

In a glimpse

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Alcohol consumption and its consequences in France in 2022

This report from the French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (OFDT) provides an overview of the supply, uses, and the social and health consequences of alcohol consumption in France in 2022.

The first section details changes in the market, taxation, prices, and amounts of alcohol consumed in France. The second section describes changes in drinking behaviour, while the third looks at the consequences of alcohol in terms of user care and road safety.

Key facts

- Increase in the volume of pure alcohol sold in France (+1.9% in 2022 compared with 2021), with a significant growth in beer (+11.3%).
- In 2022, more than half of all alcoholic beverages sold was wine (52%).
- According to data from the ESCAPAD 2022 survey carried out by the OFDT:
 - One in five 17-year-olds has never drunk alcohol in his/her life, and the proportion of young people who have experimented with alcohol at this age fell from 85.7% to 80.6% between 2017 and 2022 (-6%).
 - More than a third of 17-year-olds (36.6%) has had at least one episode of heavy episodic drinking (at least 5 standard drinks in one occasion) in the previous month. However, this use is down from 2017 (-16.8%).
- According to the 2021 *Santé publique France* Barometer data, around 80% of adults aged 18 to 75 comply with the lower-risk drinking guidelines. Men (30.6%) are more likely to drink at risk than women (13.8%).
A 1.9% decrease in the number of hospital admissions with an alcohol-related main diagnosis in 2022 compared with 2021, based on the same population (227 784 admissions in 2022 compared with 230 972 in 2021).
- Reduction in the number of people receiving treatments for alcohol dependence in 2022 compared with 2021.
- The number of alcohol tests carried out on the roads totalled 7 907 507 in 2022, and 759 people were killed in fatal accidents where the driver's blood alcohol level was positive. These figures are 12.5% and 5% respectively lower than in 2021.

Further reading (in French)

The overview report [Consommation d'alcool et ses conséquences en France en 2022](#)
[Alcohol consumption and its consequences in France in 2022], 9 p.