

**Table SU08.5 Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Individuals Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Comparison of Percentages and Standard Errors from Restricted-Use File and Public Use File Estimates, 2008 NSDUH**

Demographic Characteristic	ALCOHOL USE						BINGE ALCOHOL USE						HEAVY ALCOHOL USE					
	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs
<b>TOTAL</b>	51.6	51.6	1.00	0.39	0.49	1.24	23.4	23.4	1.00	0.29	0.29	0.98	7.0	7.1	1.02	0.17	0.17	1.05
<b>AGE</b>																		
12-17	14.7	14.7	1.00	0.32	0.35	1.11	8.9	8.7	0.98	0.23	0.26	1.12	2.0	2.0	1.01	0.12	0.13	1.03
18-25	61.1	61.5	1.01	0.49	0.50	1.00	41.2	41.7	1.01	0.51	0.57	1.13	14.6	14.6	1.00	0.38	0.49	1.30
26 or Older	54.7	54.7	1.00	0.50	0.61	1.23	22.2	22.2	1.00	0.37	0.38	1.05	6.3	6.4	1.02	0.20	0.21	1.02
<b>GENDER</b>																		
Male	57.7	57.4	1.00	0.52	0.62	1.19	31.7	31.7	1.00	0.48	0.46	0.95	10.7	10.9	1.02	0.29	0.29	1.00
Female	45.9	46.1	1.00	0.52	0.61	1.17	15.5	15.5	1.00	0.31	0.32	1.02	3.5	3.5	1.01	0.15	0.16	1.08
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>																		
Not Hispanic or Latino	53.0	53.1	1.00	0.41	0.56	1.34	23.0	23.1	1.00	0.32	0.32	0.99	7.2	7.3	1.01	0.18	0.19	1.08
White	56.2	56.4	1.00	0.47	0.61	1.30	24.2	24.3	1.01	0.37	0.36	0.98	7.8	7.9	1.02	0.21	0.23	1.11
Black or African American	41.9	41.8	1.00	1.03	1.02	1.00	20.4	20.3	0.99	0.84	0.84	0.99	5.6	5.5	0.99	0.49	0.47	0.97
American Indian or Alaska Native	43.1	43.2	1.00	5.08	5.35	1.05	24.4	26.6	1.09	3.60	4.00	1.11	5.7	6.1	1.07	1.28	1.20	0.94
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	30.4	*	*	7.05	*	*	21.7	*	*	6.95	*	3.5	2.9	0.82	1.20	1.21	1.00
Asian	37.1	36.7	0.99	1.97	2.25	1.14	12.0	11.3	0.94	1.22	0.85	0.69	2.4	2.2	0.90	0.50	0.50	0.99
Two or More Races	47.3	47.0	0.99	3.14	2.88	0.92	22.3	21.5	0.97	2.31	2.40	1.04	7.4	8.0	1.08	1.41	1.70	1.20
Hispanic or Latino	43.1	42.5	0.99	1.03	1.04	1.01	25.5	25.5	1.00	0.85	0.90	1.05	5.7	5.9	1.03	0.47	0.48	1.03

\* Low precision; no estimate reported.

PUF = public use file, which refers to estimates produced from a NSDUH public use file (a PUF is a NSDUH restricted-use file that has undergone statistical disclosure limitation treatment); RUF = restricted-use file, which refers to estimates produced from a NSDUH RUF and published in NSDUH's detailed tables available at <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/>; SE = standard error that is associated with the estimate.

NOTE: Some 2008 RUF estimates and SEs may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section B.3 in Appendix B of the *Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings*).

NOTE:  $Ratio\ of\ estimates = PUF\ estimate \div RUF\ estimate$ ;  $Ratio\ of\ SEs = PUF\ SE \div RUF\ SE$ .

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008.