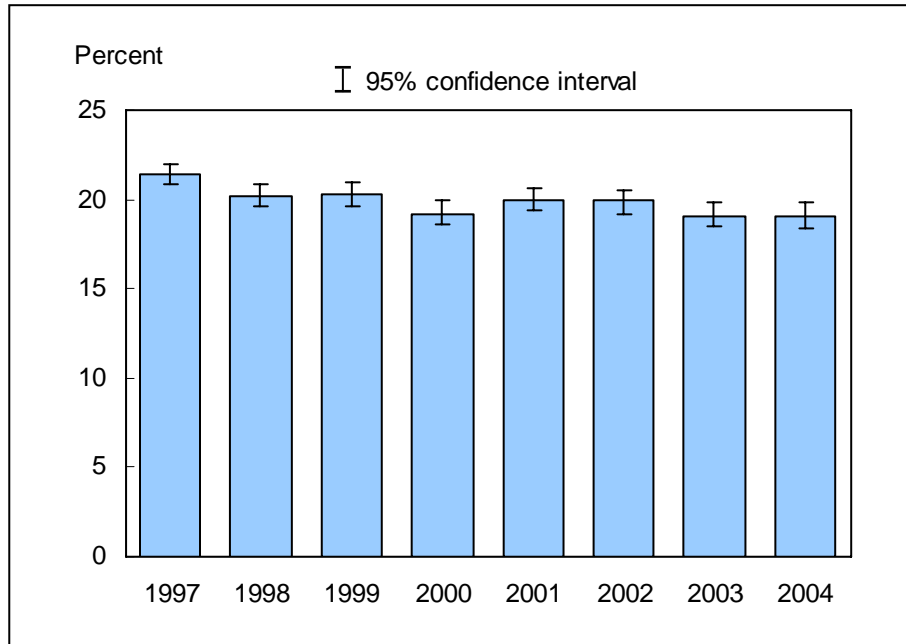


Figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004



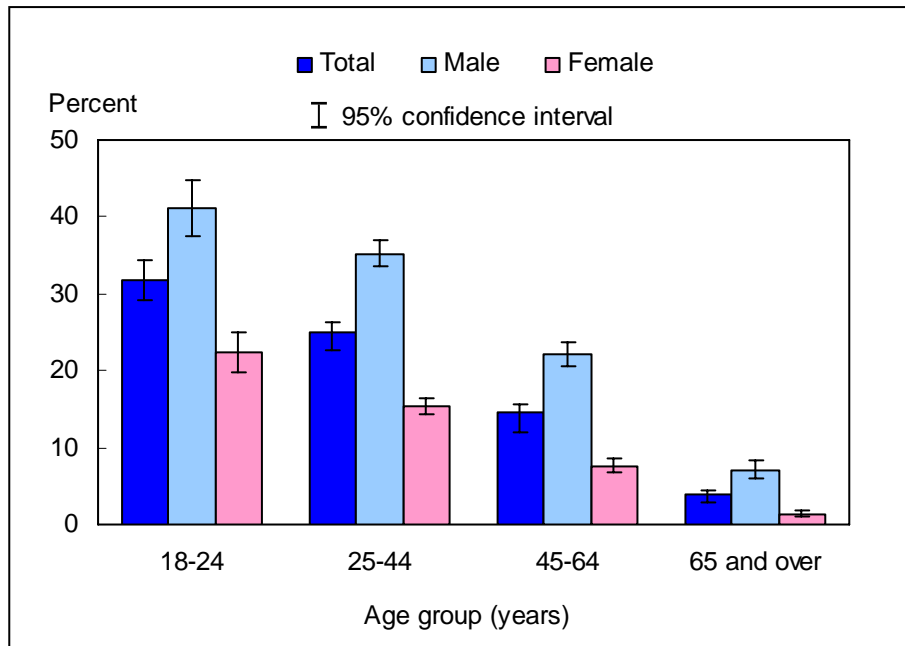
NOTES: The analyses excluded adults with unknown alcohol consumption (about 2% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000-02 were recalculated using weights 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.

■ In 2004, the percentage of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 19.1% (95% confidence interval=18.4%-19.8%).

■ From 2001 through 2003, 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 19.1% and remained stable from 2003 to 2004.

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, 2004



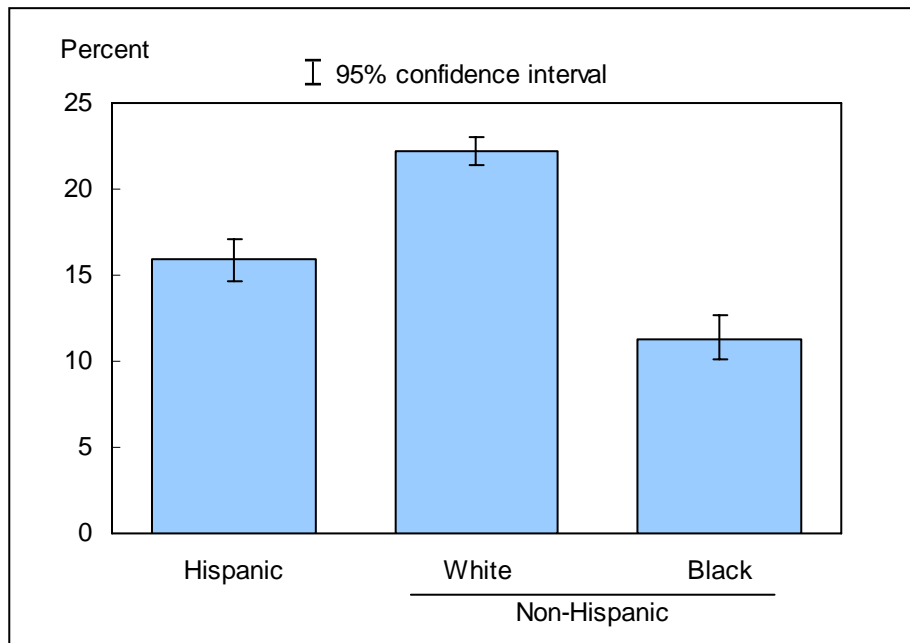
NOTE: The analyses excluded 783 adults (2.5%) with unknown alcohol consumption.

DATA SOURCE: 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, 2004



NOTES: The analyses excluded 783 adults (2.5%) 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: 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 15.9% for Hispanic adults, 22.2% for non-Hispanic white adults, and 11.3% 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
2004	19.1	18.4-19.8

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, 2004

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-24 years		
Total	31.7	29.1-34.3
Male	41.1	37.5-44.9
Female	22.3	19.8-25.0
25-44 years		
Total	25.1	24.1-26.2
Male	35.2	33.5-37.0
Female	15.4	14.3-16.5
45-64 years		
Total	14.6	13.8-15.5
Male	22.1	20.7-23.6
Female	7.6	6.9-8.5
65 years and over		
Total	3.8	3.2-4.4
Male	7.1	6.0-8.4
Female	1.4	1.0-1.9
18 years and over: crude¹		
Total	19.1	18.4-19.8
Male	27.7	26.6-28.8
Female	11.2	10.7-11.9
18 years and over: age-adjusted²		
Total	19.2	18.5-19.9
Male	27.3	26.2-28.4
Female	11.6	11.0-12.2

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, 2004

Race/ethnicity	Percent¹	95% confidence interval
Hispanic or Latino	15.9	14.7-17.1
Not Hispanic or Latino:		
White, single race	22.2	21.4-23.0
Black, single race	11.3	10.1-12.7

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.