

Smoking, drinking and drug use among young people

Part 6 tables - Young people who drink alcohol

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Data tables showing selected outputs on young people who drink from a survey of secondary school pupils in England in years 7 to 11 (mostly aged 11 to 15), which is currently run every other year.

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Notes and definitions for all tables

Notes:

Age and sex totals: Where age and sex breakdowns are shown, the row / column total includes pupils where the age / sex was undetermined or not known.

For time series tables, data prior to 2014 has been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Symbols used in tables:

- = zero or rounded to zero

: = not available

z = not applicable

u = estimate not shown due to a small sample base (less than 30)

[figures in brackets] have a small sample base (30 to less than 50)

Table 6.1
Whether and how pupils obtained alcohol in the last four weeks

2004 - 2018

All pupils

Numbers / Percentages

	Year							
	2004	2006	2008	2010 ²	2012	2014	2016	2018
How obtained alcohol¹	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Bought by someone else	20	20	18	15	13	9	11	10
Tried to buy from shop ^{3,4}	6	7	6	:	:	:	:	:
Tried to buy from pub ^{3,4}	5	4	4	:	:	:	:	:
Bought from shop ⁴	:	:	:	3	3	2	2	2
Bought from pub ⁴	:	:	:	2	1	1	1	1
Given by parents	27	23	22	20	19	17	22	22
Given by friends	27	26	24	23	19	15	17	15
Given by other relatives	12	10	9	9	8	7	9	11
Given by siblings	8	7	7	6	6	5	6	7
Given by other people	9	10	9	8	7	5	6	6
Taken from home	18	14	14	12	13	11	13	15
Taken from friend's home	11	10	10	9	8	7	8	8
Stolen from home	6	6	6	5	4	3	4	5
Stolen from friend's home	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stolen from somewhere else	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Obtained any alcohol in last four weeks³	49	44	42	36	33	28	38	38
Unweighted bases ⁵	9715	8200	7798	7296	7134	5791	5571	6266
Weighted bases ⁵	:	:	:	:	:	5802	5573	6268

Footnotes

1. Percentages may total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.
2. Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).
3. Includes both pupils who tried and succeeded, and those who tried and were refused.
4. Bought from shop/pub replaces tried to buy from shop/pub from 2010.
5. Bases shown for those who responded to the question about whether they had asked someone else to buy alcohol for them in the last four weeks.

Source

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Table 6.2b
How pupils who obtained alcohol in the last 4 weeks did so, by year

2016 - 2018

<i>Pupils who obtained alcohol in the last 4 weeks</i>	Numbers / Percentages	
	Year	
	2016	2018
How obtained alcohol¹	%	%
Bought by someone else	35	32
Bought from shop	6	5
Bought from pub	2	3
Given by parents	70	71
Given by friends	54	49
Given by other relatives	30	37
Given by siblings	20	22
Given by other people	22	21
Taken from home	41	48
Taken from friend's home	25	25
Stolen from home	14	16
Stolen from friend's home	2	3
Stolen from somewhere else	3	4
Unweighted bases ²	1895	2010
Weighted bases ²	1820	2007

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.
2. Bases shown are for those who responded to the question about whether they had asked someone else to buy alcohol for them in the last four weeks.

Source

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Table 6.2b
How pupils who obtained alcohol in the last 4 weeks did so, by age and sex

