

Table 3.48: :Percent of students who report having been drunk twice or more often and legal age for buying alcohol

	11 Year-Olds		13 Year-Olds		15 Year-Olds		Legal age for buying alcoholic beverages (years)
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Austria	4	2	13	7	49	36	16**
Belgium (Flemish)	6	1	11	6	33	22	16
Canada	3	2	15	13	42	42	18-19**
Czech Republic	6	2	14	6	36	22	18
Denmark	6	3	25	21	71	63	15
England	9	3	25	22	51	52	18
Estonia	2	1	15	4	44	23	N/A
Finland	4	1	16	18	52	58	18
France*	1	0.4	8	5	29	20	16
Germany*	2	0.3	10	7	36	31	16 (18†)
Greece	5	1	9	5	24	21	NR
Greenland	7	2	23	30	58	59	18
Hungary	3	1	9	4	43	22	16
Ireland	7	1	15	8	42	29	18
Israel	6	2	7	4	18	10	18
Latvia	4	0.4	15	8	47	23	18
Lithuania	6	1	15	6	32	20	21
Northern Ireland	6	2	24	17	53	44	18
Norway	1	0.2	6	5	37	41	18
Poland	4	1	14	6	39	21	18
Portugal	4	1	10	5	35	16	16
Russian Federation*	2	2	11	8	32	25	18
Scotland	10	4	26	21	53	56	18
Slovakia	16	8	23	13	49	31	18
Sweden	1	0.3	8	6	40	40	18-20
Switzerland	1	0.5	6	3	25	16	16 (18†)
USA	3	3	12	11	34	28	21
Wales	12	6	38	35	72	63	18

Source: WHO Policy Series: *Health policy for children and adolescents, Issue 1*. Copenhagen, DK: WHO, 2000. Data from HSBC Survey, 1997/98.

*France, Germany and Russia are represented only by regions. . **Varies by state or region. †Different restrictions for spirits.

NR= not restricted. N/A= not available.