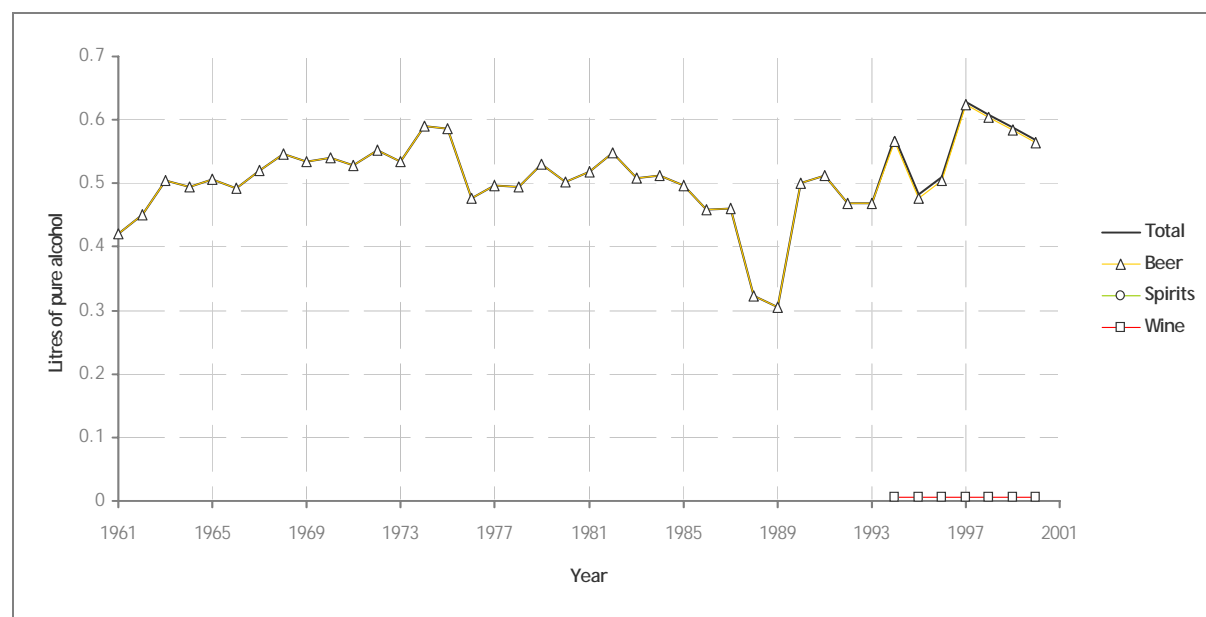


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Recorded adult per capita consumption (age 15+)



Note: No data on spirits available, and no data on wine prior to 1994.

Sources: FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), World Drink Trends 2003

Traditional alcoholic beverages

The Bhutanese consume *ara*, an alcohol distilled from the brewing of locally produced rice, barley and maize.¹

Morbidity, health and social problems from alcohol use

Cirrhosis of the liver caused the third highest number of recorded deaths in Bhutan in the year 2000. Of the deaths recorded in hospitals, the second highest was caused by injuries. Alcohol consumption is an important factor in both these problems.²

Country background information

Total population 2003	2 257 000	Life expectancy at birth (2002)	Male	60.2
Adult (15+)	1 331 630		Female	62.4
% under 15	41	Probability of dying under age 5 per 1000 (2002)	Male	93
Population distribution 2001 (%)			Female	92
Urban	7	Gross National Income per capita 2002	US\$	590
Rural	93			

Sources: Population and Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat, World Bank World Development Indicators database, The World Health Report 2004

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