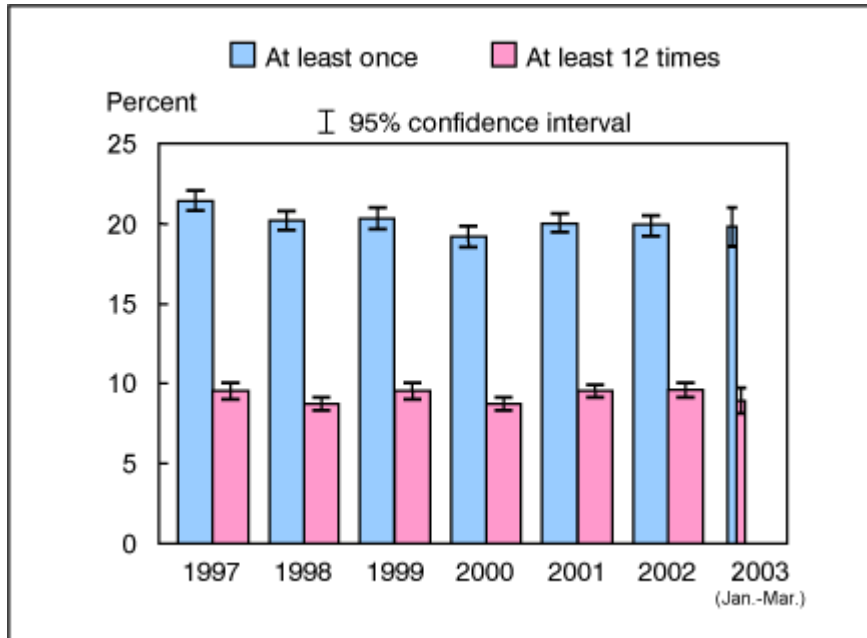


Figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once and at least 12 times in the past year: United States, 1997-2003

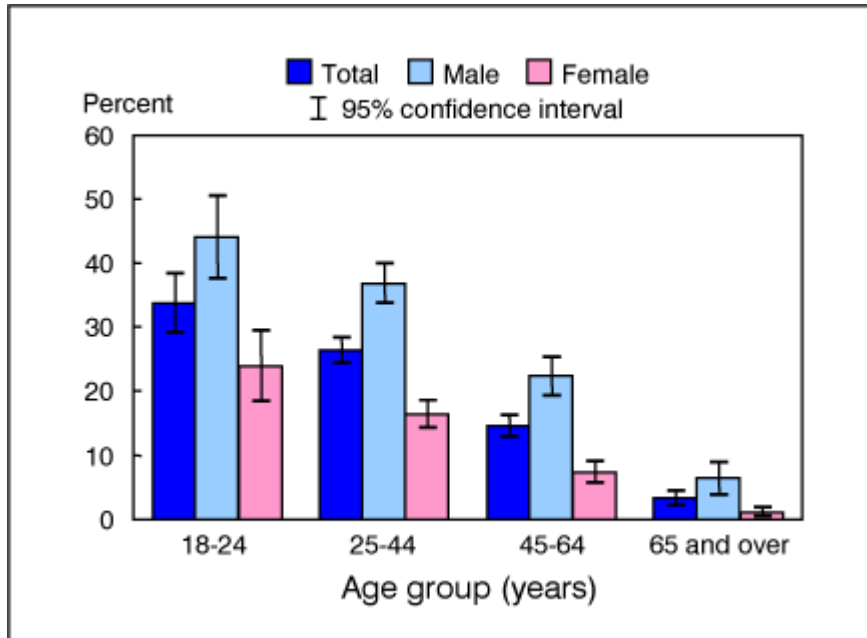


NOTES: The analysis excluded adults with unknown alcohol consumption (about 2% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

- In early 2003, the percent of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 19.8% (95% CI=18.6%-21.0%). The percent of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least 12 times in the past year was 8.9% (95% CI = 8.1%-9.7%).
- From 1997 through 2002, there was no significant trend in the annual estimates of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once or at least 12 times in the past year.