2018

Pupils who obtained alcohol in the last 4 weeks

Numbers / Percentages

How obtained alcohol ¹	Age				Total (11-15)
	11-12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	
	%	%	%	%	%
Boys					
Bought by someone else	18	10	31	37	28
Bought from shop	1	3	3	9	5
Bought from pub	1	1	2	7	4
Given by parents	66	73	67	72	70
Given by friends	22	40	43	63	47
Given by other relatives	35	37	31	40	37
Given by siblings	15	18	21	26	21
Given by other people	11	10	20	27	19
Taken from home	38	37	45	59	48
Taken from friend's home	12	16	25	35	26
Stolen from home	10	12	15	21	16
Stolen from friend's home	6	6	3	4	4
Stolen from somewhere else	6	3	4	6	5
Girls					
Bought by someone else	14	22	37	49	36
Bought from shop	1	3	4	9	5
Bought from pub	0	2	2	4	3
Given by parents	68	68	70	77	72
Given by friends	28	41	49	63	51
Given by other relatives	34	33	35	40	37
Given by siblings	15	15	23	30	23
Given by other people	9	22	23	28	23
Taken from home	47	47	45	50	48
Taken from friend's home	13	23	23	30	25
Stolen from home	9	16	16	18	16
Stolen from friend's home	5	1	2	2	2
Stolen from somewhere else	2	4	2	3	3
Total					
Bought by someone else	16	16	34	44	32
Bought from shop	1	3	4	9	5
Bought from pub	1	2	2	5	3
Given by parents	67	70	69	75	71
Given by friends	25	41	46	64	49
Given by other relatives	35	35	33	40	37
Given by siblings	15	17	22	28	22
Given by other people	10	16	22	28	21
Taken from home	42	42	45	54	48
Taken from friend's home	13	20	24	32	25
Stolen from home	10	14	15	20	16
Stolen from friend's home	5	3	2	3	3
Stolen from somewhere else	4	4	3	4	4
Unweighted bases ²					
Boys	160	168	247	340	919
Girls	155	209	325	364	1055
Total	315	378	575	707	2010
Weighted bases ²					
Boys	175	166	217	367	931
Girls	158	172	270	438	1039
Total	333	338	490	809	2007

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

2. Bases shown are for those who responded to the question about whether they had asked someone else to buy alcohol for them in the last four weeks.

Source

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Table 6.3
How obtained alcohol in the last four weeks, by units of alcohol drunk in the last week

2018

Pupils who obtained alcohol in the last 4 weeks

Numbers / Percentages

How obtained alcohol ¹	Units of alcohol drunk in the last week				Total ²
	Less than 1 unit	1 to less than 5 units	5 to less than 10 units	10 units or more	
	%	%	%	%	%
Bought by someone else	22	27	57	71	32
Bought from shop	2	2	4	21	5
Bought from pub	2	1	6	12	3
Given by parents	68	75	81	79	71
Given by friends	43	43	60	80	49
Given by other relatives	33	31	42	54	37
Given by siblings	18	24	21	37	22
Given by other people	17	16	21	39	21
Taken from home	40	60	73	64	48
Taken from friend's home	19	23	41	49	25
Stolen from home	11	12	22	34	16
Stolen from friend's home	2	1	2	5	3
Stolen from somewhere else	2	3	1	7	4
Unweighted bases ³	1312	162	96	184	2010
Weighted bases ³	1305	171	98	181	2007

Footnotes

1. Percentages may total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

2. Total column includes pupils who did not answer the question about how much alcohol they had drunk in the last week.

3. Bases shown for those who responded to the question about whether they had asked someone else to buy alcohol for them in the last four weeks. Other bases are of a similar magnitude.

Source

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Table 6.4
Where pupils usually buy alcohol, by sex

1996 - 2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

Where usually buys alcohol ¹	Year												
	1996	1998	1999	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010 ²	2012	2014	2016	2018
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Boys													
Friend/relative ³	:	10	9	16	15	16	18	21	21	21	20	18	19
Someone else	10	7	8	9	8	9	11	12	15	12	10	13	13
Off-licence	26	22	22	17	16	17	17	14	14	15	10	8	8
Shop or supermarket	12	11	11	8	9	11	12	10	11	10	9	7	8
Garage forecourt ⁴	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pub or bar	8	9	8	9	8	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	8
Club or disco	4	6	4	5	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	3
Off the street ⁴	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Never buys alcohol	51	51	48	48	51	53	51	52	57	58	63	67	67
Girls													
Friend/relative ³	:	9	9	19	20	19	22	28	31	26	24	26	29
Someone else	6	6	7	7	8	9	13	17	18	18	12	19	18
Off-licence	28	18	21	17	16	17	18	15	18	14	13	11	8
Shop or supermarket	14	10	12	9	10	14	14	12	13	11	13	9	11
Garage forecourt ⁴	:	:	:	:	:	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pub or bar	12	9	10	10	9	11	7	6	6	6	6	5	8
Club or disco	8	6	7	9	6	8	5	4	4	4	2	3	2
Off the street ⁴	:	:	:	:	:	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Never buys alcohol	47	56	47	44	45	49	44	43	47	54	56	57	57
Total													
Friend/relative ³	:	9	9	17	17	17	20	24	26	23	22	22	24
Someone else	8	6	8	8	8	9	12	15	16	15	11	16	16
Off-licence	27	20	21	17	16	17	18	15	16	14	12	10	8
Shop or supermarket	13	10	12	9	10	12	13	11	12	11	11	8	10
Garage forecourt ⁴	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pub or bar	10	9	9	9	8	9	7	6	6	6	6	5	8
Club or disco	6	6	5	7	5	6	4	3	3	3	2	2	3
Off the street ⁴	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Never buys alcohol	49	53	49	46	48	51	48	48	52	56	60	61	61
Unweighted bases													
Boys	838	1427	2772	2070	2854	2666	1918	1808	1462	1416	935	1040	1138
Girls	802	1400	2527	1882	2660	2518	2031	1731	1365	1355	938	1153	1182
Total	1640	2827	5299	3952	5514	5184	3949	3539	2827	2771	1873	2229	2368
Weighted bases													
Boys	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	924	1020	1149
Girls	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	962	1075	1154
Total	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1886	2126	2354

