

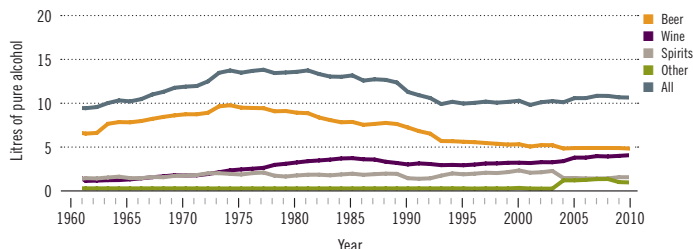
Australia

Total population: 22 404 000 > Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 81% > Population in urban areas: 89% > Income group (World Bank): High income

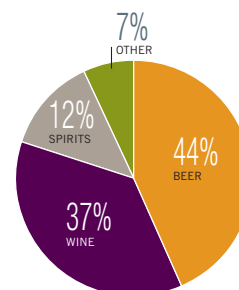
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, 1961–2010

Data refer to litres of pure alcohol per capita (15+).



Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol) by type of alcoholic beverage, 2010



Alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol)

	Average 2003–2005	Average 2008–2010	Change
Recorded	10.0	10.4	→
Unrecorded	0.1	1.8	↗
Total	10.1	12.2	↗
Total males / females		17.3 / 7.2	
WHO Western Pacific Region	5.4	6.8	

Total alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, drinkers only (in litres of pure alcohol), 2010

Males (15+)	19.7
Females (15+)	9.0
Both sexes (15+)	14.5

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	16.8	19.1
Females (15+)	5.1	6.3
Both sexes (15+)	10.9	13.0

*Consumed at least 60 grams or more of pure alcohol on at least one occasion in the past 30 days.

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	5.9	14.0	10.0
Former drinkers* (15+)	6.1	5.9	6.0
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	12.0	19.9	16.0

*Persons who used to drink alcoholic beverages but have not done so in the past 12 months.

Patterns of drinking score, 2010

LEAST RISKY < 1 2 3 4 5 > MOST RISKY

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES: MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

Age-standardized death rates (ASDR) and alcohol-attributable fractions (AAF), 2010

	ASDR*		AAF (%)	
	6.8	2.8	72.8	70.3
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	10.4	3.9	11.9	4.8

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

Prevalence of alcohol use disorders and alcohol dependence (%), 2010*

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	5.0	2.2
Females	2.1	0.8
Both sexes	3.5	1.5
WHO Western Pacific Region	4.6	2.3

*12-month prevalence estimates (15+).

**Including alcohol dependence and harmful use of alcohol.

Years of life lost (YLL) score*, 2012

LEAST < 1 2 3 4 5 > MOST

*Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan	Yes (2001 / 2006) / No	National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.05 / 0.00 / 0.00
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / No / Yes	Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement	Yes / No
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	18 / 18 / 18	Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion	No / Yes
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	18 / 18 / 18	Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers	No / No
Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages: Hours, days / places, density	Yes, Yes / Yes, Yes	National government support for community action	Yes
Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	Yes / Yes / Yes	National monitoring system(s)	Yes