

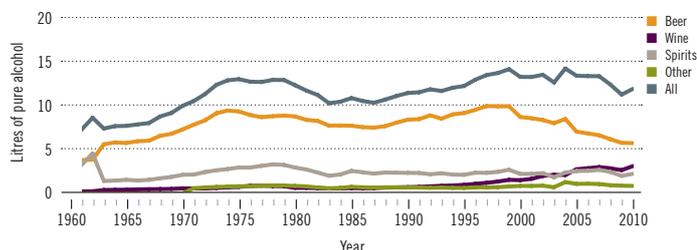
Ireland

Total population: 4 468 000 ➤ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 79% ➤ Population in urban areas: 62% ➤ Income group (World Bank): High income

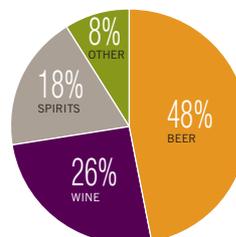
ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

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	13.4	11.4 [†]	↘
Unrecorded	1.0	0.5	↘
Total	14.4	11.9	↘
Total males / females		16.8 / 7.1	
WHO European Region	11.9	10.9	

[†]Tourist consumption deducted when at least as many tourists as inhabitants.

Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking* (%), 2010

	Population	Drinkers only
Males (15+)	53.0	62.4
Females (15+)	25.5	33.1
Both sexes (15+)	39.0	48.2

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

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

Males (15+)	19.8
Females (15+)	9.3
Both sexes (15+)	14.7

Abstainers (%), 2010

	Males	Females	Both sexes
Lifetime abstainers (15+)	3.7	9.5	6.7
Former drinkers* (15+)	11.3	13.5	12.4
Abstainers (15+), past 12 months	15.0	23.0	19.1

*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 (%)	
Liver cirrhosis, males / females	12.5	7.8	66.7	68.3
Road traffic accidents, males / females	7.4	2.7	19.8	8.4

*Per 100 000 population (15+).

Years of life lost (YLL) score*, 2012

LEAST < 1 2 3 4 5 > MOST

*Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

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

	Alcohol use disorders**	Alcohol dependence
Males	10.9	5.8
Females	3.4	1.8
Both sexes	7.1	3.8
WHO European Region	7.5	4.0

*12-month prevalence estimates (15+).

**Including alcohol dependence and harmful use of alcohol.

POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan	Yes (1996/2012) / Yes
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 on on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages: Hours, days / places, density Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations	Yes, Yes / Yes, Yes Yes / Yes / Yes

National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %	0.05 / 0.02 / 0.02
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	Yes
National monitoring system(s)	No