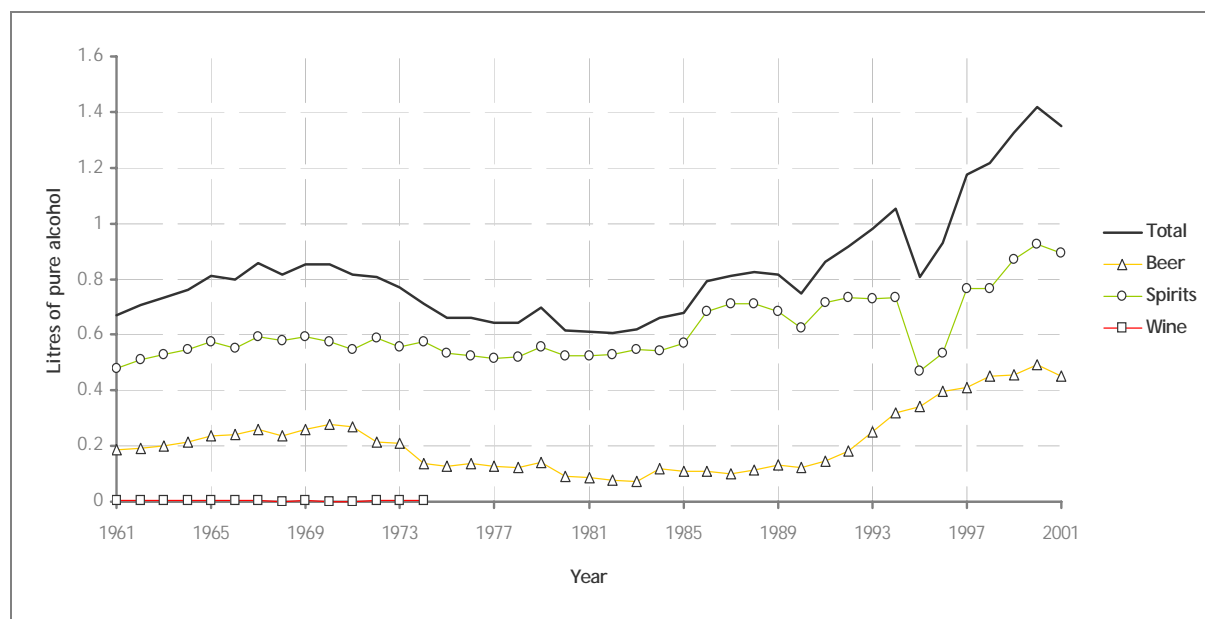


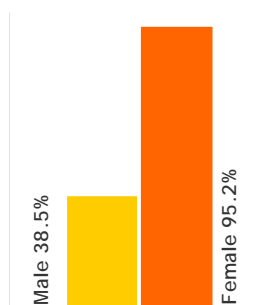
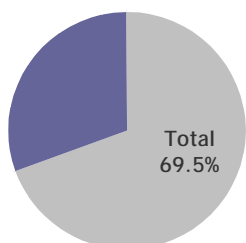
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Recorded adult per capita consumption (age 15+)



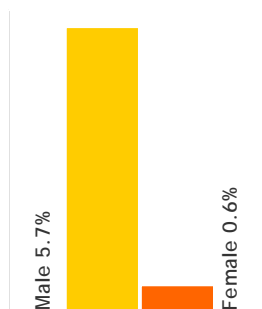
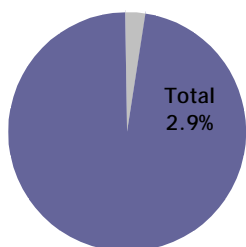
Sources: FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), World Drink Trends 2003

Lifetime abstainers



Data from the 2003 World Health Survey. Total sample size $n = 4007$; males $n = 1820$ and females $n = 2187$. Sample population aged 18 years and above.¹

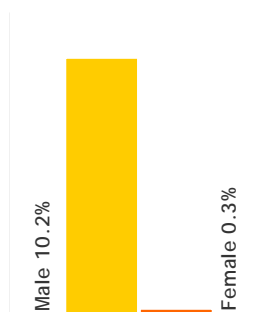
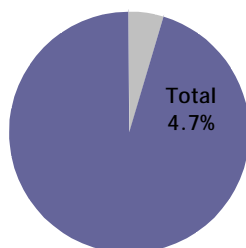
Heavy and hazardous drinkers



Data from the 2003 World Health Survey. Total sample size $n = 4007$; males $n = 1820$ and females $n = 2187$. Sample population aged 18 years and above. Definition used: average consumption of 40 g or more of pure alcohol a day for men and 20 g or more of pure alcohol a day for women.²

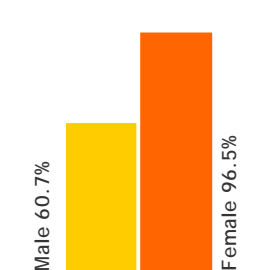
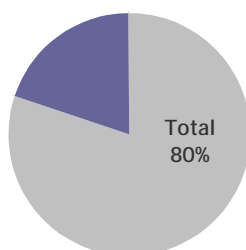
According to the 2003 World Health Survey (total sample size $n = 1217$; males $n = 1130$ and females $n = 87$), the mean value (in grams) of pure alcohol consumed per day among drinkers was 16.4 (total), 17.0 (males) and 8.6 (females).³

Heavy episodic drinkers



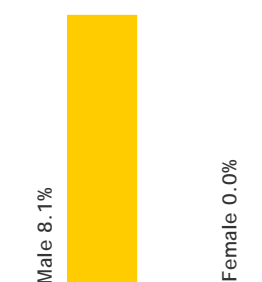
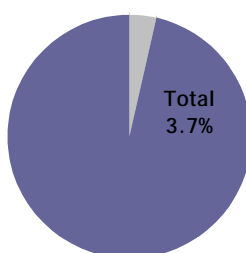
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Youth drinking (lifetime abstainers)



Data from the 2003 World Health Survey. Total sample size $n = 579$; males $n = 273$ and females $n = 306$. Sample population aged 18 to 24 years old.⁵

Youth drinking (heavy episodic drinkers)



Data from the 2003 World Health Survey. Total sample size $n = 579$; males $n = 273$ and females $n = 306$. Sample population aged 18 to 24 years old. Definition used: at least once a week consumption of five or more standard drinks in one sitting.⁶

Note: These are preliminary, early-release, unpublished data from WHO's World Health Survey made available exclusively for this report. Some estimates may change in the final analyses of these data.

Traditional alcoholic beverages

Bia hoi is a Vietnamese draft beer that is widely available in small eateries. It typically has an alcohol content of somewhere between 4 to 4.5%.²

Unrecorded alcohol consumption

The unrecorded alcohol consumption in Viet Nam is estimated to be 1.0 litre pure alcohol per capita for population older than 15 for the years after 1995 (estimated by a group of key alcohol experts).³

Morbidity, health and social problems from alcohol use

A United Nations report on gender issues in Viet Nam found that violence against women is widespread and that most men blame alcohol for their violent behaviour.⁴

Country background information

Total population 2003	81 377 000	Life expectancy at birth (2002)	Male	67.1
Adult (15+)	56 150 130		Female	72.2
% under 15	31	Probability of dying under age 5 per 1000 (2002)	Male	41
Population distribution 2001 (%)			Female	33
Urban	25	Gross National Income per capita 2002	US\$	430
Rural	75			

Sources: Population and Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat, World Bank World Development Indicators database, The World Health Report 2004

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