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GREECE chapter



# Measuring Risky Drinking: A Joint AUDIT Survey ISSUP Greece & ISSUP Kazakhstan

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# POPULATION ESSENTIALS

DEMOGRAPHICS AND OTHER KEY INDICATORS



GREECE

TOTAL  
POPULATION



**10.32**  
MILLION

FEMALE  
POPULATION



**51.2%**

MALE  
POPULATION



**48.8%**

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE  
IN TOTAL POPULATION



**-0.4%**  
**-38 THOUSAND**

MEDIAN AGE OF  
THE POPULATION



**45.6**

URBAN  
POPULATION



**80.8%**

POPULATION DENSITY  
(PEOPLE PER KM<sup>2</sup>)



**78.9**

OVERALL LITERACY  
(ADULTS AGED 15+)



**93.9%**

FEMALE LITERACY  
(ADULTS AGED 15+)



**91.8%**

MALE LITERACY  
(ADULTS AGED 15+)



**96.1%**

19

SOURCES: KEPIOS ANALYSIS; UNITED NATIONS; LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES; WORLD BANK; UNESCO; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK; OUR WORLD IN DATA; INDEXMUNDI; KNOEMA.

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Greece ranks 95<sup>th</sup> country in the world in terms of both population and land area.

It is at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa.

**Key findings from the 2024 ESPAD survey  
regarding alcohol use among 15–16-year-old students in Greece  
and a comparison with the 2019 ESPAD survey:**

Indicator	Greece	ESPAD Europe Avg
Perceive alcohol easy to obtain	92 %	~78 %
Last-month alcohol use	~75 %	~48 %
Heavy episodic drinking (binge)	~35 %+	~31 %
Drunk in last month	≤ 10 %	~13 %

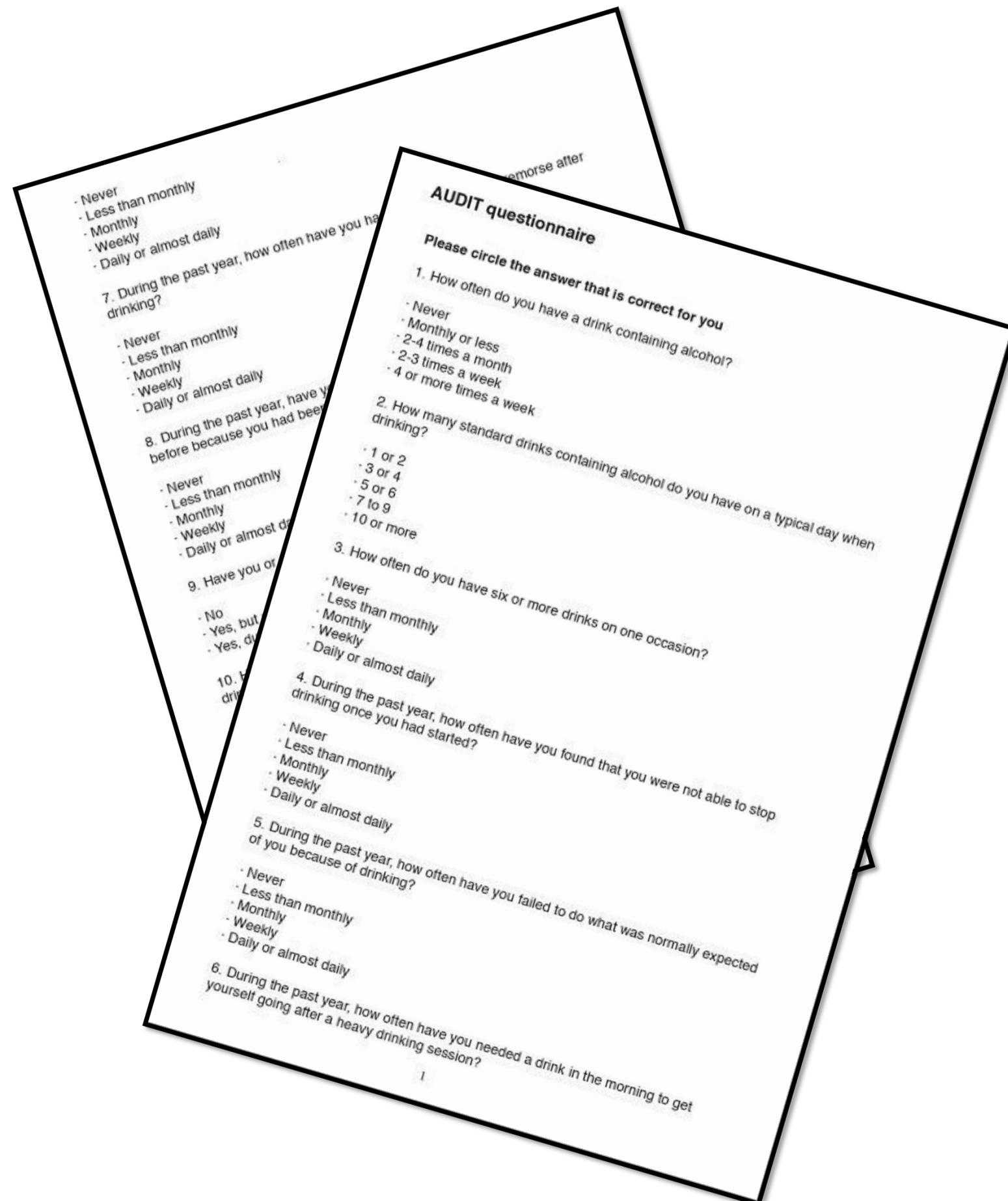
Indicator	2019	2024	Change
Lifetime alcohol use	~89%	~92%	↑ Slight increase
Alcohol use in last 30 days	~64%	~75%	↑ Noticeable rise
Binge drinking (last 30 days)	~38%	~35%	↓ Slight decrease
Drunk in last 30 days	~12%	≤ 10%	↓ Modest decrease
Perceived ease of access	~89%	92%	↑ High & stable

