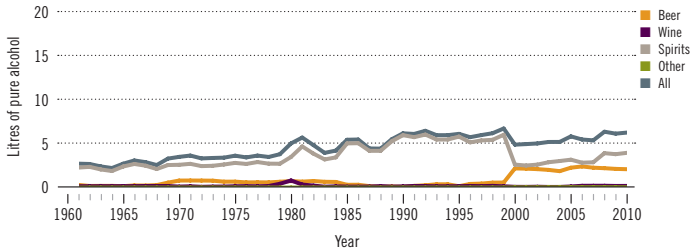
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Total population: 109 000 ➤ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 73% ➤ Population in urban areas: 49% ➤ Income group (World Bank): Upper middle income

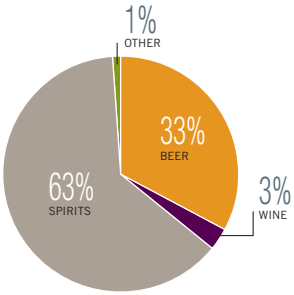
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

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	5.0[t]	6.3	↗
Unrecorded	0.5	0.3	→
Total	**5.5**	**6.6**	↗
Total males / females		9.2 / 3.9	
WHO Region of the Americas	9.2	8.4	

[t] Tourist consumption deducted when at least as many tourists as inhabitants.

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

Males (15+)	13.6
Females (15+)	8.9
Both sexes (15+)	11.8

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	9.9	14.6
Females (15+)	1.3	3.1
Both sexes (15+)	5.7	10.2

*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+)	13.9	33.9	23.8
Former drinkers* (15+)	18.3	22.4	20.3
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	32.2	56.3	44.1

*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), 2012

	ASDR*		AAF (%)	
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	—	—	—	—
Road traffic accidents, males / females	—	—	—	—

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

Years of life lost (YLL) score*, 2012

LEAST No information available MOST

*Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	8.2	3.8
Females	3.1	1.8
Both sexes	5.7	2.8
WHO Region of the Americas	6.0	3.4

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

POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan	No / —
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	16/16/16
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	16 / 16 / 16
Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages:	
Hours, days / places, density	Yes, Yes / No, No
Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	No / No / No

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	No / No / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement	No / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion	Yes / No
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers	No / No
National government support for community action	No
National monitoring system(s)	No

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