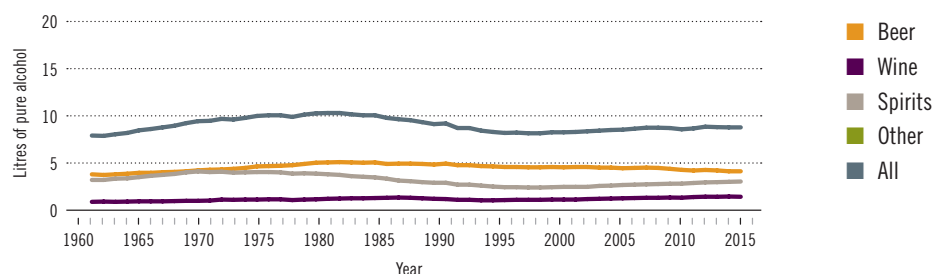


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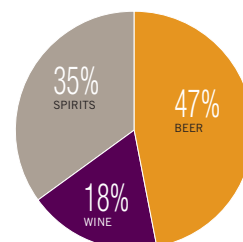
Total population (2016): 324 118 787 ► Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 81% ► Population in urban areas: 82% ► Income group (World Bank): High income

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	8.6		8.8	
Unrecorded	0.5		0.8	
Total**	9.3		9.8	
Total males / females	15.0	3.9	15.8	4.1
WHO Region of the Americas	8.2		8.0	

* 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+)	19.0
Females (15+)	6.7
Both sexes (15+)	13.7

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	41.5	50.0	43.9	60.0
Females	11.1	18.3	11.2	24.4
Both sexes	26.1	36.4	28.0	46.7

* 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+)	4.4	13.8	9.2
Former drinkers* (15+)	12.6	25.5	19.2
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	17.0	39.3	28.3

* 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	19.7	10.0	74.1	59.2	34 240
Road traffic injuries, males / females	20.3	7.9	42.5	25.0	14 246
Cancer, males / females	178.3	133.9	7.0	2.6	30 859

* 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	17.6	9.9
Females	10.4	5.5
Both sexes	13.9	7.7
WHO Region of the Americas	8.2	4.1

* 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 (2011/2012) / Yes
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	21 / 21 / 21
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	21 / 21 / 21
Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any): Hours, days / places, density Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	sub-national sub-national

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.08 / 0.00–0.02 / 0.04
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	No / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	sub-national
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any)	No / Yes
National government support for community action (any)	Yes
National monitoring system(s) (any)	Yes