

Total consumption of alcohol continues to fall in France

The latest statistics from IREB, suggest that the consumption of wine in France, and therefore total consumption per capita, has continued to fall since 2000.

Per capita (aged 15+) consumption is now 12.9 litres of pure alcohol a year, down from 14 in 2000, 15.4 in 1990, 20 in 1980 and 26 in 1961. Consumption of wine has dropped from 20.6 litres a head to 7.5 litres over the whole period – beer and spirits have remained extraordinarily static at just under 3 litres spirits a year and 2.5 litres of beer. 12 litres per capita per annum is similar to consumption in Germany, the UK, Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Cyprus.

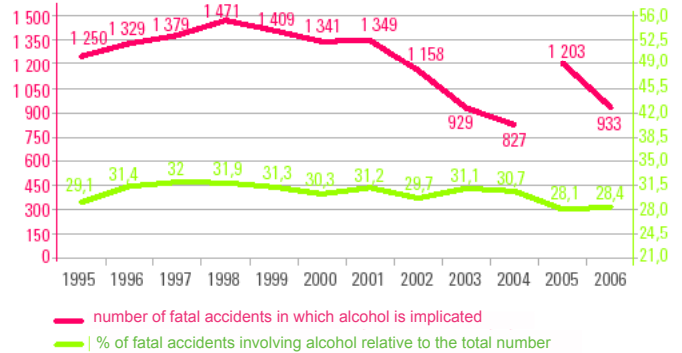
Just 5.5% of French women (aged between 15 and 44) drink daily – against 23% of those ages 65+. 61% of 15 –19 year olds drink weekly however – and 35% of all women are teetotal. Amongst men, 1.4% of 15 – 19 year olds drink daily – but 51% drink weekly. 17% of men are teetotal.

2% of women drink more than 15 glasses a week, and 13% of men drink above 22 glasses a week. However, although regular drinking amongst young people (more than 10 drinking days in the last month) is declining, those getting drunk more than 3 times a year is increasing, suggesting that patterns of drinking are changing to occasional heavy drinking occasions (18% of women and 33% of men) rather than regular moderate use. Overall fatal accidents attributable to alcohol have continued to plummet from 1341 in 2000 to 933 in 2006, with those killed falling from 1512 in 2000 to 1043 in 2006.

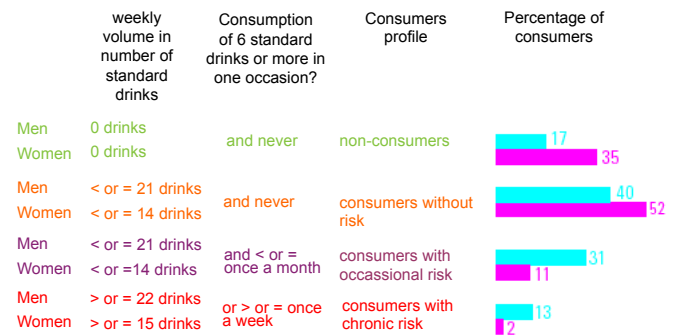
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Different patterns of alcohol consumption



*Un verre standard contient environ 10 grammes d'alcool.

Alcohol consumption in France in litres of pure alcohol per year for inhabitants aged 15 and above (1961-2006)

