309	126,760	56,575	57,778	16,946	17,010
<b>AGE</b>						
12-17	4,222	4,021	2,614	2,447	603	591
18-25	20,282	20,034	13,814	13,675	5,093	4,819
26 or Older	100,805	102,705	40,147	41,656	11,251	11,600
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	68,025	68,088	37,298	38,128	12,775	12,786
Female	57,283	58,672	19,276	19,651	4,172	4,225
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	111,350	112,348	48,594	49,768	15,046	15,139
White	94,009	94,884	40,607	41,653	13,085	13,256
Black or African American	11,657	11,501	5,558	5,589	1,335	1,213
American Indian or Alaska Native	459	566	382	357	111	146
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	345	*	227	*	104	*
Asian	3,640	3,727	1,219	1,331	246	274
Two or More Races	1,240	1,301	601	634	165	200
Hispanic or Latino	13,959	14,412	7,980	8,010	1,900	1,871

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.42B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	50.9	51.1	23.0	23.3	6.9	6.9
<b>AGE</b>						
12-17	16.6	15.9	10.3	9.7	2.4	2.3
18-25	61.9	61.2	42.2	41.8	15.6	14.7
26 or Older	53.7	54.1	21.4	21.9	6.0	6.1
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	57.0	56.6	31.2	31.7	10.7	10.6
Female	45.2	46.0	15.2	15.4	3.3	3.3
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	52.4	52.6	22.9	23.3	7.1	7.1
White	55.8	56.1	24.1	24.6	7.8	7.8
Black or African American	40.0	39.3	19.1	19.1	4.6	4.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	37.2	44.7	31.0	28.2	9.0	11.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	36.7	*	24.1	*	11.0	*
Asian	35.4	35.2	11.8	12.6	2.4	2.6
Two or More Races	47.1	47.5	22.8	23.2	6.3	7.3
Hispanic or Latino	41.8	42.1	23.9	23.4	5.7	5.5

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.43A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,222	4,021	2,614	2,447	603	591
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	2,111	2,045	1,388	1,366	368	366
Female	2,110	1,975	1,225 <sup>a</sup>	1,082	235	225
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,525 <sup>a</sup>	3,312	2,189 <sup>a</sup>	2,013	500	513
White	2,933	2,739	1,871	1,737	466	462
Black or African American	411	390	192	164	21	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	28	*	18	*	3	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	78	83	59	53	2	12
Two or More Races	67	52	43	27	9	6
Hispanic or Latino	697	709	424	434	103	78
<b>GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	1,485	1,407	996	973	282	287
Female, White, Not Hispanic	1,448	1,332	876 <sup>a</sup>	764	184	175
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	203	186	102	90	12	12
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	207	204	90	74	8	8
Male, Hispanic	333	353	231	235	68	51
Female, Hispanic	364	356	193	199	35	27

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.43B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	16.6	15.9	10.3	9.7	2.4	2.3
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	16.3	15.9	10.7	10.6	2.8	2.8
Female	17.0	16.0	9.9 <sup>a</sup>	8.8	1.9	1.8
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	16.9	16.1	10.5	9.8	2.4	2.5
White	19.2	18.2	12.3	11.5	3.1	3.1
Black or African American	10.5	10.1	4.9	4.3	0.5	0.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	20.5	*	13.2	*	2.2	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	7.6	8.1	5.7	5.2	0.2	1.2
Two or More Races	16.2	12.5	10.4	6.6	2.1	1.4
Hispanic or Latino	15.3	15.2	9.3	9.3	2.3	1.7
<b>GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	19.1	18.3	12.8	12.6	3.6	3.7
Female, White, Not Hispanic	19.4	18.1	11.7	10.4	2.5	2.4
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	10.1	9.5	5.1	4.6	0.6	0.6
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	11.0	10.7	4.8	3.9	0.4	0.4
Male, Hispanic	14.3	14.8	9.9	9.9	2.9	2.1
Female, Hispanic	16.3	15.6	8.7	8.7	1.6	1.2

