

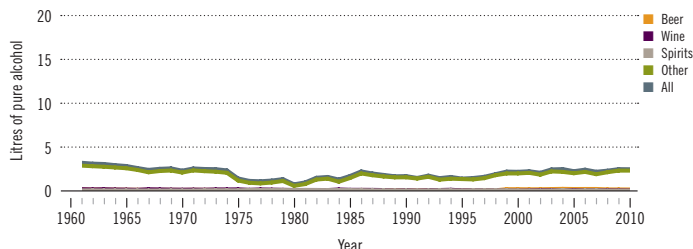
Gambia

Total population: 1 681 000 > Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 54% > Population in urban areas: 58% > Income group (World Bank): Low income

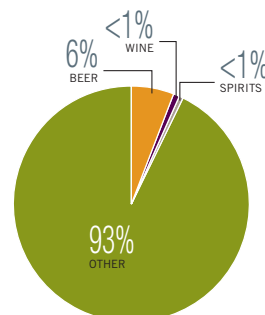
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

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	2.4	2.4	→
Unrecorded	1.0	1.0	→
Total	3.4	3.4	→
Total males / females		5.5 / 1.4	
WHO African Region	6.2	6.0	

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

Males (15+)	34.2
Females (15+)	22.6
Both sexes (15+)	30.9

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	1.0	6.4
Females (15+)	0.1	1.6
Both sexes (15+)	0.6	5.0

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

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	82.4	93.2	87.9
Former drinkers* (15+)	1.5	0.7	1.1
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	83.9	93.9	89.0

*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 (%)	
	Population	Drinkers only	Population	Drinkers only
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	50.9	19.5	51.4	36.3
Road traffic accidents, males / females	41.3	18.3	11.6	3.2

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	1.7	1.4
Females	0.1	<0.1
Both sexes	0.9	0.7
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	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 for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages: Hours, days / places, density Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	No, No / No, No Yes / No / No

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	No / No / No
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	Yes
National monitoring system(s)	No