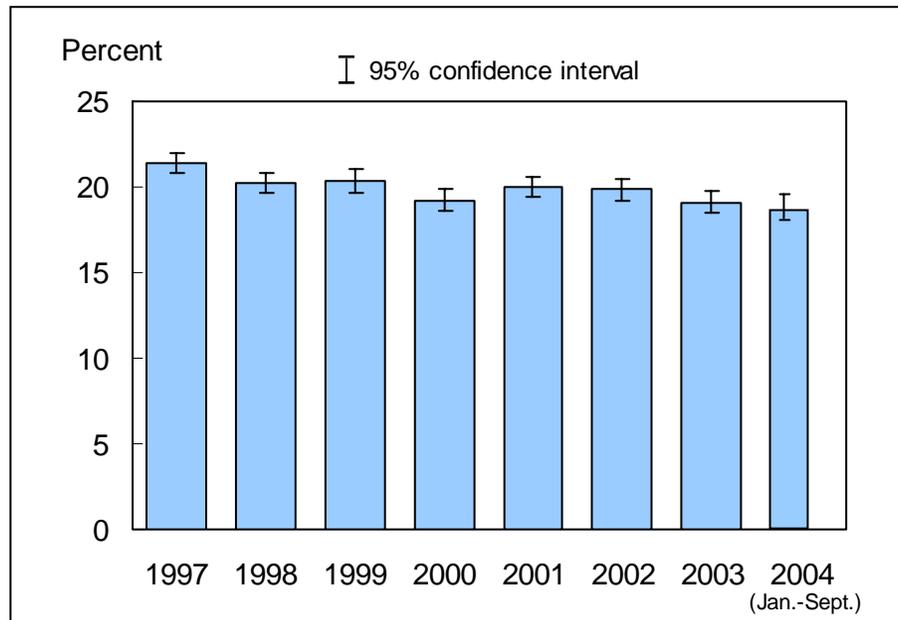


Figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004



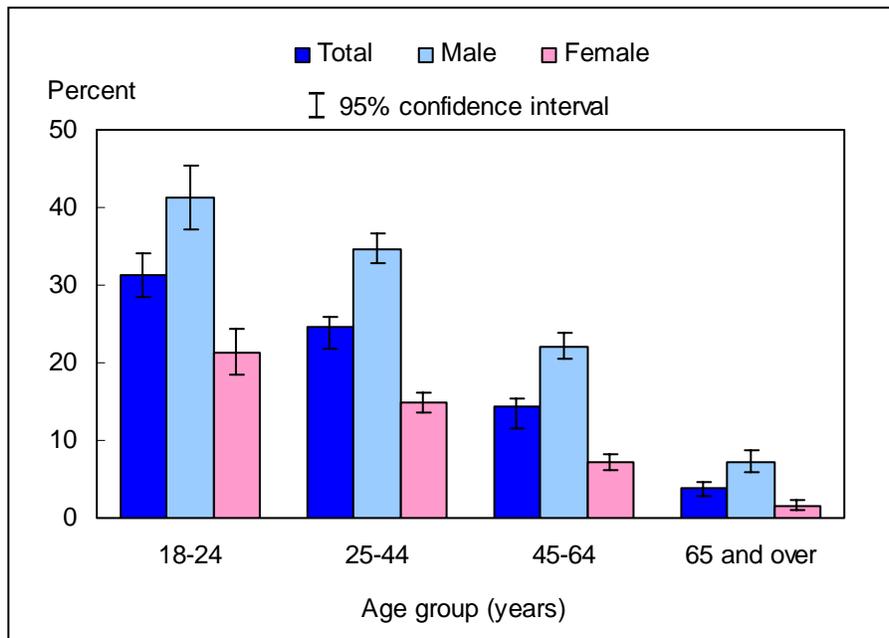
NOTES: The analyses excluded adults with unknown alcohol consumption (about 2% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000-02 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See "About This Release" and table III in the appendix for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2004 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2004 was based on data collected from January through September.

■ For the period January through September 2004, the percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 18.7% (95% confidence interval = 18.0%-19.5%).

