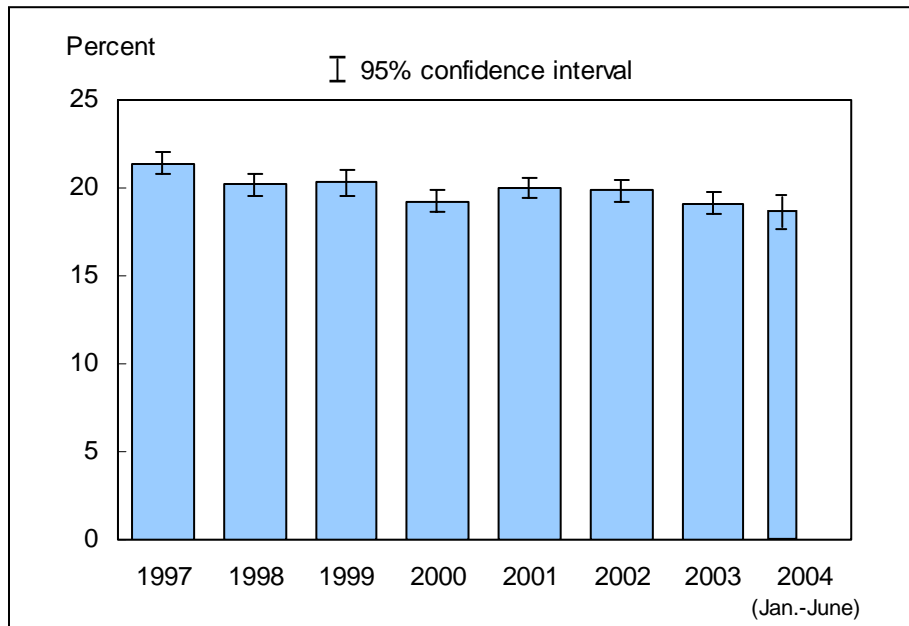


Figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004



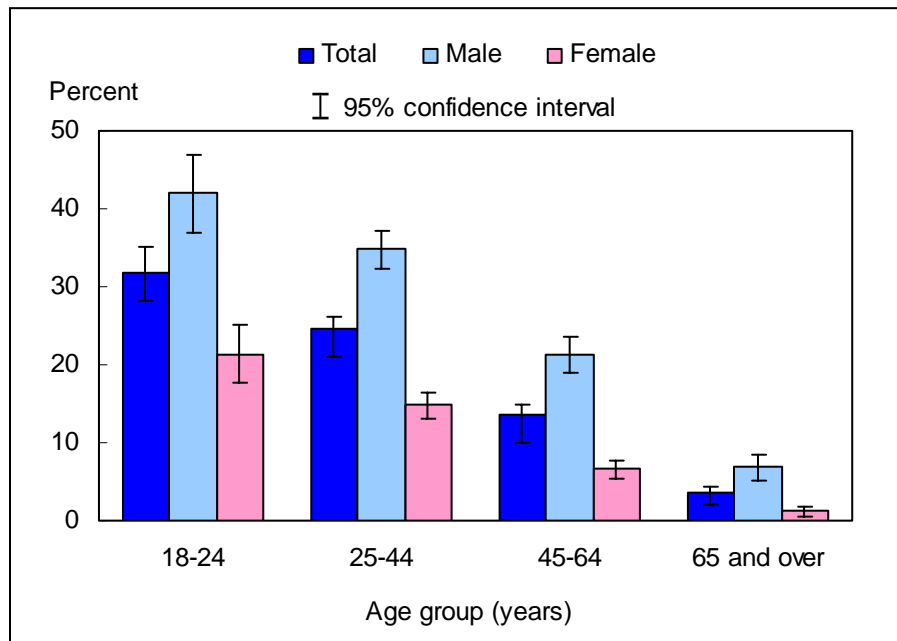
NOTES: The analyses excluded adults with unknown alcohol consumption (about 2% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000-02 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See "About This Release" and table III in the Appendix for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2004 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2004 was based on data collected from January through June.

■ For the period January through June 2004, the percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 18.6% (95% CI=17.6%-19.5%).

■ From 2001 through June 2004, the percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year decreased from 20.0% to 18.6%.

