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Respondents reporting whether they drink more than they should

By demographic characteristics, United States, 1996

Question: "Do you sometimes drink more than you think you should?"

| | Yes | No | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|--|
| National | 25% | 75% | |
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 29 | 71 | |
| Female | 22 | 78 | |
| Race | | | |
| White | 26 | 74 | |
| Nonwhite ^a | 19 | 80 | |
| Black | 19 | 79 | |
| <u>Age</u> | | | |
| 18 to 29 years | 37 | 63 | |
| 30 to 49 years | 27 | 73 | |
| 50 to 64 years | 17 | 83 | |
| 50 years and older | 14 | 86 | |
| 65 years and older | 11 | 89 | |
| Education | | | |
| College post graduate | 25 | 74 | |
| College graduate | 21 | 79 | |
| Some college | 30 | 70 | |
| No college | 24 | 76 | |
| <u>Income</u> | | | |
| \$75,000 and over | 20 | 79 | |
| \$50,000 and over | 23 | 77 | |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 28 | 72 | |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 33 | 67 | |
| Under \$20,000 | 23 | 77 | |
| Community | | | |
| Urban area | 25 | 75 | |
| Suburban area | 21 | 79 | |
| Rural area | 34 | 66 | |
| Region | | | |
| East | 20 | 80 | |
| Midwest | 25 | 75 | |
| South | 28 | 72 | |
| West | 29 | 70 | |
| Politics | | | |
| Republican | 24 | 76 | |
| Democrat | 25 | 75 | |
| Independent | 27 | 73 | |

Note: This question was asked of the 61% of respondents answering "yes" to the question: "Do you have occasion to use alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer, or are you a total abstainer?" presented in table 3.89. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

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^aIncludes black respondents.