

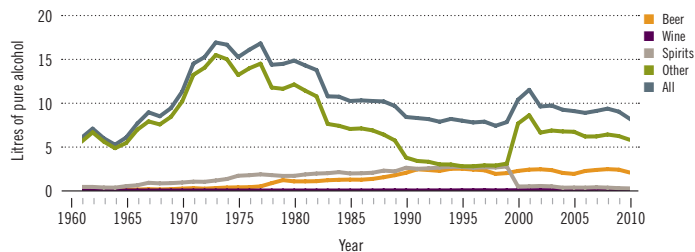
Republic of Korea

Total population: 48 454 000 > Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 84% > Population in urban areas: 83% > Income group (World Bank): High income

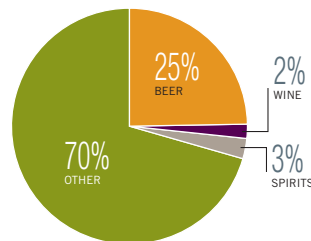
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

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	9.3	9.8	→
Unrecorded	3.0	2.5	↘
Total	12.3	12.3	→
Total males / females		21.0 / 3.9	
WHO Western Pacific Region	5.4	6.8	

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

Males (15+)	37.6
Females (15+)	11.5
Both sexes (15+)	27.5

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	12.1	21.6
Females (15+)	0.1	0.3
Both sexes (15+)	6.0	13.4

*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+)	20.9	45.7	33.5
Former drinkers* (15+)	23.2	20.3	21.7
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	44.2	66.0	55.2

*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	20.6	4.4	70.5	51.0
Road traffic accidents, males / females	22.1	6.9	25.6	3.6

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	10.3	7.8
Females	2.2	1.7
Both sexes	6.2	4.7
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 (2006/—) / 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 for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages: 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	Yes / No
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion	No / No
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers	No / Yes
National government support for community action	Yes
National monitoring system(s)	Yes