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.44A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	20,282	20,034	13,814	13,675	5,093	4,819
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	10,869	10,757	8,284	8,204	3,461	3,278
Female	9,413	9,277	5,531	5,471	1,632	1,541
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	17,283	17,102	11,698	11,631	4,508 <sup>a</sup>	4,197
White	13,987	13,656	9,920	9,745	4,075 <sup>a</sup>	3,738
Black or African American	2,103	2,267	1,049	1,148	204	257
American Indian or Alaska Native	96	*	79	*	25	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	16
Asian	763	725	396	406	84	91
Two or More Races	228	279	165	195	70	67
Hispanic or Latino	2,999	2,932	2,116	2,044	584	622
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	3,078	2,882	2,262	2,173	712	695
High School Graduate	6,366	6,145	4,503	4,307	1,676 <sup>a</sup>	1,434
Some College	7,381	7,549	4,957	4,992	1,901	1,953
College Graduate	3,457	3,458	2,092	2,203	804	738
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	10,580	10,301	7,410	7,179	2,677	2,435
Part-Time	5,237	5,148	3,366	3,392	1,251	1,274
Unemployed	1,415	1,448	992	1,039	350	376
Other <sup>1</sup>	3,050	3,137	2,046	2,064	815	734

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

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<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.44B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	61.9	61.2	42.2	41.8	15.6	14.7
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	65.9	65.3	50.2	49.8	21.0	19.9
Female	57.9	57.1	34.0	33.7	10.0	9.5
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	64.2	63.5	43.5	43.2	16.8 <sup>a</sup>	15.6
White	69.3 <sup>a</sup>	67.5	49.1	48.2	20.2 <sup>b</sup>	18.5
Black or African American	46.9	50.2	23.4	25.4	4.5	5.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	53.1	*	43.9	*	14.0	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	11.6
Asian	49.9	50.1	25.9	28.1	5.5	6.3
Two or More Races	65.6	63.1	47.5	44.0	20.3	15.2
Hispanic or Latino	51.5	50.7	36.3	35.3	10.0	10.7
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	47.2	46.4	34.7	34.9	10.9	11.2
High School Graduate	56.5	55.2	40.0	38.7	14.9 <sup>b</sup>	12.9
Some College	69.5	68.9	46.7	45.5	17.9	17.8
College Graduate	79.8	78.3	48.3	49.9	18.6	16.7
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	67.1	67.2	47.0	46.8	17.0	15.9
Part-Time	63.3	61.1	40.7	40.3	15.1	15.1
Unemployed	56.7	55.4	39.8	39.8	14.0	14.4
Other <sup>1</sup>	49.3	49.3	33.1	32.4	13.2	11.5

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.



**Table 2.45A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	100,805	102,705	40,147	41,656	11,251	11,600
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	55,045	55,286	27,627	28,558	8,946	9,142
Female	45,759	47,419	12,520	13,098	2,305	2,458
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	90,542	91,934	34,707	36,124	10,038	10,429
White	77,090	78,489	28,815	30,170	8,544	9,056
Black or African American	9,143	8,844	4,316	4,277	1,111	935
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	248	83	105
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	2,799	2,920	764	873	160	171
Two or More Races	945	969	393	412	86	127
Hispanic or Latino	10,263	10,771	5,440	5,532	1,213	1,171
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	10,297	10,391	6,240	6,241	1,790	1,776
High School Graduate	28,165	27,953	13,389	13,425	3,927	4,127
Some College	25,676	26,271	9,952	10,694	2,566	2,995
College Graduate	36,667	38,090	10,566	11,296	2,968	2,702
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	64,849	65,949	28,653	29,489	8,156	8,240
Part-Time	11,339	11,489	3,441	3,891	854	1,119
Unemployed	2,260	2,594	1,418	1,250	508	475
Other <sup>1</sup>	22,356	22,673	6,635	7,026	1,733	1,766