# Research Methodology

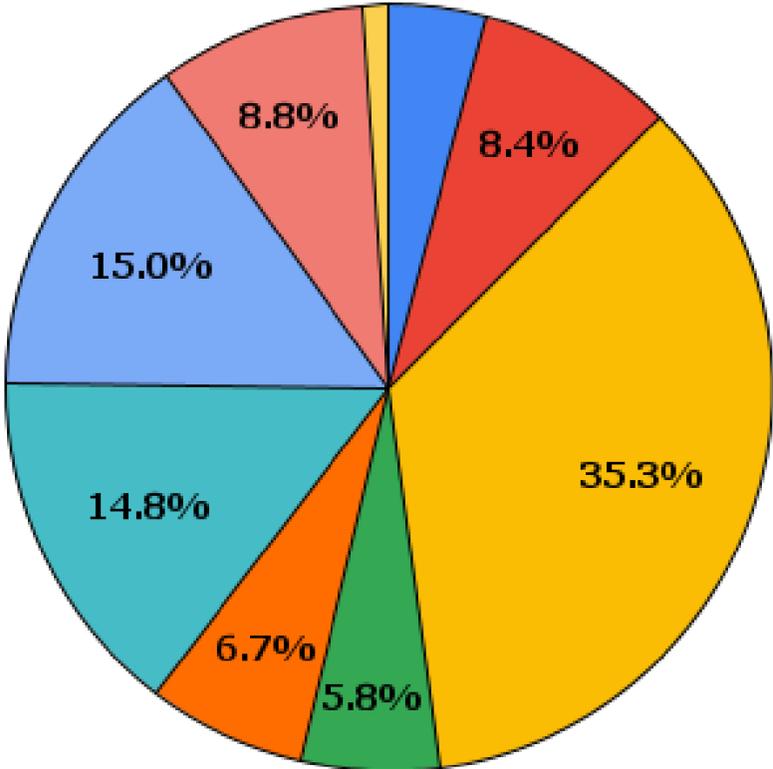
Data Based on 547 Completed AUDIT Forms

- Sample: Adults 18+
- Distribution: Through social media platforms
- Instrument: online full AUDIT adapted for Greece
- Objective: Study the prevalence of hazardous and harmful drinking
- Aim: study the need for developing prevention interventions on Alcohol Use