Footnotes

1. Percentages may total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.
2. Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).
3. 'Friend/relative' was introduced as a separate answer category in 1998.
4. 'Off the street' and 'Garage forecourt' were introduced as separate answer categories in 2004.

Source

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Table 6.5
Where pupils usually buy alcohol, by age and sex

2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

	Age				Total (11-15) %
	11-12 years %	13 years %	14 years %	15 years %	
Where usually buys alcohol¹					
Boys					
Friend/relative	10	11	22	24	19
Someone else	8	8	13	16	13
Off the street	2	0	1	1	1
<i>Any person</i>	18	17	29	34	27
Off-licence	5	4	7	12	8
Shop or supermarket	9	4	5	12	8
Garage forecourt	2	-	0	0	0
Pub or bar	6	3	7	10	8
Club or disco	5	2	2	4	3
<i>Any retailer or licensed premises</i>	11	10	16	25	18
Never buys alcohol	80	81	65	57	67
Girls					
Friend/relative	19	22	28	36	29
Someone else	11	11	19	22	18
Off the street	1	-	1	1	1
<i>Any person</i>	26	27	36	47	38
Off-licence	5	4	7	12	8
Shop or supermarket	6	5	9	17	11
Garage forecourt	-	-	0	0	0
Pub or bar	5	7	5	10	8
Club or disco	0	3	2	1	2
<i>Any retailer or licensed premises</i>	12	14	16	27	20
Never buys alcohol	71	70	61	45	57
Total					
Friend/relative	14	16	25	30	24
Someone else	10	10	16	19	16
Off the street	2	0	1	1	1
<i>Any person</i>	22	22	32	41	33
Off-licence	5	4	7	12	8
Shop or supermarket	8	5	7	14	10
Garage forecourt	1	0	0	0	0
Pub or bar	6	6	6	10	8
Club or disco	3	3	2	3	3
<i>Any retailer or licensed premises</i>	12	12	16	26	19
Never buys alcohol	76	76	63	50	61
Unweighted bases					
Boys	153	220	321	440	1138
Girls	140	247	374	418	1182
Total	293	220	321	440	2368
Weighted bases					
Boys	164	217	280	483	1149
Girls	142	205	299	504	1154
Total	306	424	583	992	2354

Footnotes

1. Percentages may total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

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Table 6.6
Where pupils usually buy alcohol, by units of alcohol drunk in the last week

2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

	Units of alcohol drunk in the last week				Total ³
	Less than 1 unit ²	1 to less than 5 units	5 to less than 10 units	10 units or more	
Where usually buys alcohol ¹	%	%	%	%	%
Friend/relative	19	25	42	52	24
Someone else	12	14	21	41	16
Off the street	1	2	0	2	1
<i>Any person</i>	26	35	50	68	33
Off-licence	5	7	13	29	8
Shop or supermarket	8	7	17	20	10
Garage forecourt	0	2	-	0	0
Pub or bar	6	8	18	16	8
Club or disco	2	5	1	6	3
<i>Any retailer or licensed premises</i>	14	16	38	49	19
Never buys alcohol	69	61	39	20	61
Unweighted bases	1743	162	97	187	2368
Weighted bases	1715	174	100	184	2354

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

2. Includes pupils who did not drink alcohol in the last week.

3. Total column includes pupils who did not answer the question about how much alcohol they had drunk in the last week.

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Table 6.7
Where pupils who buy alcohol usually buy it, by age

