

Table SU12.5 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, 2012 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
TOTAL	52.1	52.1	1.00	0.39	0.42	1.08	23.0	22.9	1.00	0.31	0.31	1.00	6.5	6.5	1.00	0.17	0.21	1.24
AGE																		
12-17	12.9	12.9	1.00	0.31	0.33	1.06	7.2	7.1	0.98	0.22	0.23	1.02	1.3	1.3	0.99	0.10	0.14	1.36
18-25	60.2	60.2	1.00	0.49	0.44	0.90	39.5	39.5	1.00	0.51	0.45	0.89	12.7	12.9	1.01	0.35	0.36	1.02
26 or Older	55.6	55.5	1.00	0.48	0.52	1.07	22.1	22.0	1.00	0.37	0.36	0.96	6.1	6.1	0.99	0.21	0.25	1.21
GENDER																		
Male	56.5	56.1	0.99	0.54	0.60	1.12	30.4	30.1	0.99	0.50	0.55	1.12	9.9	9.9	1.00	0.30	0.35	1.17
Female	47.9	48.3	1.01	0.51	0.51	1.00	16.0	16.2	1.02	0.32	0.39	1.23	3.4	3.4	1.00	0.15	0.18	1.16
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE																		
Not Hispanic or Latino	54.0	54.0	1.00	0.42	0.45	1.08	22.9	22.9	1.00	0.32	0.34	1.06	6.8	6.7	0.99	0.19	0.24	1.28
White	57.4	57.5	1.00	0.47	0.47	0.99	23.9	24.0	1.00	0.37	0.44	1.21	7.6	7.5	0.99	0.22	0.29	1.33
Black or African American	43.2	43.1	1.00	1.06	1.09	1.03	20.6	20.5	0.99	0.76	0.78	1.03	4.5	4.5	1.00	0.41	0.36	0.87
American Indian or Alaska Native	41.7	41.9	1.01	3.83	4.52	1.18	30.2	30.7	1.01	3.45	4.21	1.22	8.5	8.0	0.95	1.68	1.78	1.06
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	47.0	*	*	8.48	*	*	26.9	*	*	7.16	*	4.8	4.4	0.91	1.67	1.57	0.94
Asian	36.9	36.4	0.99	1.91	1.84	0.96	12.7	12.8	1.01	1.17	1.26	1.07	1.7	1.6	0.91	0.32	0.30	0.94
Two or More Races	51.9	52.1	1.00	3.00	2.62	0.87	25.1	25.0	0.99	2.43	2.71	1.11	6.8	7.0	1.02	1.28	1.34	1.05
Hispanic or Latino	41.8	41.4	0.99	0.95	1.00	1.06	23.2	22.9	0.99	0.79	0.73	0.92	5.1	5.3	1.04	0.40	0.50	1.23

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

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, 2012.