Collaboration ISSUP Greece & ISSUP Kazakhstan

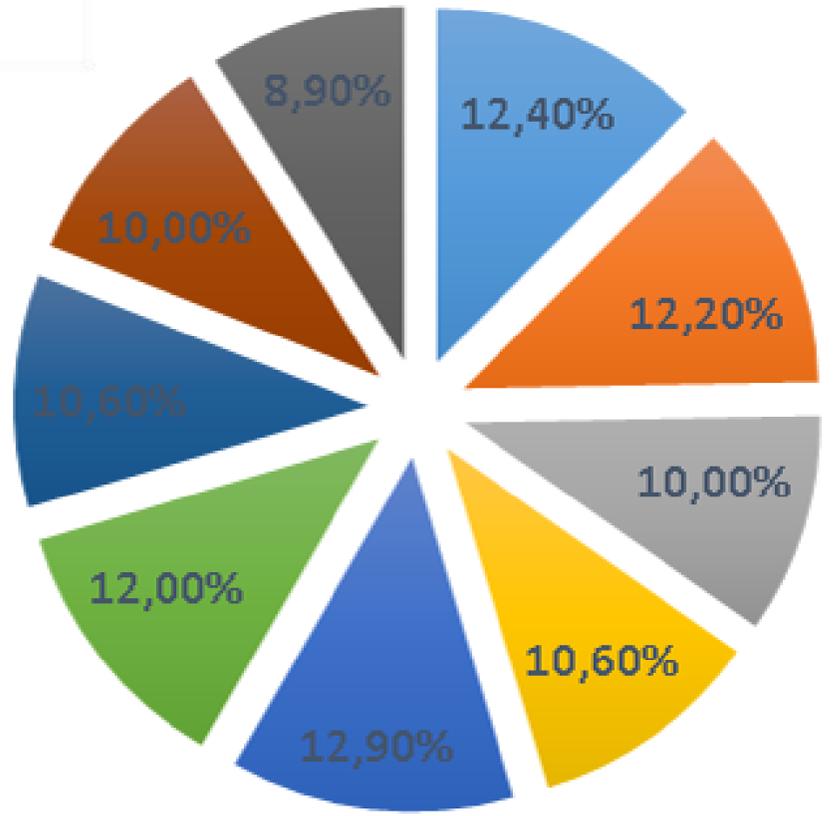


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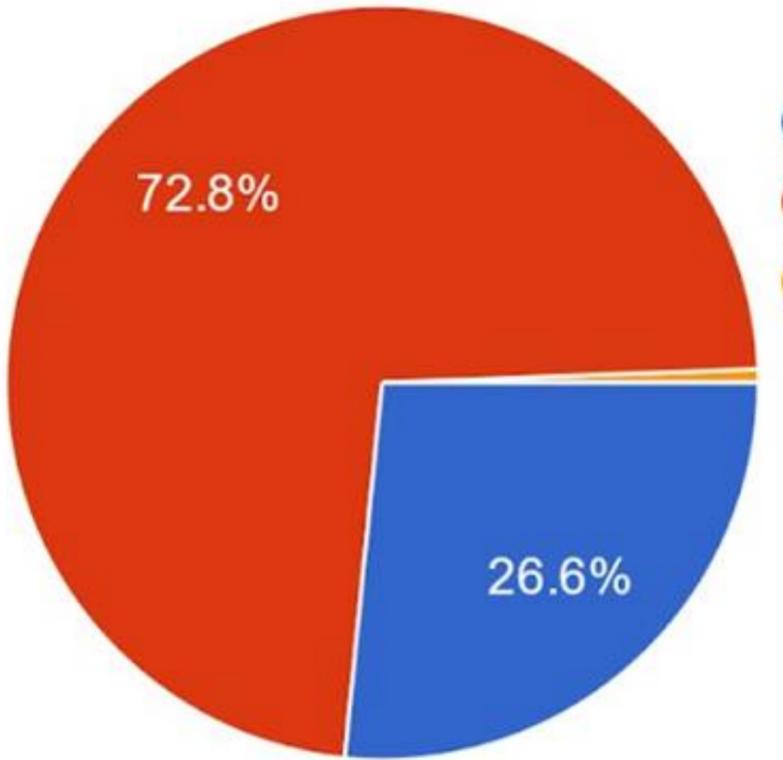


