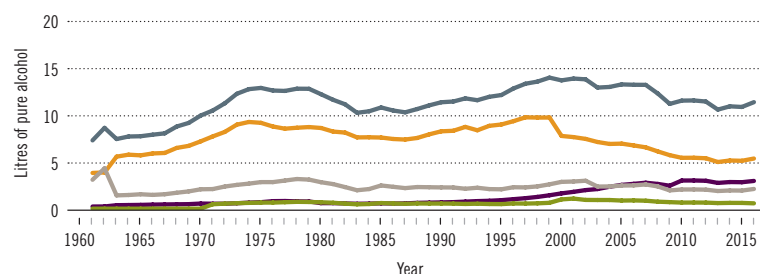


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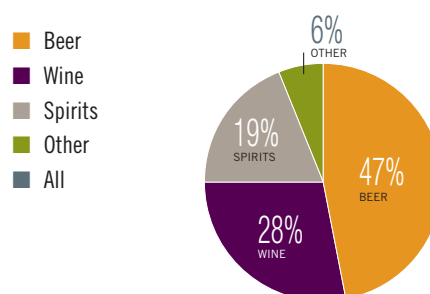
Total population (2016): 4 713 993 ► Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 78% ► Population in urban areas: 64% ► Income group (World Bank): High income

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	11.5		11.3	
Unrecorded	0.5		1.4	
Total**	12.3		13.0	
Total males / females	19.2	5.6	20.3	5.8
WHO European Region	11.2		9.8	

* 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+)	22.7
Females (15+)	7.9
Both sexes (15+)	16.0

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	55.7	62.2	59.3	71.8
Females	20.2	27.6	21.1	35.3
Both sexes	37.8	46.5	40.7	56.9

* 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+)	3.5	11.2	7.4
Former drinkers* (15+)	7.0	15.7	11.4
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	10.5	26.9	18.7

* 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	9.2	4.6	78.2	67.0	239
Road traffic injuries, males / females	5.8	2.1	50.8	37.7	69
Cancer, males / females	187.3	149.0	8.4	4.6	603

* 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	13.0	5.8
Females	4.1	1.8
Both sexes	8.5	3.8
WHO European Region	8.8	3.7

* 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 (1996/2013) / No
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	18 / 18 / 18
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	18 / 18 / 18
Restrictions on on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any):	
Hours, days / places, density	Yes, Yes / Yes, Yes
Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	Yes / Yes / Yes

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.05 / 0.02 / 0.02
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	Yes / Yes
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	No / Yes
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any)	No / No
National government support for community action (any)	Yes
National monitoring system(s) (any)	No