

Table 8.27A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2007

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
TOTAL						
Lifetime	20,911	20,936	20,709	20,671	20,574	20,370
Past Year	17,492	17,554	17,568	17,729	17,598	17,359
Past Month	10,713	10,876	10,838	10,819	10,823	10,730
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	7,175	7,190	7,397	7,197	7,239	7,172
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	2,301	2,297	2,375	2,296	2,359	2,313
MALE						
Lifetime	10,719	10,537	10,624	10,500	10,647	10,463
Past Year	8,847	8,735	8,946	8,927	9,064	8,895
Past Month	5,619	5,720	5,723	5,658	5,752	5,609
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	4,140	4,162	4,271	4,175	4,192	4,158
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	1,544	1,506	1,582	1,492	1,561	1,532
FEMALE						
Lifetime	10,192	10,399	10,085	10,171	9,927	9,907
Past Year	8,645	8,819	8,622	8,802	8,534	8,464
Past Month	5,094	5,156	5,115	5,160	5,072	5,122
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	3,035	3,027	3,127	3,022	3,047	3,015
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	756	791	793	803	798	781

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2007 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, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Table 8.27B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Percentages, 2002-2007

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
TOTAL						
Lifetime	56.2 ^b	55.8 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.9	53.9	52.9
Past Year	47.0 ^b	46.8 ^b	46.6 ^a	46.3	46.1	45.1
Past Month	28.8	29.0	28.7	28.2	28.3	27.9
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	19.3	19.2	19.6	18.8	19.0	18.6
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.0
MALE						
Lifetime	56.5 ^b	55.0 ^a	54.9 ^a	53.7	54.0	53.0
Past Year	46.6	45.6	46.3	45.6	46.0	45.1
Past Month	29.6	29.9	29.6	28.9	29.2	28.4
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	21.8	21.7	22.1	21.3	21.3	21.1
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	8.1	7.9	8.2	7.6	7.9	7.8
FEMALE						
Lifetime	56.0 ^b	56.6 ^b	54.8 ^a	54.2	53.7	52.8
Past Year	47.5 ^b	48.0 ^b	46.9 ^a	46.9 ^a	46.2	45.1
Past Month	28.0	28.1	27.8	27.5	27.4	27.3
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	16.7	16.5	17.0	16.1	16.5	16.1
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2

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