

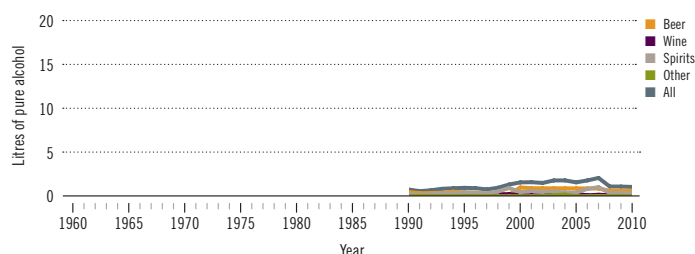
Tonga

Total population: 104 000 ► Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 63% ► Population in urban areas: 23% ► Income group (World Bank): Lower 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+).



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

	Average 2003–2005	Average 2008–2010	Change
Recorded	1.2 ¹	1.1	→
Unrecorded	0.5	0.5	→
Total	1.7	1.6	→
Total males / females		3.0 / 0.2	
WHO Western Pacific Region	5.4	6.8	

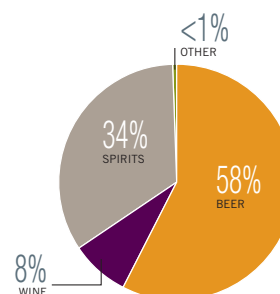
¹ Tourist consumption deducted when at least as many tourists as inhabitants.

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	12.0	26.2
Females (15+)	2.1	10.3
Both sexes (15+)	6.9	21.1

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

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



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

Males (15+)	6.5
Females (15+)	1.1
Both sexes (15+)	4.8

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	40.7	68.4	54.8
Former drinkers* (15+)	13.6	10.8	12.2
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	54.3	79.2	67.0

*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), 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	7.7	5.1
Females	1.4	0.7
Both sexes	4.5	2.8
WHO Western Pacific Region	4.6	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	No / —	National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.03 / 0.03 / 0.03
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes	Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement	No / 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 / No
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	No
Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	Yes / Yes / Yes	National monitoring system(s)	No