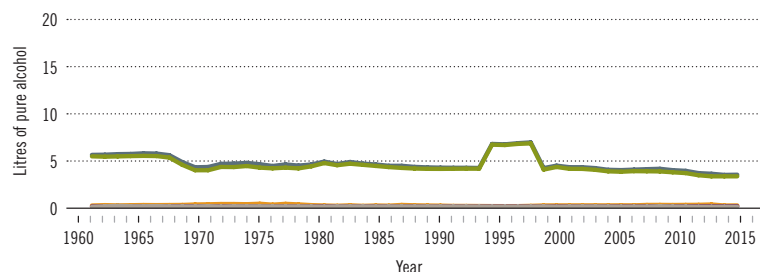


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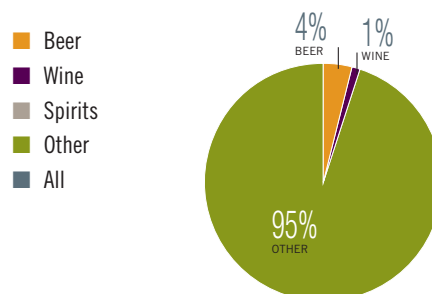
Total population (2016): 6 592 102 ▶ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 58% ▶ Population in urban areas: 45% ▶ Income group (World Bank): Low income

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	3.9		3.4	
Unrecorded	2.0		2.2	
Total**	6.0		5.7	
Total males / females	10.2	1.8	9.8	1.6
WHO African Region	6.3		6.3	

* 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+)	22.8
Females (15+)	8.5
Both sexes (15+)	18.3

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	22.3	51.6	14.8	54.7
Females	3.7	19.1	2.2	20.5
Both sexes	12.8	41.4	8.4	44.9

* 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+)	52.1	74.6	63.5
Former drinkers* (15+)	4.8	6.2	5.5
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	56.9	80.8	69.1

* 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	80.2	70.3	61.8	35.7	1 044
Road traffic injuries, males / females	68.3	28.1	26.9	18.7	528
Cancer, males / females	113.8	101.5	7.2	2.5	114

* 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	6.3	1.4
Females	0.7	0.0
Both sexes	3.5	0.7
WHO African Region	3.7	1.3

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

POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan	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	No, Yes / Yes, Yes
Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	No / Yes / No

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	No / No / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	No / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	No / No
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