- Tekila
- Rum
- Wine
- Vodka
- Whiskey
- Beer
- Ouzo
- Gin
- None

AGE RANGE

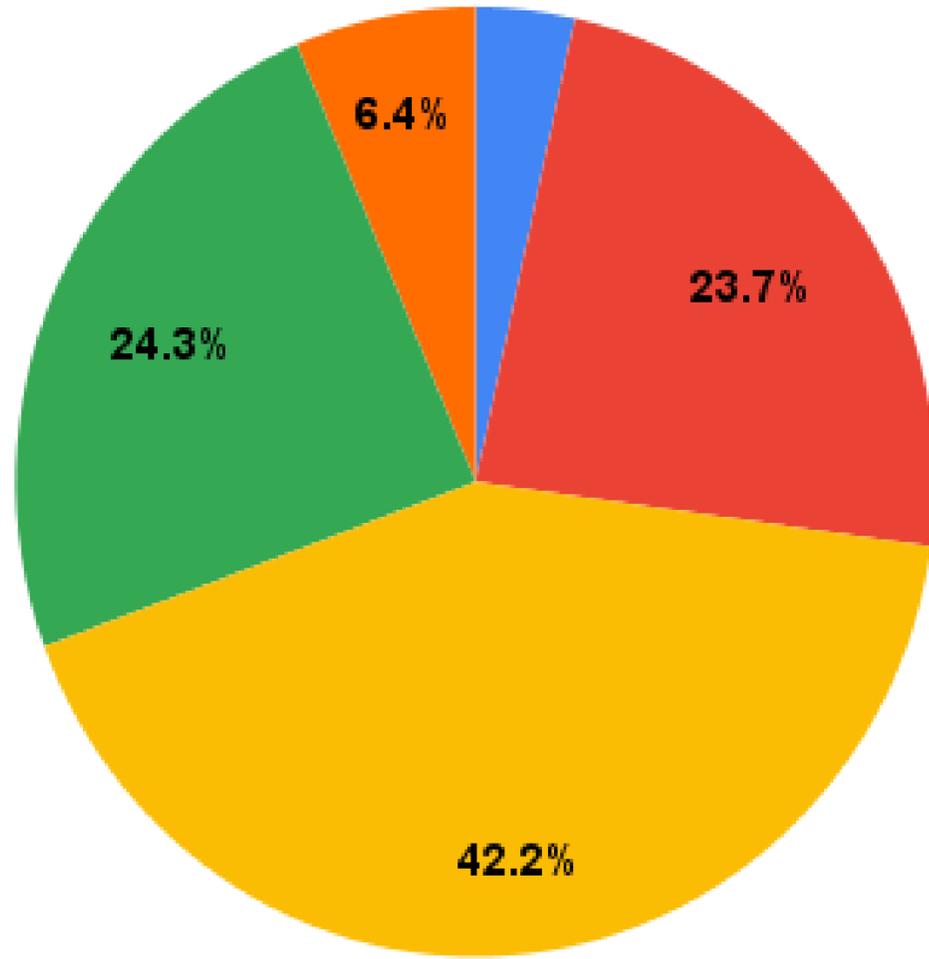


- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60+



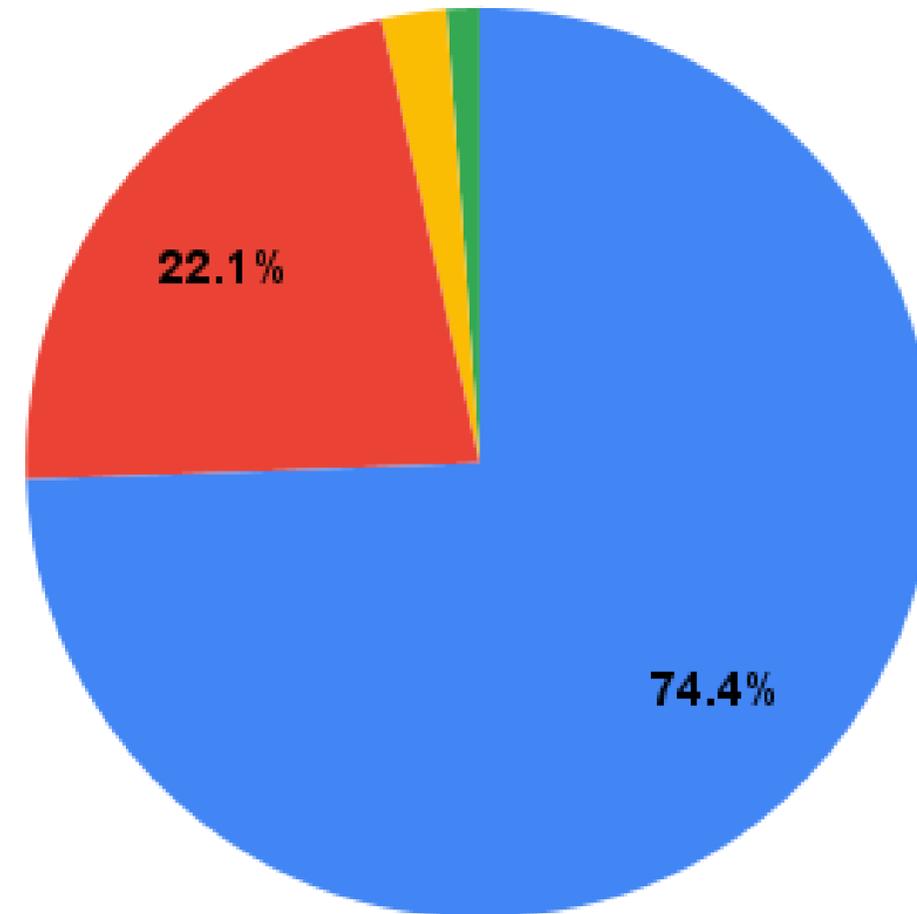
