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Table 24: Ever tried alcohol (by youth drinking segment)

Q11. The next few questions are about trying and using alcohol. Have you ever tried alcohol, even a sip? (This includes, beer, cider, wine, spirits, liqueurs and RTDs).

	Sub-sample 14-17 years n=226 %	2002 Heavier drinker n=84 %	2002 Lighter drinker n=102 %	2002 Non-drinker n=40 %	2002 Sub-sample 13 years n=68 %	2002 Sub-sample 18 years n=50 %	2001 Sub-sample 18 years n=59 %	2001 Sub-sample 14-17 years n=235 %
Yes	93	100	100	65	88	91	92	95
No	7	0	0	35	12	9	8	5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Note: Components may not always add to 100% exactly because of rounding.

Table 25: Ever had a full glass of alcohol (by youth drinking segment)

Q12. Have you ever had a full "glass" of alcohol? By this, I mean a whole can or bottle of beer or a whole glass of wine?

	2002 Sub-sample, 14-17 years n=212 %	2002 Heavier drinker n=84 %	2002 Lighter drinker n=102 %	2002 Non-drinker n=26 %	2002 Sub-sample, 13 years n=53 %	2002 Sub-sample, 18 years n=46 %	2001 Sub-sample, 18 years n=56 %	2001 Sub-sample, 14-17 years n=224 %
Yes	88	100	100	16	33	99	100	84
No	12	0	0	84	64	1	0	16
Don't know	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Note: Components may not always add to 100% exactly because of rounding.

*Includes only those who claim they have tried (or don't know if they have tried) alcohol, even a sip (Q11).

Caution: low base number of respondents—results are indicative only.

Table 26: Age started drinking

Q14. About how old would you have been when you first started really drinking?

	2002			2002	
	Sub-sample, 14-17 years n=190	2002 Heavier drinker n=84	2002 Lighter drinker n=102	Sub-sample, 13 years n=20	2002 Sub-sample, 18 years n=44
	%	%	%	%	%
Before I was 10 years old	0	0	0	0	1
10 years old	0	0	0	20	0
11 years old	2	3	2	0	0
12 years old	3	2	4	8	0
13 years old	11	11	12	29	1
14 years old	25	29	22	2	11
15 years old	29	36	25	2	41
16 years old	15	16	15	0	33
17 years old	2	3	2	0	12
18 years old	0	0	0	0	2
Not really drinking	12	0	18	39	0
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Note: Components may not always add to 100% exactly because of rounding.

*Includes only those who claim they have tried (or don't know if they have tried) alcohol, even a sip (Q11), or had a "full glass" (Q12).
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Table 27: Frequency of drinking alcohol (by youth drinking segment)

Q15. At present, about how often do you have an alcoholic drink of any kind?

	Sub-sample, 14-17 years n=190 %	2002 Heavier drinker n=84 %	2002 Lighter drinker n=102 %	2002 Sub-sample, 13 years n=20 %	2002 Sub-sample, 18 years n=43 %	2001 Sub-sample, 18 years n=56 %	2001 Sub-sample, 14-17 years n=189 %
Almost everyday	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
About 2 or 3 times a week	9	14	5	4	33	34	14
About once a week	25	37	19	0	37	29	23
About once every two weeks	28	26	31	14	23	13	18
About once a month	18	13	23	31	2	9	23
Only a few times a year	17	9	23	41	4	6	22
Never drink alcohol now	3	0	0	11	1	6	2
Don't know	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Note: Components may not always add to 100% exactly because of rounding.

*Includes only those who claim they have tried (or don't know if they have tried) alcohol, even a sip (Q11) and have had a full glass (Q12).

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