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Characteristic	Lifetime alcohol drinking status <sup>1</sup>											
	Current drinker				Former drinker				Lifetime abstainer			
	1997	2000	2008	2009	1997	2000	2008	2009	1997	2000	2008	2009
	Percent of adults											
18 years and over, age-adjusted <sup>2</sup>	63.1	61.4	64.6	65.3	15.7	14.4	14.3	14.6	21.2	24.2	21.1	20.0
18 years and over, crude	63.4	61.6	64.4	65.1	15.5	14.3	14.5	15.0	21.1	24.1	21.0	19.9
Both sexes												
Age												
All persons:												
18–44 years	69.4	67.3	70.1	70.5	10.6	9.7	8.3	8.7	19.9	23.1	21.6	20.8
18–24 years	62.2	59.1	63.6	62.0	5.9	5.2	3.6	5.6	31.8	35.7	32.8	32.5
25–44 years	71.6	69.9	72.4	73.5	12.0	11.1	9.9	9.9	16.4	19.1	17.7	16.6
45–64 years	63.3	62.0	66.0	66.2	18.5	16.8	17.1	18.2	18.3	21.1	16.9	15.6
45–54 years	67.1	65.1	70.0	68.8	16.8	15.0	14.6	16.1	16.1	20.0	15.3	15.1
55–64 years	57.3	57.3	60.8	62.8	21.1	19.7	20.3	21.0	21.6	22.9	18.9	16.1
65 years and over	43.4	42.1	44.3	47.0	26.7	25.0	27.8	26.4	29.9	33.0	27.9	26.6
65–74 years	48.6	47.0	50.0	53.6	24.8	23.8	25.2	23.9	26.6	29.3	24.7	22.5
75 years and over	36.6	36.2	37.7	39.1	29.1	26.4	30.7	29.5	34.3	37.4	31.5	31.4
Race <sup>2,3</sup>												
White only	66.0	64.5	67.4	68.4	15.2	14.2	14.1	14.3	18.7	21.3	18.5	17.3
Black or African American only	47.8	46.7	51.4	53.2	21.0	17.1	18.3	18.0	31.1	36.1	30.3	28.8
American Indian or Alaska Native only	53.9	54.2	59.0	57.2	22.9	21.7	15.6	18.5	23.2	*24.1	25.3	24.3
Asian only	45.8	43.0	49.8	45.7	8.8	9.2	7.8	11.2	45.3	47.8	42.4	43.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	61.4	64.5	63.8	---	19.5	15.5	21.6	---	19.1	20.1	14.6
Hispanic origin and race <sup>2,3</sup>												
Hispanic or Latino	53.4	52.4	55.3	54.9	14.7	12.4	13.1	15.0	32.0	35.2	31.6	30.1
Mexican	53.0	51.0	54.8	53.8	14.4	13.4	12.5	16.5	32.6	35.6	32.7	29.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	64.1	62.6	66.1	67.0	15.8	14.6	14.4	14.6	20.1	22.8	19.5	18.4
White only	67.5	65.9	69.8	71.1	15.4	14.4	14.2	14.2	17.1	19.7	16.0	14.8
Black or African American only	47.8	46.7	51.5	53.3	21.0	17.1	18.3	17.9	31.2	36.2	30.2	28.8
Percent of poverty level <sup>2,4</sup>												
Below 100%	46.1	45.3	48.1	49.7	20.2	18.8	20.6	19.7	33.6	35.9	31.3	30.6
100%–199%	52.8	50.6	54.2	53.1	20.1	17.9	18.9	19.8	27.1	31.5	27.0	27.1
200%–399%	62.1	60.1	62.9	63.9	16.5	15.0	15.1	15.7	21.3	24.9	22.1	20.4
400% or more	74.6	71.3	74.3	76.8	11.5	11.3	10.3	9.9	13.9	17.4	15.4	13.3
Disability measure <sup>2,5</sup>												
Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation	58.4	57.0	60.2	59.8	20.8	19.3	19.0	19.5	20.9	23.6	20.9	20.8
Any basic actions difficulty	58.9	57.3	61.1	60.5	20.5	19.4	18.6	19.5	20.7	23.4	20.3	20.0
Any complex activity limitation	50.3	49.4	49.1	50.8	25.3	24.0	24.6	23.7	24.4	26.6	26.3	25.5
No disability	67.0	64.5	68.2	69.1	12.5	11.8	11.2	11.7	20.5	23.7	20.6	19.2
Male												
18 years and over, age-adjusted <sup>2</sup>	69.8	67.6	70.9	71.6	16.2	14.8	14.6	14.8	14.0	17.5	14.6	13.6
18 years and over, crude	70.5	68.2	71.1	71.6	15.6	14.3	14.5	14.9	14.0	17.5	14.5	13.5
Age												
18–44 years	74.8	73.0	76.2	75.5	9.8	8.5	7.4	7.8	15.4	18.5	16.5	16.7
18–24 years	66.7	63.6	69.0	65.9	5.3	3.5	*2.9	4.5	28.0	32.8	28.1	29.6
25–44 years	77.2	76.0	78.7	79.0	11.1	10.2	8.9	9.0	11.6	13.9	12.3	12.0
45–64 years	70.8	68.1	71.2	71.9	19.2	17.2	18.1	19.3	10.1	14.7	10.7	8.8
45–54 years	73.8	70.3	75.7	73.6	17.2	15.5	14.7	17.5	9.0	14.2	9.6	8.9
55–64 years	65.8	64.5	65.2	69.7	22.3	20.0	22.6	21.7	11.8	15.4	12.2	8.6
65 years and over	52.7	50.2	53.1	58.0	31.4	30.2	30.4	28.4	15.8	19.6	16.4	13.6
65–74 years	56.7	52.7	57.9	65.4	29.7	28.2	26.6	23.3	13.5	19.1	15.5	11.3
75 years and over	46.7	46.7	46.7	47.8	34.0	33.1	35.5	35.4	19.3	20.3	17.7	16.8

