

Alcohol and marijuana use among Oregon adults by sexual orientation, 2014-2017

Use unadjusted percentages to estimate the burden of alcohol or marijuana use; use age-adjusted percentages to compare between gay, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual adult populations.



	Gay/Lesbian		Bisexual		Heterosexual	
	Unadjusted (%)	Age-Adjusted (%)	Unadjusted (%)	Age-Adjusted (%)	Unadjusted (%)	Age-Adjusted (%)
Men						
Binge drinking within past month ¹	18.6	18.6	20.7	18.2	21.1	22.6
Heavy drinking within past month ²	7.3	7.4	7.6 [^]	8.5 [^]	7.8	7.9
Current marijuana use	31.2	30.1	33.2	40.0	19.6	20.6
Women						
Binge drinking within past month ¹	17.7	17.4	28.9	21.4	12.2	14.0
Heavy drinking within past month ²	10.9	10.9	15.4	15.4	7.5	7.6
Current marijuana use	29.4	29.2	39.9	38.7	11.4	12.7

[^] This number may be statistically unreliable and should be interpreted with caution.

¹ Binge drinking is consuming five or more drinks for men, or four or more drinks for women, on one occasion.

² Heavy drinking is consuming an average of more than eight drinks per week for women or more than 15 drinks per week for men during the past month.

Source: Oregon Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System 2014-2017; age-adjusted to the 2000 standard population.

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