2018

Pupils who buy alcohol

Numbers / Percentages

	Age			Total (11-15) %
	11-13 years %	14 years %	15 years %	
Where usually buys alcohol¹				
Friend/relative	54	62	58	57
Someone else	36	40	38	39
Off the street	3	3	2	2
<i>Any person</i>	79	80	78	79
Off-licence	17	18	22	20
Shop or supermarket	19	18	27	23
Garage forecourt	2	0	0	1
Pub or bar	18	15	18	17
Club or disco	9	5	5	6
<i>Any retailer or licensed premises</i>	40	41	49	45
Unweighted bases	191	265	423	902
Weighted bases	178	213	491	908

Footnotes

1. Percentages may total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

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Table 6.8
Where pupils usually drink, by sex

1996 - 2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

Where usually drinks ¹	Year										
	1996	1998	1999	2004	2006	2008	2010 ²	2012	2014	2016	2018
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Boys											
At home or someone else's home ³	53	60	61	59	60	62	72	75	72	78	80
Parties with friends	23	23	20	30	26	29	40	44	43	39	35
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside ⁴	:	:	22	26	30	26	25	19	13	11	10
Pub or bar	11	12	11	10	9	7	9	8	8	8	12
Club or disco	9	10	8	5	5	4	4	5	3	3	4
Somewhere else	28	22	5	6	7	6	9	8	8	6	8
Girls											
At home or someone else's home ³	52	56	61	61	62	66	76	80	77	82	83
Parties with friends	24	24	24	33	31	37	48	51	49	46	45
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside ⁴	:	:	21	25	31	29	26	18	13	15	14
Pub or bar	15	12	12	11	9	7	8	8	6	7	9
Club or disco	16	11	12	10	6	7	7	4	3	3	2
Somewhere else	24	21	4	6	6	5	7	7	8	7	7
Total											
At home or someone else's home ³	52	58	61	60	61	64	74	78	74	80	82
Parties with friends	23	23	22	31	29	33	44	47	46	43	40
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside ⁴	:	:	21	25	31	27	25	18	13	13	12
Pub or bar	13	12	11	10	9	7	8	8	7	7	10
Club or disco	13	10	10	7	6	5	6	5	3	3	3
Somewhere else	26	21	5	6	6	6	8	7	8	6	7
Unweighted bases											
Boys	840	1411	2788	2675	1950	1811	1488	1443	944	1052	1149
Girls	804	1397	2536	2544	2053	1731	1379	1368	939	1173	1212
Total	1644	2808	5324	5219	4003	3542	2867	2811	1883	2262	2409
Weighted bases											
Boys	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	934	1027	1170
Girls	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	962	1090	1185
Total	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1896	2149	2405

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

2. Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).

3. Until 1999, 'At home' and 'At someone else's home' were asked about as a single category. For the purposes of comparing trends, these two categories, which have been asked about separately since 2004, are combined in this table.

4. 'On the street, in a park or somewhere else outside' was introduced as a separate answer category in 1999.

Source

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Table 6.9
Where pupils usually drink, by age and sex
2018

Where usually drinks ¹	Age				Total (11-15) %
	11-12 years %	13 years %	14 years %	15 years %	
<i>Current drinkers</i>					
Numbers / Percentages					
Boys					
At own home	72	73	70	58	66
At someone else's home	27	27	34	45	36
Parties with friends	13	21	32	50	35
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside	3	7	12	12	10
Pub or bar	8	8	12	14	12
Club or disco	5	3	5	4	4
Somewhere else	12	11	7	6	8
Girls					
At own home	71	69	70	62	67
At someone else's home	25	34	47	55	45
Parties with friends	17	30	43	60	45
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside	7	10	14	17	14
Pub or bar	7	9	9	9	9
Club or disco	2	3	1	3	2
Somewhere else	11	10	6	5	7
Total					
At own home	72	71	70	60	66
At someone else's home	26	31	41	50	41
Parties with friends	15	25	38	55	40
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside	5	9	13	15	12
Pub or bar	8	8	11	12	10
Club or disco	4	3	3	3	3
Somewhere else	11	10	7	5	7
Unweighted bases					
Boys	153	226	326	440	1149
Girls	149	249	382	429	1212
Total	302	476	711	874	2409
Weighted bases					
Boys	167	227	286	483	1170
Girls	150	209	306	517	1185
Total	318	436	595	1006	2405

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

Source

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Table 6.10
Where pupils usually drink, by units of alcohol drunk in the last week

2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

	Units of alcohol drunk in the last week				Total ³
	Less than 1 unit ²	1 to less than 5 units	5 to less than 10 units	10 units or more	
Where usually drinks¹	%	%	%	%	%
At own home	65	80	74	61	66
At someone else's home	36	50	61	59	41
Parties with friends	34	46	58	64	40
On the street, in a park, or somewhere else outside	8	14	28	29	12
Pub or bar	9	11	15	16	10
Club or disco	3	2	6	3	3
Somewhere else	7	6	2	10	7
Unweighted bases	1775	168	96	189	2409
Weighted bases	1758	179	99	186	2405

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.
2. Includes pupils who did not drink alcohol in the last week.
3. Total column includes pupils who did not answer the question about how much alcohol they had drunk in the last week.