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Characteristic	Lifetime alcohol drinking status <sup>1</sup>											
	Current drinker				Former drinker				Lifetime abstainer			
	1997	2000	2008	2009	1997	2000	2008	2009	1997	2000	2008	2009
Race <sup>2,3</sup>												
Percent of adults												
White only . . . . .	71.8	69.7	72.7	74.0	15.8	14.7	14.3	14.5	12.4	15.7	13.0	11.5
Black or African American only . . . . .	56.9	56.2	61.3	60.2	22.6	17.2	18.5	18.0	20.5	26.6	20.2	21.8
American Indian or Alaska Native only . . . . .	66.1	62.4	62.5	64.9	*17.8	*23.3	21.7	21.8	*16.1	*	*15.8	*13.3
Asian only . . . . .	60.2	55.9	62.1	58.2	10.1	10.3	10.1	12.8	29.8	33.8	27.8	29.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only . . . . .	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	70.5	65.6	74.2	---	*19.4	*17.3	*14.0	---	*10.1	*17.1	*11.9
Hispanic origin and race <sup>2,3</sup>												
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	64.6	63.8	67.6	65.7	17.5	14.2	14.8	16.9	17.9	22.0	17.6	17.4
Mexican . . . . .	66.9	64.5	67.3	65.6	17.3	15.1	14.2	17.7	15.9	20.5	18.5	16.7
Not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	70.2	68.2	71.4	72.5	16.2	14.9	14.5	14.6	13.6	16.9	14.1	12.9
White only . . . . .	72.7	70.4	73.8	75.5	15.7	14.7	14.2	14.3	11.6	14.9	12.0	10.2
Black or African American only . . . . .	57.1	56.4	61.2	60.5	22.3	17.1	18.5	17.8	20.5	26.5	20.3	21.7
Percent of poverty level <sup>2,4</sup>												
Below 100% . . . . .	57.2	55.3	55.7	58.9	21.8	18.7	22.7	21.6	21.1	26.0	21.6	19.5
100%–199% . . . . .	60.6	59.0	62.5	59.9	21.5	20.2	19.3	20.8	17.9	20.8	18.2	19.3
200%–399% . . . . .	68.6	66.2	69.0	68.8	17.4	15.5	15.4	16.4	14.0	18.3	15.7	14.8
400% or more . . . . .	78.1	74.8	78.6	81.2	11.6	11.2	10.5	9.7	10.3	14.0	10.9	9.2
Disability measure <sup>2,5</sup>												
Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation . . . . .	63.8	62.9	67.0	64.6	22.5	21.1	19.5	20.3	13.7	16.0	13.5	15.1
Any basic actions difficulty . . . . .	64.5	63.5	68.7	65.5	22.3	21.0	18.7	20.2	13.2	15.5	12.6	14.4
Any complex activity limitation . . . . .	55.8	52.7	54.5	54.4	27.3	28.3	25.5	24.5	16.9	19.0	20.0	21.1
No disability . . . . .	73.3	70.1	73.7	75.0	12.8	11.9	11.3	11.8	13.9	18.1	14.9	13.2
Female												
18 years and over, age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	57.0	55.8	58.8	59.6	15.3	14.2	14.2	14.6	27.6	30.0	27.1	25.8
18 years and over, crude . . . . .	57.0	55.5	58.3	59.0	15.4	14.4	14.6	15.1	27.7	30.1	27.1	25.9
Age												
18–44 years . . . . .	64.2	61.7	64.1	65.5	11.5	10.7	9.2	9.7	24.3	27.5	26.7	24.8
18–24 years . . . . .	57.7	54.6	58.3	58.1	6.6	6.8	4.3	6.6	35.7	38.5	37.4	35.3
25–44 years . . . . .	66.1	64.0	66.2	68.1	12.9	12.0	10.9	10.8	21.0	24.1	23.0	21.1
45–64 years . . . . .	56.2	56.4	61.2	60.8	17.9	16.5	16.2	17.2	25.9	27.2	22.6	22.0
45–54 years . . . . .	60.7	60.1	64.7	64.3	16.4	14.5	14.6	14.7	22.9	25.4	20.7	21.0
55–64 years . . . . .	49.4	50.7	56.7	56.5	20.0	19.5	18.2	20.4	30.5	29.8	25.1	23.1
65 years and over . . . . .	36.6	36.2	37.6	38.5	23.2	21.2	25.8	25.0	40.2	42.5	36.6	36.5
65–74 years . . . . .	42.0	42.3	43.3	43.4	20.9	20.2	24.1	24.5	37.1	37.5	32.7	32.1
75 years and over . . . . .	30.2	29.8	31.8	33.2	25.9	22.3	27.6	25.5	43.8	47.9	40.6	41.3
Race <sup>2,3</sup>												
White only . . . . .	60.7	59.8	62.4	63.2	15.0	14.0	14.1	14.1	24.3	26.2	23.5	22.7
Black or African American only . . . . .	40.9	39.5	43.8	47.7	19.9	17.2	18.2	18.1	39.3	43.3	38.0	34.2
American Indian or Alaska Native only . . . . .	45.2	47.0	54.0	49.0	26.1	*20.3	*12.1	*17.1	28.7	32.7	33.9	34.0
Asian only . . . . .	31.6	29.3	38.3	34.6	8.1	8.0	5.6	9.9	60.3	62.7	56.1	55.5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only . . . . .	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	52.5	63.6	54.8	---	19.1	*13.8	29.4	---	28.4	22.6	15.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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	1997	2000	2008	2009	1997	2000	2008	2009	1997	2000	2008	2009
Percent of adults												
Hispanic origin and race <sup>2,3</sup>												
Hispanic or Latina	42.1	41.2	42.9	43.8	12.5	11.2	11.8	13.6	45.4	47.6	45.4	42.6
Mexican	38.9	36.9	41.5	40.4	11.6	12.2	11.1	15.4	49.4	50.8	47.3	44.2
Not Hispanic or Latina	58.7	57.6	61.3	62.2	15.6	14.5	14.4	14.6	25.7	27.9	24.3	23.3
White only	62.9	61.9	66.2	67.1	15.2	14.3	14.3	14.1	21.9	23.8	19.4	18.8
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Percent of poverty level <sup>2,4</sup>												
Below 100%	39.1	38.5	42.7	43.3	19.9	19.2	19.3	18.8	41.1	42.2	38.0	37.9
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400% or more	71.0	67.7	70.0	72.2	11.3	11.5	10.0	10.2	17.8	20.8	20.0	17.6
Disability measure <sup>2,5</sup>												
Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation	54.3	52.7	55.1	56.2	19.6	18.1	18.6	18.9	26.1	29.2	26.3	24.9
Any basic actions difficulty	54.8	52.9	55.7	56.9	19.2	18.2	18.6	19.1	26.0	28.9	25.7	24.0
Any complex activity limitation	46.1	47.1	44.8	48.1	23.8	21.1	24.2	23.2	30.1	31.8	31.0	28.7
No disability	60.6	59.1	62.5	63.1	12.4	11.8	11.0	11.6	27.0	29.2	26.5	25.4