- MAN
- WOMAN
- OTHER

## HOW OFTEN DO YOU HAVE A DRINK CONTAINING ALCOHOL



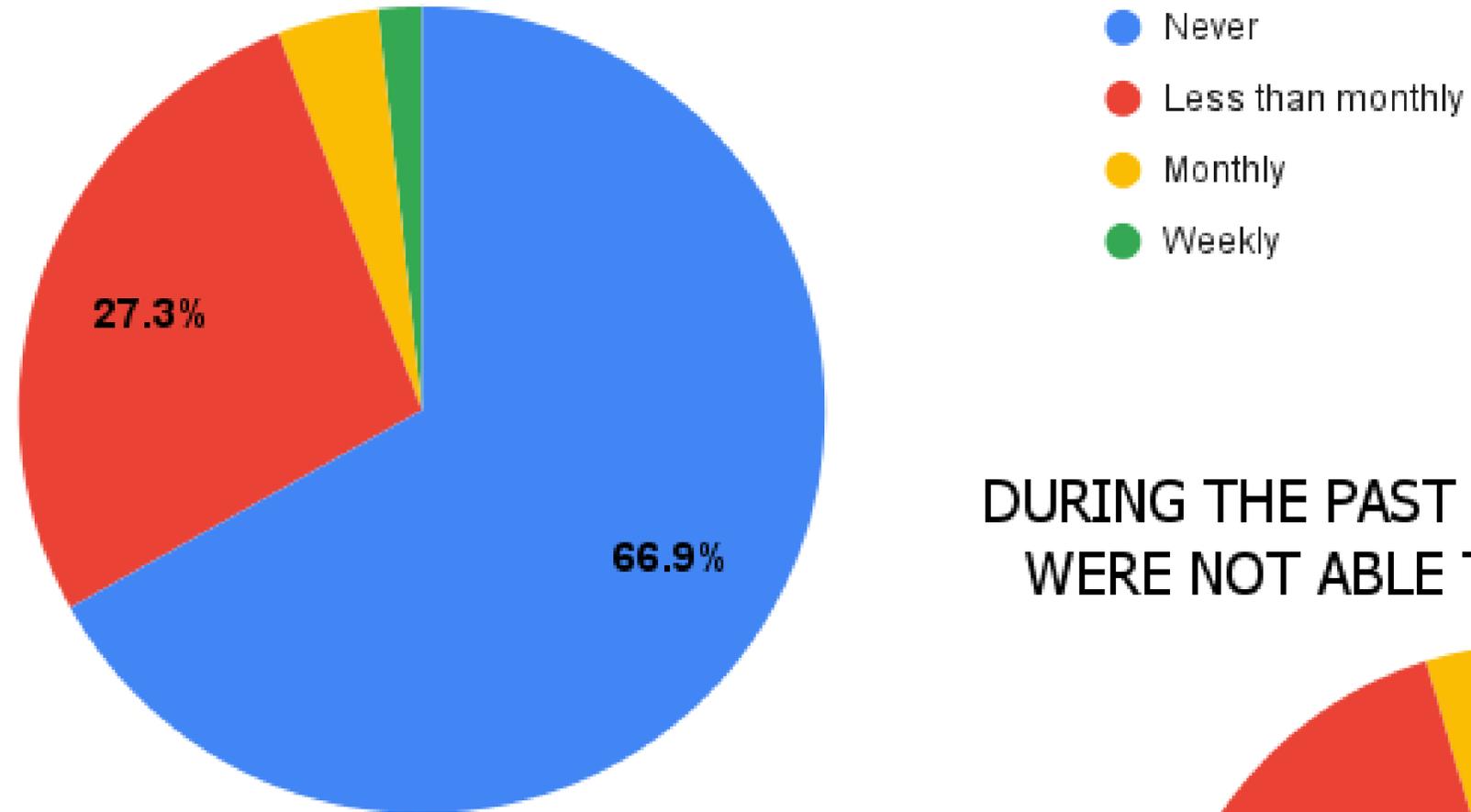
- Never
- Monthly or less
- 2 to 4 times a month
- 2 to 3 times a week
- 4 or more times a week