Figure 9.2. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2003

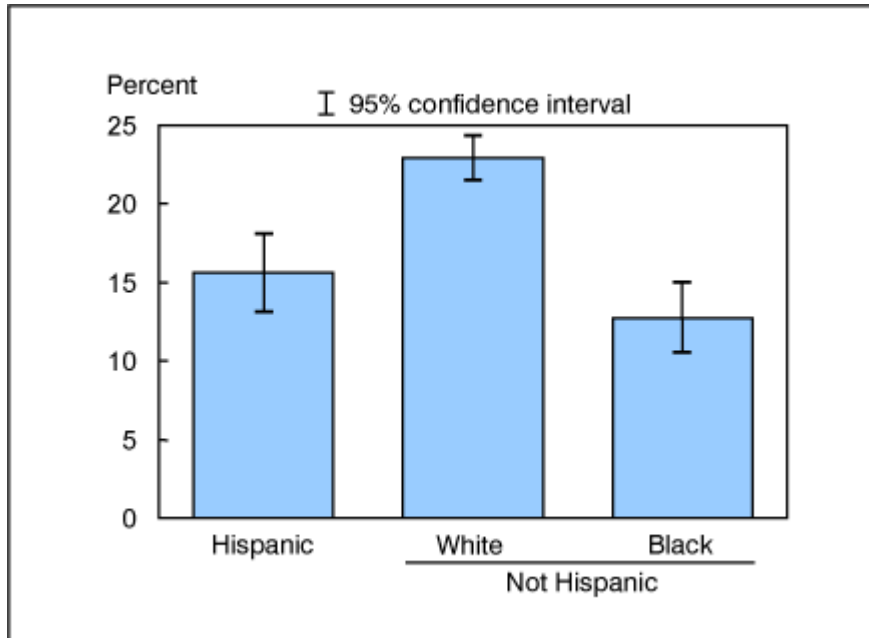


NOTE: The analysis excluded 214 (2.8%) adults with unknown alcohol consumption.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January-March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- For both men and women, younger adults were more likely than older adults to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.
- In all four age groups, men were more likely than women to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.

Figure 9.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2003



NOTES: The analysis excluded 214 (2.8%) adults with unknown alcohol consumption. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January-March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age-sex-adjusted percent of adults who had five or more drinks at least once in the past year was 15.6% for Hispanic persons, 22.9% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 12.7% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Non-Hispanic white persons were more likely than Hispanic and non-Hispanic black persons to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.

Data tables for figures 9.1-9.3:

Data table for figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks on 1 day at least once and at least 12 times in the past year: United States, 1997-2003

Year	Percent (95% confidence interval)	
	At least once in the past year	At least 12 times in the past year
1997	21.4 (20.8-22.0)	9.5 (9.0-10.0)
1998	20.2 (19.6-20.8)	8.7 (8.3-9.1)
1999	20.3 (19.6-21.0)	9.5 (9.0-10.0)
2000	19.2 (18.6-19.9)	8.7 (8.3-9.1)
2001	20.0 (19.4-20.6)	9.5 (9.1-9.9)
2002	19.9 (19.2-20.5)	9.6 (9.1-10.0)
2003 (January-March)	19.8 (18.6-21.0)	8.9 (8.1-9.7)

Data table for figure 9.2. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2003

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-24 years		
Total	33.7	29.1-38.3
Men	44.0	37.5-50.4
Women	23.9	18.4-29.4
25-44 years		
Total	26.4	24.4-28.3
Men	36.7	33.7-39.8
Women	16.4	14.3-18.5
45-64 years		
Total	14.6	12.8-16.3
Men	22.3	19.3-25.3
Women	7.4	5.7-9.1
65 years and over		
Total	3.3	2.2-4.5
Men	6.4	3.9-8.9
Women	1.1	0.5-1.8

Data table for figure 9.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2003

Race/ethnicity	Percent ¹	95% confidence interval
Hispanic or Latino	15.6	13.1-18.1
Not Hispanic or Latino		
White, single race	22.9	21.5-24.3
Black, single race	12.7	10.5-15.0

¹Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.