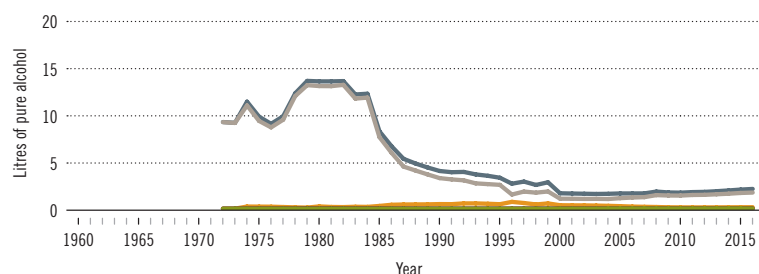


# United Arab Emirates

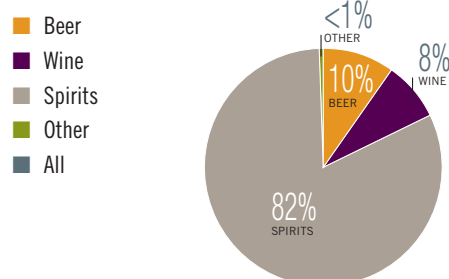
Total population (2016): 9 266 971 ► Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 86% ► Population in urban areas: 86% ► Income group (World Bank): High income

## ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, 1961–2016



Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol) by type of alcoholic beverage, 2016 or latest year available



Alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol)

	2010*		2016*	
Recorded	1.7		2.1	
Unrecorded	1.5		1.8	
<b>Total**</b>	<b>3.1</b>		<b>3.8</b>	
Total males / females	3.8	0.5	4.8	0.6
WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region	0.6		0.6	

\* Three-year averages of recorded and unrecorded for 2009–2011 and 2015–2017; \*\*adjusted for tourist consumption.

Total alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, drinkers only (in litres of pure alcohol), 2016

	Litres
Males (15+)	21.9
Females (15+)	7.7
Both sexes (15+)	20.5

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking\* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	9.1	41.7	4.7	44.5
Females	1.1	13.9	0.5	14.7
Both sexes	7.2	39.0	3.1	39.2

\* Consumed at least 60 grams or more of pure alcohol on at least one occasion in the past 30 days.

Abstainers (%), 2016

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	65.4	87.3	70.6
Former drinkers* (15+)	12.8	4.8	10.9
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	78.3	92.1	81.5

\* Persons who used to drink alcoholic beverages but have not done so in the past 12 months.

## HEALTH CONSEQUENCES: MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

Age-standardized death rates (ASDR) and alcohol-attributable fractions (AAF), 2016

	ASDR*		AAF (%)		AAD** (Number)
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	13.6	9.5	42.7	20.0	105
Road traffic injuries, males / females	24.9	8.0	14.1	6.2	116
Cancer, males / females	72.3	81.5	2.6	0.7	33

\* Per 100 000 population (15+); \*\*alcohol-attributable deaths, both sexes.

Years of life lost (YLL) score\*, 2016

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\* Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

Prevalence of alcohol use disorders and alcohol dependence (%), 2016\*

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	0.8	0.3
Females	0.2	0.1
Both sexes	0.7	0.3
WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region	0.8	0.4

\* 12-month prevalence estimates (15+); \*\*including alcohol dependence and harmful use of alcohol.

## POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan	Yes (1972/2011) / <b>No</b>
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	— / — / —
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	— / — / —
Restrictions on on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any): Hours, days / places, density	Total ban
Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	Total ban

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	Zero tolerance
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	Total ban
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	Total ban
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any)	Total ban
National government support for community action (any)	<b>No</b>
National monitoring system(s) (any)	—