## HOW MANY STANDARD DRINKS CONTAINING ALCOHOL DO YOU HAVE ON A TYPICAL DRINKING DAY?

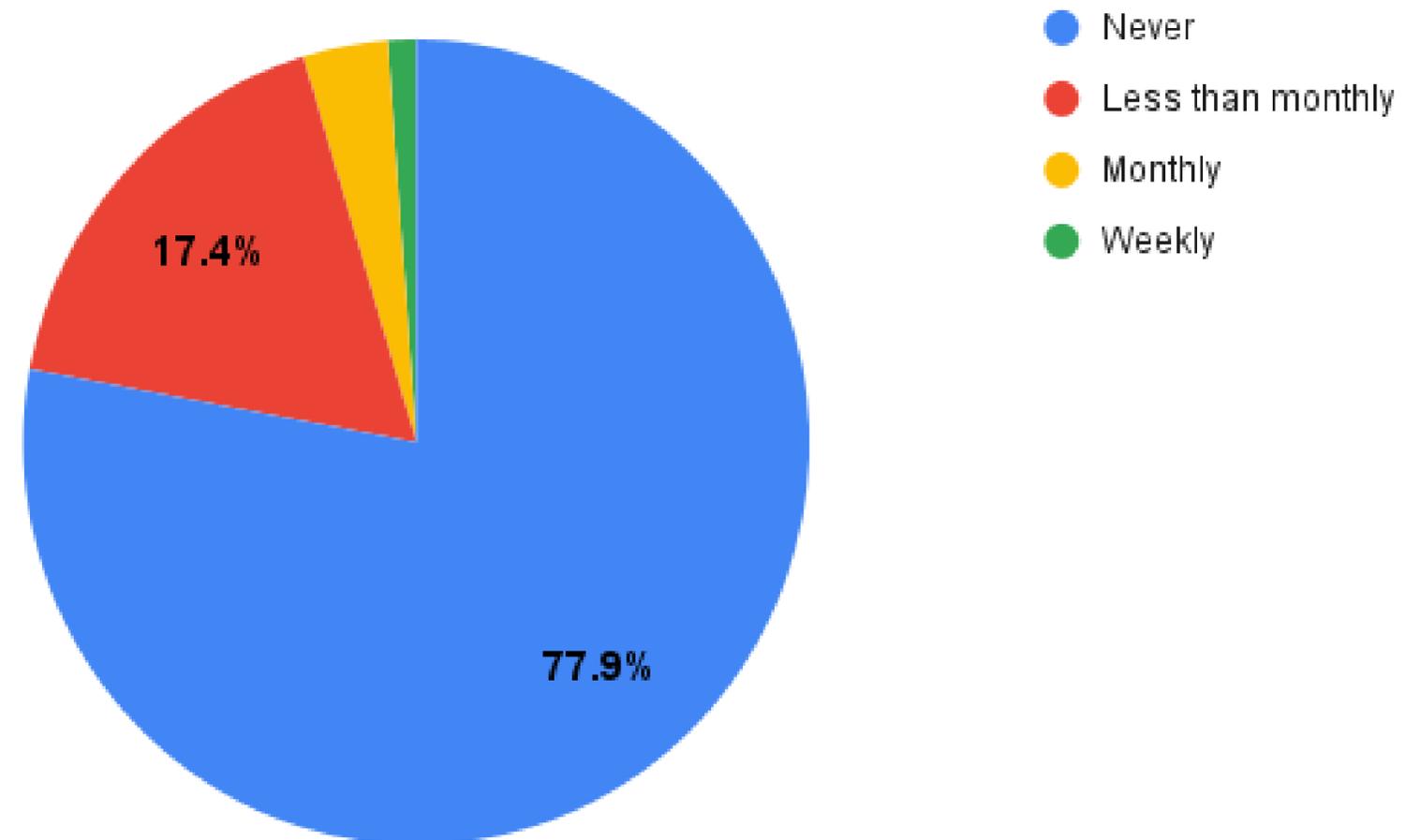


- 1 or 2
