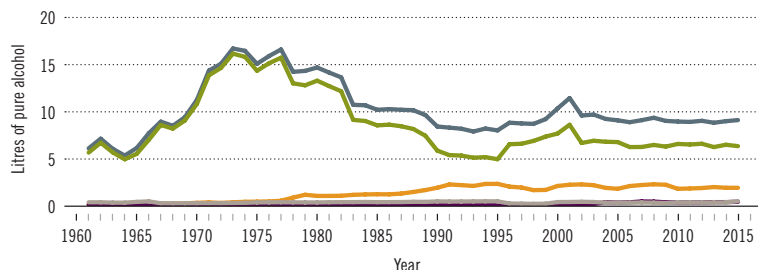


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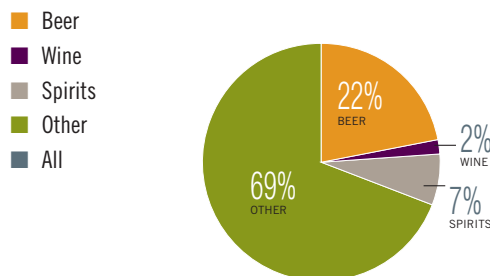
Total population (2016): 50 503 933 ▶ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 86% ▶ Population in urban areas: 84% ▶ Income group (World Bank): High income

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	8.9		9.1	
Unrecorded	1.0		1.2	
Total**	9.9		10.2	
Total males / females	16.2	3.8	16.7	3.9
WHO Western Pacific Region	7.0		7.3	

* 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+)	21.7
Females (15+)	7.6
Both sexes (15+)	16.0

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	47.8	62.2	45.4	70.9
Females	13.6	26.6	12.3	34.4
Both sexes	30.5	47.7	29.5	58.5

* 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+)	3.3	10.8	7.1
Former drinkers* (15+)	19.7	38.0	29.0
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	23.0	48.8	36.1

* 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	18.5	4.5	74.5	56.3	4 590
Road traffic injuries, males / females	15.9	5.2	38.5	24.8	1 884
Cancer, males / females	204.0	91.2	8.3	3.1	5 389

* 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	21.2	7.7
Females	6.8	3.4
Both sexes	13.9	5.5
WHO Western Pacific Region	4.7	2.3

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

POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan	Yes (2006/2010) / No
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	19 / 19 / 19
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	19 / 19 / 19
Restrictions on on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any): Hours, days / places, density Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	No, No / No, No No / No / No

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.05 / 0.05 / 0.05
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	Yes / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	No / No
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