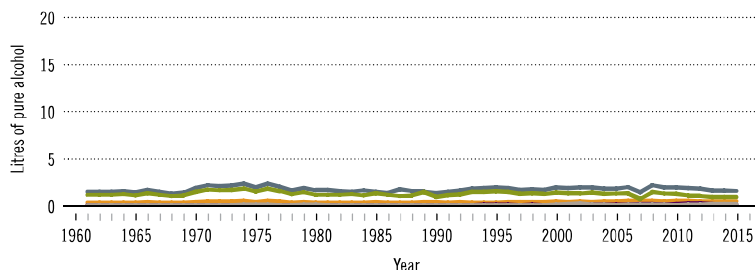


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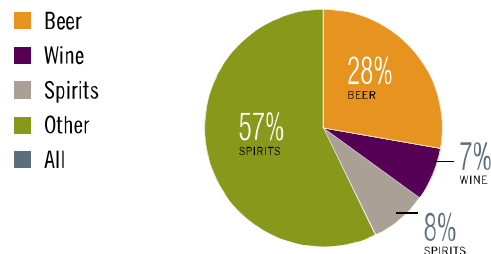
Total population (2016): 28 033 375 ► Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 61% ► Population in urban areas: 55% ► Income group (World Bank): Lower-middle income

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	1.9		1.6	
Unrecorded	3.4		1.1	
Total**	5.3		2.7	
Total males / females	9.1	1.6	4.6	0.7
WHO African Region	6.3		6.3	

* 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+)	12.7
Females (15+)	4.7
Both sexes (15+)	10.2

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	16.7	45.5	10.8	48.7
Females	2.4	15.4	1.4	16.9
Both sexes	9.4	36.2	6.2	40.3

* 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+)	58.9	79.6	69.5
Former drinkers* (15+)	4.3	4.7	4.5
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	63.2	84.3	74.0

* 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	77.5	36.0	39.6	21.3	2 194
Road traffic injuries, males / females	66.3	31.4	18.6	13.8	1 261
Cancer, males / females	126.4	96.1	6.0	1.4	442

*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	7.3	2.5
Females	1.0	0.4
Both sexes	4.1	1.4
WHO African Region	3.7	1.3

* 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 (2016/—) / Yes
Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits	Yes / Yes / Yes
National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	18 / 18 / 18
National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits)	18 / 18 / 18
Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any): Hours, days / places, density Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	No, No / Yes, Yes Yes / No / No

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.08 / 0.08 / 0.08
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	Yes / Yes
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	Yes / No
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any)	Yes / No
National government support for community action (any)	Yes
National monitoring system(s) (any)	No