Source

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Table 6.11
Who pupils usually drink with, by sex

1996 - 2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

Who usually drinks with ¹	Year										
	1996	1998	1999	2004	2006	2008	2010 ²	2012	2014	2016	2018
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Boys											
Parents	41	46	44	43	39	42	51	50	56	58	64
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	15	16	15	19	18	19	32	34	34	34	36
Friends of both sexes	38	32	36	41	46	47	54	53	48	45	38
Friends of same sex	18	19	16	17	15	15	36	34	32	34	34
Friends of opposite sex	3	4	3	6	6	7	25	25	22	23	22
Girlfriend or boyfriend	5	6	3	8	8	8	13	10	11	10	9
Other people ³	:	:	:	4	4	5	11	11	9	11	10
Alone	4	5	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	4	4
Girls											
Parents	38	43	41	43	37	40	48	55	55	60	68
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	12	16	15	22	21	22	39	40	39	41	41
Friends of both sexes	50	39	45	50	54	56	63	60	57	50	50
Friends of same sex	16	16	11	18	17	15	43	40	37	38	43
Friends of opposite sex	4	4	2	7	7	6	29	25	22	22	27
Girlfriend or boyfriend	9	8	6	10	11	10	22	15	12	12	13
Other people ³	:	:	:	4	5	4	12	12	8	10	10
Alone	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
Total											
Parents	39	44	43	43	38	41	50	53	56	59	66
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	14	16	15	20	20	21	35	37	37	37	38
Friends of both sexes	44	36	40	45	50	52	59	57	52	48	44
Friends of same sex	17	18	14	17	16	15	39	37	35	36	38
Friends of opposite sex	4	4	3	6	6	6	27	25	22	23	25
Girlfriend or boyfriend	7	7	4	9	10	9	17	12	12	11	11
Other people ³	:	:	:	4	4	4	12	11	9	10	10
Alone	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	3
Unweighted bases⁴											
Boys	843	1415	2787	2690	1936	1802	1476	1439	941	1034	1137
Girls	804	1396	2538	2544	2046	1727	1401	1399	940	1155	1188
Total	1647	2811	5325	5234	3982	3529	2877	2838	1881	2227	2370
Weighted bases⁴											
Boys	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	933	1014	1158
Girls	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	963	1071	1158
Total	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1896	2118	2365

Footnotes

- Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.
- Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).
- 'Other people' was introduced as a separate answer category in 2004.
- Bases shown for the question about whether pupils drank alone or with other people. Bases for other questions are of a similar magnitude.

Source

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Table 6.12
Who pupils usually drink with, by age and sex

2018

Current drinkers

Numbers / Percentages

	Age				Total (11-15) %
	11-12 years %	13 years %	14 years %	15 years %	
Who usually drinks with¹					
Boys					
Friends of both sexes	14	25	38	52	38
Friends of same sex	13	25	30	47	34
Friends of opposite sex	9	14	23	31	22
Girlfriend or boyfriend	4	7	10	12	9
<i>Any friends</i>	21	37	47	70	51
Parents	82	72	65	54	64
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	34	34	35	37	36
Other people	8	9	14	10	10
Alone	3	4	4	4	4
Girls					
Friends of both sexes	22	32	49	65	50
Friends of same sex	24	31	44	54	43
Friends of opposite sex	13	14	26	36	27
Girlfriend or boyfriend	7	6	15	15	13
<i>Any friends</i>	33	50	67	80	65
Parents	80	66	71	63	68
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	39	39	47	39	41
Other people	14	14	8	10	10
Alone	4	3	3	2	3
Total					
Friends of both sexes	17	28	44	58	44
Friends of same sex	18	28	37	51	38
Friends of opposite sex	11	14	24	34	25
Girlfriend or boyfriend	5	6	13	14	11
<i>Any friends</i>	27	43	58	75	58
Parents	81	69	68	58	66
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	37	36	41	38	38
Other people	11	12	11	10	10
Alone	4	4	4	3	3
Unweighted bases ²					
Boys	154	228	323	428	1137
Girls	144	247	377	417	1188
Total	298	477	703	849	2370
Weighted bases ²					
Boys	169	227	284	473	1158
Girls	145	205	303	503	1158
Total	315	433	589	981	2365

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

2. Bases shown for the question about whether pupils drank alone or with other people. Bases for other questions are of a similar magnitude.