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE of greater than 30%.

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Lifetime alcohol drinking status categories are based on self-reported responses to questions about alcohol consumption. Current drinkers had at least 12 drinks in their lifetime and at least one drink in the past year. Former drinkers had at least 12 drinks in their lifetime and none in the past year. Lifetime abstainers had fewer than 12 drinks in their lifetime. See Appendix II, Alcohol consumption.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age-adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using four age groups: 18–24 years, 25–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. Age-adjusted estimates in this table may differ from other age-adjusted estimates based on the same data and presented elsewhere if different age groups are used in the adjustment procedure. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>3</sup>The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single-race categories plus multiple-race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category 2 or more races includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to 1999, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single-race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race were treated as missing, and then race was imputed if these were the only race responses. Almost all persons with a race response of other race were of Hispanic origin. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

<sup>4</sup>Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. Missing family income data were imputed for 1997 and beyond. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty; Table VII.

<sup>5</sup>Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation is defined as having one or more of the following limitations or difficulties: movement difficulty, emotional difficulty, sensory (seeing or hearing) difficulty, cognitive difficulty, self-care (ADL or IADL) limitation, social limitation, or work limitation. For more information, see Appendix II, Basic actions difficulty; Complex activity limitation. Starting with 2007 data, the hearing question, a component of the basic actions difficulty measure, was revised. Consequently, data prior to 2007 are not comparable with data for 2007 and beyond. For more information on the impact of the revised hearing question, see Appendix II, Hearing trouble.

NOTES: Standard errors are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>. Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, family core and sample adult questionnaires.