

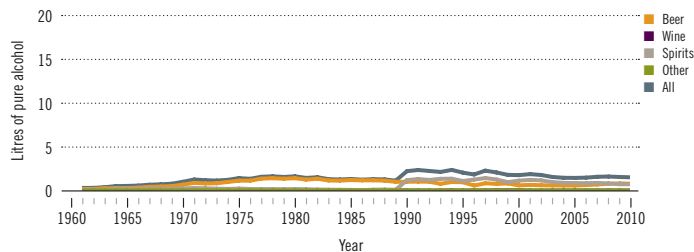
Papua New Guinea

Total population: 6 859 000 ➤ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 61% ➤ Population in urban areas: 13% ➤ Income group (World Bank): Lower middle income

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, 1961–2010

Data refer to litres of pure alcohol per capita (15+).



Alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol)

	Average 2003–2005	Average 2008–2010	Change
Recorded	1.5	1.5	➔
Unrecorded	2.0	1.5	➔
Total	3.5	3.0	➔
Total males / females		5.1 1.0	
WHO Western Pacific Region	5.4	6.8	

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	17.3	37.1
Females (15+)	1.8	8.0
Both sexes (15+)	9.6	27.8

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

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES: MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

Age-standardized death rates (ASDR) and alcohol-attributable fractions (AAF), 2012

	ASDR*		AAF (%)	
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	67.0	32.4	36.7	43.1
Road traffic accidents, males / females	37.0	7.5	12.2	2.3

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

Years of life lost (YLL) score*, 2012

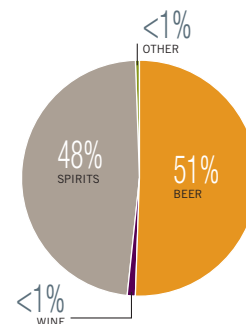
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*Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

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	Yes, Yes / Yes, Yes Yes / Yes / Yes

Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol) by type of alcoholic beverage, 2010



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

Males (15+)	10.8
Females (15+)	4.4
Both sexes (15+)	8.8

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	39.3	67.0	53.0
Former drinkers* (15+)	14.1	10.8	12.5
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	53.4	77.7	65.4

*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

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	7.7	5.1
Females	1.4	0.7
Both sexes	4.6	2.9
WHO Western Pacific Region	4.6	2.3

*12-month prevalence estimates (15+).

**Including alcohol dependence and harmful use of alcohol.

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 / Yes
Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers	No / No
National government support for community action	No
National monitoring system(s)	No