

# Fast facts

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## Alcohol

HSCIC data on alcohol are compiled from a variety of sources which give insight into the trends in alcohol use and misuse among school pupils (11 to 15 years) and adults (16+ years). The data also provide information on spending and affordability of alcohol, behaviour and attitudes towards the use of alcohol and drinking-related ill health and mortality.

Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) also provide data on alcohol-related hospital admissions and procedures.

## Key facts for England

Latest available alcohol figures show:

- In 2012 one in three men and one in four women reported drinking twice the recommended daily amount.
- In 2012 **four in five men** and **more than two thirds of women** on the **highest income** drank in the last week, compared with **half of men** and **more than one third of women** on the **lowest income**.
- Survey results from 2012 showed **beer, lager, cider and shandy** were the **most popular drinks** among **men of all ages**.
- Drinking more than twice the recommended levels was **highest in the North East** for both men and women.
- Men and women in the **South West** were **least likely** to have drunk more than the daily recommendation.
- In 2012 there were almost **6,500 deaths** directly related to alcohol and almost **two thirds** of these were for **alcoholic liver disease**. This is a fall from the number of alcohol-related deaths in 2011 (6,800).
- In 2012 over **four in ten pupils** (aged 11 to 15 years) reported they had **drunk alcohol at least once**, and this was similar to the previous year.

- In 2012-13 there were over **1 million alcohol-related hospital admissions**. Men accounted for almost two in three of these admissions (65 per cent).
- Just over **183,800 prescription items for treating alcohol dependence** were dispensed in the community in 2013 compared to 178,200 in 2012.
- In 2013 the cost of drugs to treat alcohol dependence was £3.13 million, a rise of 6.7 per cent on 2012 (£2.93 million).

## More Information

Access HSCIC information on:

- [Statistics on Alcohol 2014](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/alcohol14): <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/alcohol14>
- [Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use in Young People, England – 2012-13](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/sdd12): <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/sdd12>
- [Health Survey for England, 2012](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/HSE2012): <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/HSE2012>
- [Hospital Episode Statistics, Admitted Patient Care, England - 2012-13](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/hes1213): <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/hes1213>

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