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Table 6.13
Who pupils usually drink with, by units of alcohol drunk in the last week

2018

	Units of alcohol drunk in the last week				Total ³
	Less than 1 unit ²	1 to less than 5 units	5 to less than 10 units	10 units or more	
Who usually drinks with¹	%	%	%	%	%
Friends of both sexes	38	50	70	73	44
Friends of same sex	33	45	67	62	38
Friends of opposite sex	18	32	53	55	25
Girlfriend or boyfriend	8	15	19	25	11
<i>Any friends</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>58</i>
Parents	67	76	67	56	66
Brothers/sisters or other relatives	36	50	44	46	38
Other people	9	14	10	16	10
Alone	3	5	5	7	3
Unweighted bases ⁴	1756	166	96	177	2370
Weighted bases ⁴	1741	178	99	172	2365

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.
2. Includes pupils who did not drink alcohol in the last week.
3. Total column includes pupils who did not answer the question about how much alcohol they had drunk in the last week.
4. Bases shown for the question about whether pupils drank alone or with other people. Bases for other questions are of a similar magnitude.

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Table 6.14
How many times pupils who drank alcohol in the last four weeks were drunk, by age and sex

2018

Pupils who drank alcohol in the last four weeks

Numbers / Percentages

Whether been drunk in the last four weeks	Age			Total (11-15)
	11-13 years	14 years	15 years	
	%	%	%	%
Boys				
Not been drunk	78	66	57	65
<i>Been drunk in the last four weeks</i>¹	22	34	43	35
Been drunk once or twice	16	25	29	25
Been drunk 3+ times	5	7	11	9
Girls				
Not been drunk	67	53	42	51
<i>Been drunk in the last four weeks</i>¹	33	47	58	49
Been drunk once or twice	26	35	43	37
Been drunk 3+ times	6	10	14	11
Total				
Not been drunk	72	59	49	57
<i>Been drunk in the last four weeks</i>¹	28	41	51	43
Been drunk once or twice	21	30	36	31
Been drunk 3+ times	6	9	13	10
Unweighted bases				
Boys	315	298	556	1170
Girls	362	437	584	1385
Total	681	740	1146	2603
Weighted bases				
Boys	314	262	598	1176
Girls	322	347	710	1381
Total	639	614	1316	2604

Footnotes

1. Total includes pupils who said they had been drunk in the last 4 weeks, but did not say how many times.

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Table 6.15
Whether pupils had deliberately tried to get drunk in the last four weeks, by age and sex

2018

Pupils who were drunk in the last four weeks
Numbers / Percentages

Whether tried to get drunk in the last four weeks	Age			Total (11-15) %
	11-13 years	14 years	15 years	
	%	%	%	
Boys				
Deliberately tried to get drunk	[50]	[46]	73	64
Did not try to get drunk	[50]	[54]	27	36
Girls				
Deliberately tried to get drunk	48	56	73	65
Did not try to get drunk	52	44	27	35
Total				
Deliberately tried to get drunk	49	53	73	64
Did not try to get drunk	51	47	27	36
Unweighted bases				
Boys	33	52	116	203
Girls	53	116	163	332
Total	86	169	281	548
Weighted bases				
Boys	31	43	118	195
Girls	51	91	202	344
Total	81	134	323	553

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Table 6.16
Adverse consequences of drinking in the last four weeks, by sex

2018

Pupils who were drunk in the last four weeks

Numbers / Percentages

Adverse consequences of drinking ¹	Sex		Total
	Boys	Girls	
	%	%	%
Felt ill or sick	27	47	40
Vomited	18	27	23
Had argument	13	21	18
Damaged clothes or other items	14	18	17
Lost money or other items	15	18	17
Had fight	7	4	5
Trouble with police	6	4	4
Taken to hospital	1	1	1
Unweighted bases ²	171	287	472
Weighted bases ²	166	297	478

Footnotes

1. Percentages total more than 100, because pupils could give more than one answer.

2. Bases are shown for those who answered whether they felt ill or sick after drinking. Other bases are of a similar magnitude.

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