

Table 3.88

Reported alcohol use

By sex, United States, selected years 1939-96

Question: "Do you have occasion to use alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer, or are you a total abstainer?"

(Percent of respondents reporting that they use alcoholic beverages)

| | National | Male | Female |
|------|----------|------|--------|
| 1939 | 58% | 70% | 45% |
| 1945 | 67 | 75 | 60 |
| 1946 | 67 | NA | NA |
| 1947 | 63 | 72 | 54 |
| 1949 | 58 | 66 | 49 |
| 1950 | 60 | NA | NA |
| 1951 | 59 | 70 | 46 |
| 1952 | 60 | 68 | 53 |
| 1956 | 60 | NA | NA |
| 1957 | 58 | 67 | 50 |
| 1958 | 55 | 66 | 45 |
| 1960 | 62 | NA | NA |
| 1964 | 63 | NA | NA |
| 1966 | 65 | 70 | 61 |
| 1969 | 64 | NA | NA |
| 1974 | 68 | 77 | 61 |
| 1976 | 71 | NA | NA |
| 1977 | 71 | 77 | 65 |
| 1978 | 71 | 75 | 64 |
| 1979 | 69 | 74 | 64 |
| 1981 | 70 | 75 | 66 |
| 1982 | 65 | 69 | 61 |
| 1983 | 65 | 71 | 58 |
| 1984 | 64 | 73 | 57 |
| 1985 | 67 | 72 | 62 |
| 1987 | 65 | 72 | 57 |
| 1988 | 63 | 72 | 55 |
| 1989 | 56 | 64 | 48 |
| 1990 | 57 | 64 | 51 |
| 1992 | 64 | 72 | 57 |
| 1994 | 65 | 70 | 61 |
| 1996 | 61 | 66 | 55 |

Note: For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

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