

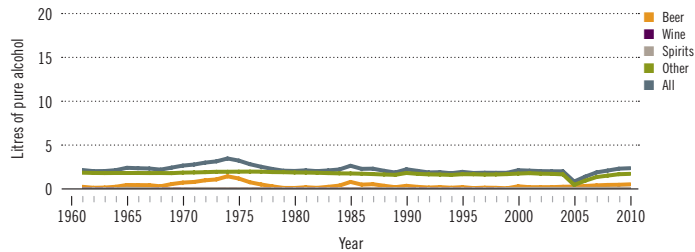
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Total population: 62 191 000 > Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 55% > Population in urban areas: 35% > Income group (World Bank): Low income

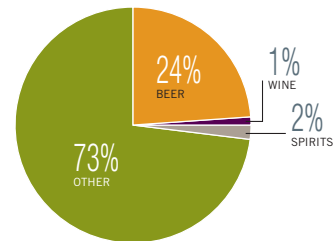
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

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	1.7	2.3	↗
Unrecorded	1.3	1.3	→
Total	3.0	3.6	↗
Total males / females		5.8 / 1.5	
WHO African Region	6.2	6.0	

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

Males (15+)	14.0
Females (15+)	10.1
Both sexes (15+)	12.9

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	49.7	75.6	62.8
Former drinkers* (15+)	9.0	9.6	9.3
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	58.7	85.1	72.1

*Persons who used to drink alcoholic beverages but have not done so in the past 12 months.

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	5.7	13.7
Females (15+)	0.4	2.6
Both sexes (15+)	3.0	10.7

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

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 (%)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	50.6	24.1	50.3	50.5
Road traffic accidents, males / females	41.2	10.3	5.8	1.5

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	7.4	3.1
Females	0.9	0.4
Both sexes	4.1	1.7
WHO African Region	3.3	1.4

*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 (1968/2008) / No
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 on on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages: Hours, days / places, density Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	No, No / Yes, No No / Yes / No

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.01 / 0.01 / 0.01
Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement	Yes / Yes
Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion	No / No
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers	No / No
National government support for community action	No
National monitoring system(s)	No