



# 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey

## Alcohol consumption by age and sex Pages 30-37

### Alcohol drinking status, by age and sex, 2007 (per cent)

Drinking status	Age group					
	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
<b>Males</b>						
Daily	1.4	2.8	6.1	11.4	15.9	21.4
Weekly	23	55.7	54.8	51	49.6	39.2
Less than weekly	46.4	30.3	28.2	26.7	24.5	22.1
Recent drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	70.8	88.9	89.1	89.2	90.1	82.7
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	3.3	2.8	5.2	5.7	5.7	10.3
Never a full serve of alcohol	25.9	8.3	5.7	5.1	4.2	7
<b>Females</b>						
Daily	0.5	1.7	3	5.6	7.8	10.5
Weekly	18.8	39.6	40.4	42.7	38	30.6
Less than weekly	52	44	43.1	37.7	36.2	27.8
Recent drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	71.3	85.2	86.5	86.1	81.9	68.9
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	2.6	5.8	6.4	6.2	8.4	14.2
Never a full serve of alcohol	26.1	8.9	7	7.8	9.7	16.9

(a) Consumed at least a full serve of alcohol in the previous 12 months.

(b) Consumed at least a full serve of alcohol, but not in the previous 12 months.

### Key points for discussion

#### Risk Levels

- 2 in 5 young Australians consume alcohol at least once a month at levels considered to be risky or high risk in the short term. WHY IS THIS?

#### Usual place of consumption of alcohol

- Four in five drinkers aged 14 years or older usually consume alcohol in their own home.
- Younger drinkers aged 14-19 were more likely to usually consume alcohol at a private party (67.6%) or at a friend's house (57.8%). WHY IS THIS?

#### Obtaining alcohol

- In 2007, 86.5% of people bought their alcohol in retail outlets.
- The majority of those younger than 18 years obtained alcohol from friends or relatives (71.7% of 12-15-year-olds and 64.1% of 16-17-year-olds).
- 30.2% of drinkers aged 16-17 years buy alcohol from a store. DISCUSS

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