Figure 9.2. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by age group and sex: United States, January-June 2004



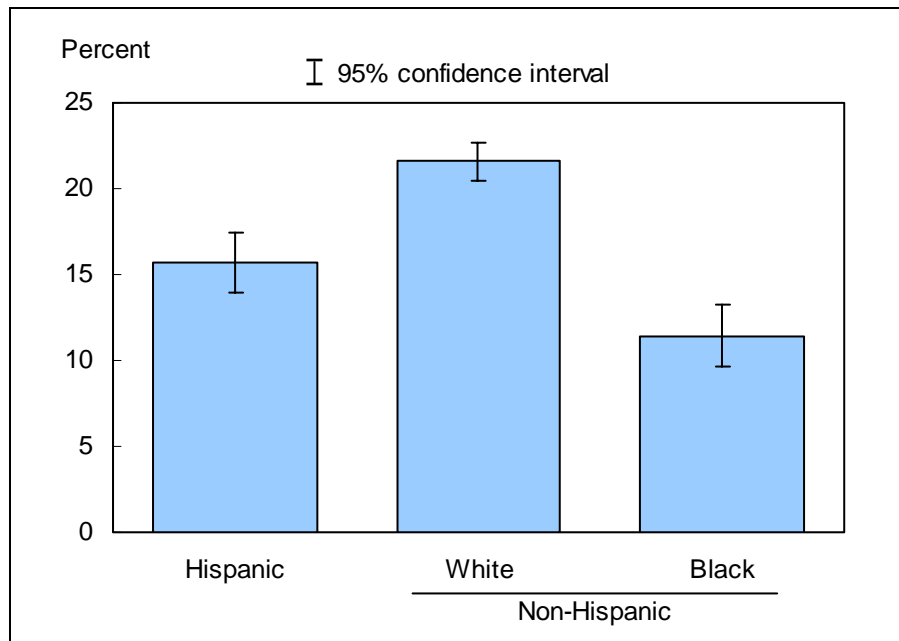
NOTE: The analyses excluded 358 adults (2.6%) with unknown alcohol consumption.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through June in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

■ For both men and women, younger adults were more likely than older adults to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.

■ In all four age groups, men were considerably more likely than women to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.

Figure 9.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-June 2004



NOTES: The analyses excluded 358 adults (2.6%) with unknown alcohol consumption. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through June in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

■ The age-sex-adjusted percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 15.7% for Hispanic adults, 21.6% for non-Hispanic white adults, and 11.4% for non-Hispanic black adults.

■ Non-Hispanic white adults were most likely to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, followed by Hispanic adults and non-Hispanic black adults.

Data tables for figures 9.1-9.3:

Data table for figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004

Year	Percent	95% confidence interval
1997	21.4	20.8-22.0
1998	20.2	19.6-20.8
1999	20.3	19.6-21.0
2000	19.2	18.6-19.9
2001	20.0	19.4-20.6
2002	19.9	19.2-20.5
2003	19.1	18.5-19.8
January-June 2004	18.6	17.6-19.5

Data table for figure 9.2. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by age group and sex: United States, January-June 2004

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-24 years		
Total	31.7	28.3-35.1
Male	42.0	37.0-47.0
Female	21.4	17.8-25.1
25-44 years		
Total	24.6	23.1-26.1
Male	34.8	32.3-37.3
Female	14.8	13.2-16.4
45-64 years		
Total	13.7	12.4-14.9
Male	21.3	19.1-23.5
Female	6.6	5.5-7.7
65 years and over		
Total	3.6	2.8-4.4
Male	6.8	5.1-8.5
Female	1.2	0.6-1.9
18 years and over: crude¹		
Total	18.6	17.6-19.5
Male	27.3	25.8-28.9
Female	10.5	9.7-11.4
18 years and over: age-adjusted²		
Total	18.7	17.8-19.5
Male	26.9	25.4-28.4
Female	10.9	10.0-11.8

¹Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

²Estimates are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

Data table for figure 9.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-June 2004

Race/ethnicity	Percent¹	95% confidence interval
Hispanic or Latino	15.7	14.0-17.5
Not Hispanic or Latino		
White, single race	21.6	20.5-22.7
Black, single race	11.4	9.6-13.3

¹Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.