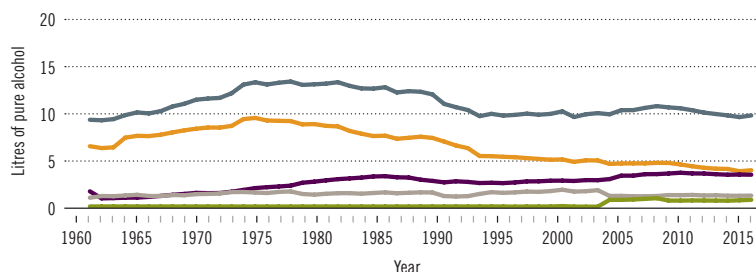


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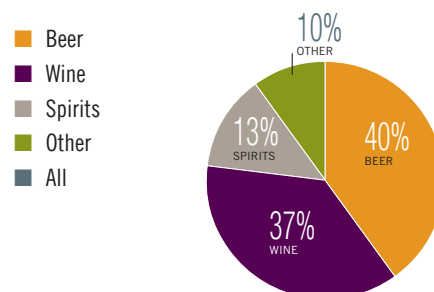
Total population (2016): 24 309 330 ▶ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 81% ▶ Population in urban areas: 89% ▶ Income group (World Bank): High income

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, 1961–2016



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	10.5		9.6	
Unrecorded	1.8		0.8	
Total**	12.5		10.6	
Total males / females	19.3	5.7	16.6	4.7
WHO Western Pacific Region	7.0		7.3	

* 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+)	18.8
Females (15+)	6.6
Both sexes (15+)	13.4

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2016

	Population (15+ years)	Drinkers only (15+ years)	Population (15–19 years)	Drinkers only (15–19 years)
Males	53.6	60.7	57.2	70.8
Females	18.6	26.4	19.5	34.1
Both sexes	36.0	45.3	38.9	56.2

* 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+)	4.1	12.9	8.5
Former drinkers* (15+)	7.7	16.5	12.1
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	11.7	29.4	20.6

* 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	9.6	3.7	74.1	62.5	1 159
Road traffic injuries, males / females	8.6	3.2	48.0	30.9	534
Cancer, males / females	170.2	118.9	7.1	3.7	2 577

*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	6.1	2.2
Females	2.7	0.8
Both sexes	4.4	1.5
WHO Western Pacific Region	4.7	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	Yes (1985/2016) / 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	No, No / 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 %	0.05 / 0.00 / 0.02
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any)	Yes / Yes
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any)	No / No
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any)	No / No
National government support for community action (any)	Yes
National monitoring system(s) (any)	Yes