■ From 2001 through September 2004, the percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year decreased from 20.0% to 18.7%.

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-September 2004



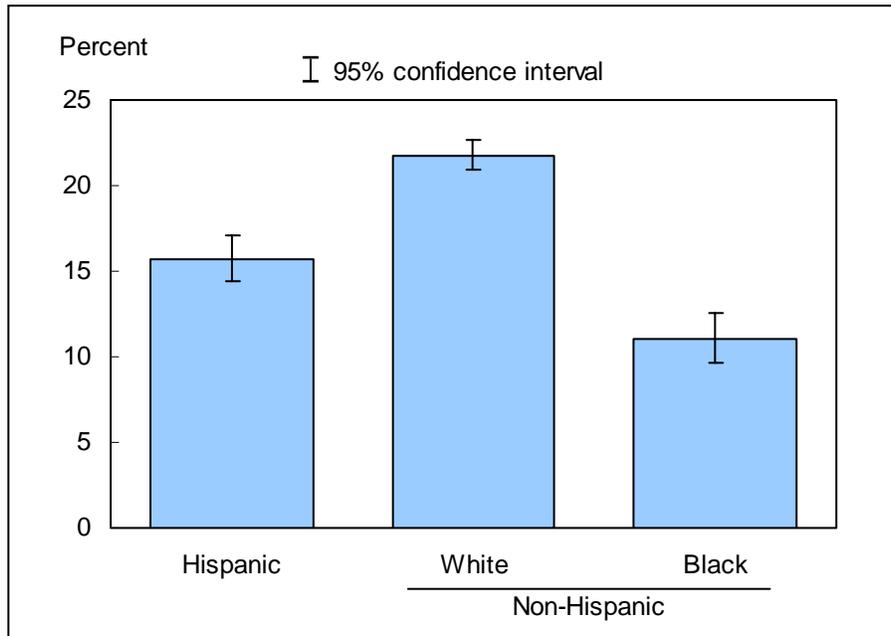
NOTE: The analyses excluded 601 adults (2.7%) with unknown alcohol consumption.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through September in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 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 considerably 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-September 2004



NOTES: The analyses excluded 601 adults (2.7%) with unknown alcohol consumption. Estimates are age- sex-adjusted to the 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 through September in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

■ The age- sex-adjusted percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 15.7% for Hispanic adults, 21.8% for non-Hispanic white adults, and 11.1% for non-Hispanic black adults.

■ Non-Hispanic white adults were most likely to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, followed by Hispanic adults and non-Hispanic black adults.

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 in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004

Year	Percent	95% confidence interval
1997	21.4	20.8-22.0
1998	20.2	19.6-20.8
1999	20.3	19.6-21.0
2000	19.2	18.6-19.9
2001	20.0	19.4-20.6
2002	19.9	19.2-20.5
2003	19.1	18.5-19.8
January-September 2004	18.7	18.0-19.5

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-September 2004

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-24 years		
Total	31.2	28.4-34.1
Male	41.2	37.1-45.4
Female	21.2	18.5-24.3
25-44 years		
Total	24.6	23.4-25.8
Male	34.7	32.7-36.7
Female	14.8	13.6-16.1
45-64 years		
Total	14.3	13.3-15.3
Male	22.0	20.4-23.8
Female	7.1	6.2-8.1
65 years and over		
Total	3.9	3.3-4.7
Male	7.3	6.0-8.8
Female	1.5	1.0-2.2
18 years and over: crude¹		
Total	18.7	18.0-19.5
Male	27.5	26.2-28.8
Female	10.8	10.1-11.5
18 years and over: age-adjusted²		
Total	18.8	18.1-19.6
Male	27.1	25.9-28.3
Female	11.1	10.4-11.8

¹Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

²Estimates are age-adjusted to the 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 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-September 2004

Race/ethnicity	Percent¹	95% confidence interval
Hispanic or Latino	15.7	14.4-17.1
Not Hispanic or Latino		
White, single race	21.8	20.9-22.7
Black, single race	11.1	9.7-12.6

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