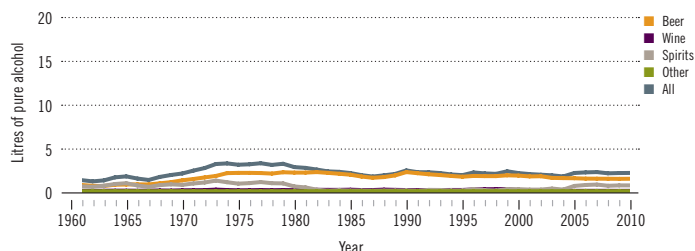


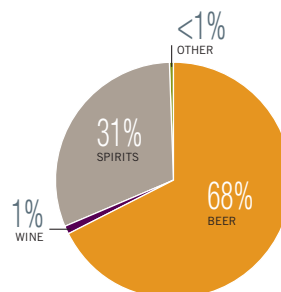
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

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	1.4 [†]	2.0	↗
Unrecorded	1.0	1.0	→
Total	2.4	3.0	↗
Total males / females		5.5 / 0.5	
WHO Western Pacific Region	5.4	6.8	

[†] Tourist consumption deducted when at least as many tourists as inhabitants.

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	17.5	34.4
Females (15+)	4.1	12.9
Both sexes (15+)	10.9	26.4

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

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

Males (15+)	10.9
Females (15+)	1.5
Both sexes (15+)	7.3

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	32.4	60.1	46.0
Former drinkers* (15+)	16.6	8.4	12.6
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	49.0	68.5	58.6

*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	17.2	8.1	36.1	35.3
Road traffic accidents, males / females	11.4	4.8	12.3	1.0

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

Years of life lost (YLL) score*, 2012

LEAST < 1 2 3 4 5 > MOST

*Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	7.8	5.3
Females	1.4	0.7
Both sexes	4.7	3.0
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 / —
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	Yes, Yes / No, Yes No / 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	No / No
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	Yes
National monitoring system(s)	No