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.45B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	53.7	54.1	21.4	21.9	6.0	6.1
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	61.2	60.8	30.7	31.4	10.0	10.1
Female	46.7	47.9	12.8	13.2	2.4	2.5
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	54.9	55.4	21.1	21.8	6.1	6.3
White	58.0	58.7	21.7	22.6	6.4	6.8
Black or African American	44.1	42.4	20.8	20.5	5.4	4.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	26.6	9.1	11.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	36.2	35.9	9.9	10.7	2.1	2.1
Two or More Races	50.4	51.7	21.0	22.0	4.6	6.8
Hispanic or Latino	44.5	45.3	23.6	23.2	5.3	4.9
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	34.2	34.5	20.7	20.7	5.9	5.9
High School Graduate	48.7	49.0	23.2	23.5	6.8	7.2
Some College	57.5	56.5	22.3	23.0	5.7	6.4
College Graduate	66.3	67.7	19.1	20.1	5.4	4.8
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	61.3	62.1	27.1	27.8	7.7	7.8
Part-Time	55.0	54.5	16.7	18.5	4.1	5.3
Unemployed	49.6 <sup>a</sup>	57.8	31.1	27.8	11.1	10.6
Other <sup>1</sup>	39.3	39.0	11.7	12.1	3.0	3.0

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.46A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	121,087	122,739	53,961	55,331	16,344	16,420
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	65,914	66,043	35,910	36,762	12,407	12,420
Female	55,173	56,697	18,051	18,569	3,937	4,000
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	107,825	109,036	46,405	47,755	14,546	14,626
White	91,076	92,145	38,736	39,916	12,619	12,794
Black or African American	11,246	11,111	5,366	5,425	1,315	1,193
American Indian or Alaska Native	431	527	364	326	108	133
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	221	*	104	*
Asian	3,562	3,645	1,160	1,279	244	262
Two or More Races	1,173	1,248	558	607	156	194
Hispanic or Latino	13,262	13,703	7,556	7,576	1,797	1,793
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	13,375	13,274	8,502	8,414	2,502	2,471
High School Graduate	34,531	34,098	17,892	17,732	5,603	5,561
Some College	33,057	33,820	14,909	15,686	4,467	4,948
College Graduate	40,124	41,548	12,658	13,499	3,772	3,440
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	75,429	76,250	36,063	36,667	10,833	10,676
Part-Time	16,576	16,637	6,807	7,283	2,106	2,392
Unemployed	3,675	4,042	2,410	2,289	857	851
Other <sup>1</sup>	25,406	25,810	8,681	9,091	2,548	2,501

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NOTE: 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

**Table 2.46B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2006 and 2007**

Demographic Characteristic	TYPE OF ALCOHOL USE					
	Alcohol Use		Binge Alcohol Use		Heavy Alcohol Use	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>TOTAL</b>	54.9	55.1	24.5	24.9	7.4	7.4
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	62.0	61.5	33.8	34.2	11.7	11.6
Female	48.3	49.2	15.8	16.1	3.4	3.5
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>						
Not Hispanic or Latino	56.2	56.5	24.2	24.7	7.6	7.6
White	59.5	59.8	25.3	25.9	8.2	8.3
Black or African American	44.6	43.8	21.3	21.4	5.2	4.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	39.3	47.8	33.2	29.6	9.9	12.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	26.8	*	12.6	*
Asian	38.5	38.0	12.5	13.3	2.6	2.7
Two or More Races	52.8	53.9	25.1	26.2	7.0	8.4
Hispanic or Latino	45.9	46.3	26.2	25.6	6.2	6.1
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
< High School	36.5	36.5	23.2	23.2	6.8	6.8
High School Graduate	50.0	50.0	25.9	26.0	8.1	8.2
Some College	59.8	58.9	27.0	27.3	8.1	8.6
College Graduate	67.3	68.5	21.2	22.3	6.3	5.7
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Full-Time	62.0	62.8	29.7	30.2	8.9	8.8
Part-Time	57.4	56.4	23.6	24.7	7.3	8.1
Unemployed	52.1	56.9	34.2	32.2	12.2	12.0
Other <sup>1</sup>	40.3	40.0	13.8	14.1	4.0	3.9

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

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