Ireland

Socioeconomic Context

Total population: 4,221,000 ▶ Population 15+ years: 79% ▶ Population in urban areas: 61% ▶ Income group (World Bank): High income


Recorded Adult (15+) Alcohol Consumption by Type of Alcoholic Beverage (in % of Pure Alcohol), 2005

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<th>Type of Beverage</th>
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<th>Unrecorded</th>
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<td>Beer</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>Wine</td>
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<td>Spirits</td>
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Beer includes malt beers. Wine includes wine made from grapes. Spirits include all distilled beverages. Other includes one or several other alcoholic beverages, such as fermented beverages made from sorghum, maize, millet, rice, or cider, fruit wine, fortified wine, etc.

Robust estimate of five-year change in recorded adult (15+) per capita consumption, 2001–2005:

- Increase
- Stable
- Decrease
- Inconclusive

Health Consequences

Morbidity

Prevalence estimates (12-month prevalence for 2004):

Alcohol use disorders (15+ years)

- Males: 4.84%
- Females: 1.19%

All Cause Mortality

Age-standardized death rates, 15+ years (per 100,000 population)

- 2000: 19.62 (M), 9.36 (F)
- 2001: 19.45 (M), 9.17 (F)
- 2002: 19.28 (M), 9.00 (F)
- 2003: 19.11 (M), 8.84 (F)
- 2004: 18.94 (M), 8.68 (F)
- 2005: 18.77 (M), 8.52 (F)

Data source: WHO Mortality Database, data as reported by countries (1) refer to transport accidents.

Alcohol Policy

- Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits: Yes / Yes / Yes
- National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (selling) (beer / wine / spirits): 18 / 18 / 18
- National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (serving) (beer / wine / spirits): 18 / 18 / 18
- Restrictions for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages:
  - Time (hours and days) / location (places and density):
  - Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations:
  - 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: Yes / No
  - Legally-binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion: No / Yes

Patterns of Drinking

Patterns of drinking score:

- Least Risky: 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Most Risky

- 16.7%
- 24.3%
- 20.6%
- 5.2%
- 4.7%
- 4.9%
- 21.9%
- 29.0%
- 25.5%

* Persons who did not drink in the past 12 months.