- 3 or 4
- 5 or 6
- 7, 8 or 9

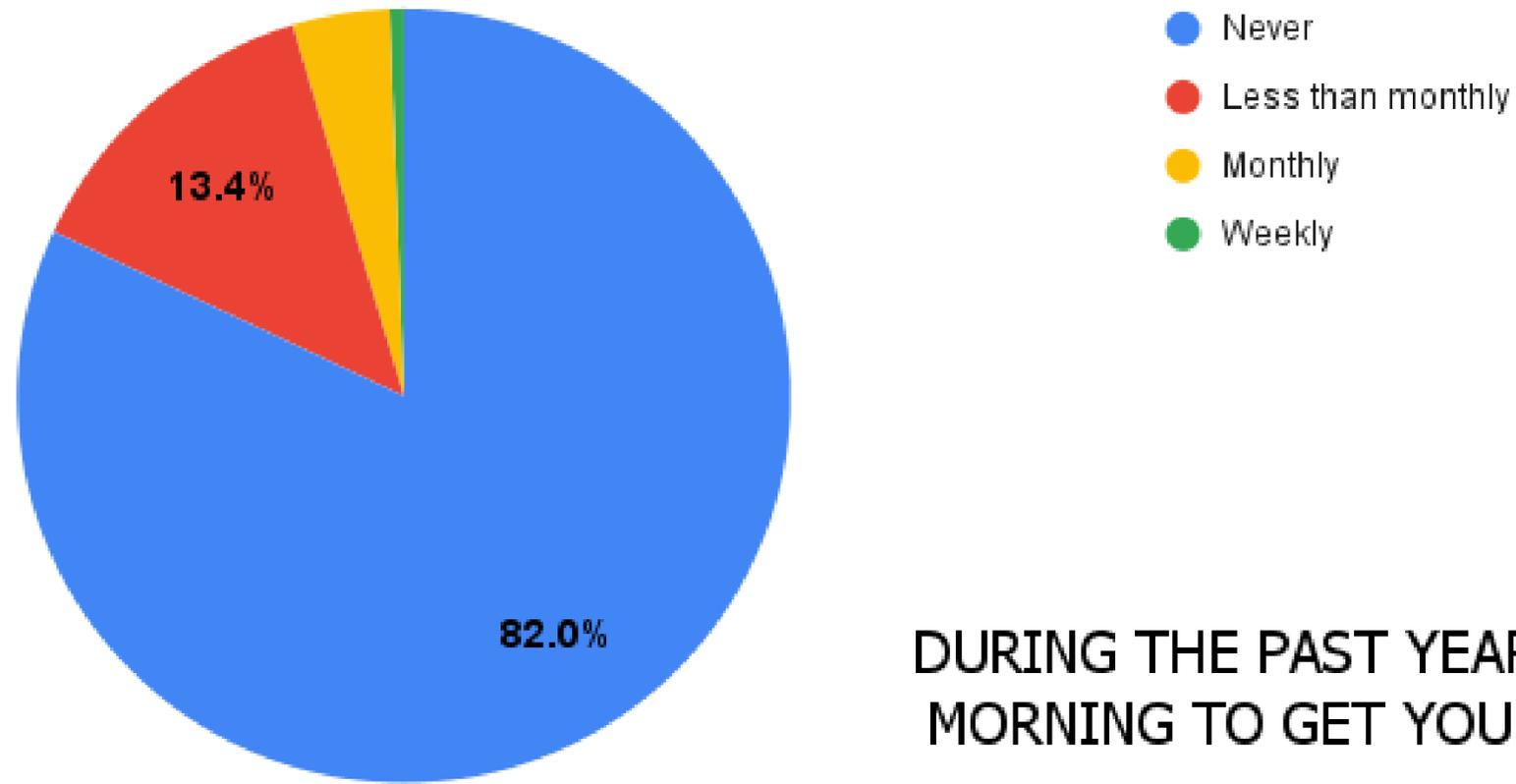
## HOW OFTEN DO YOU HAVE SIX OR MORE DRINKS ON ONE OCCASION ?



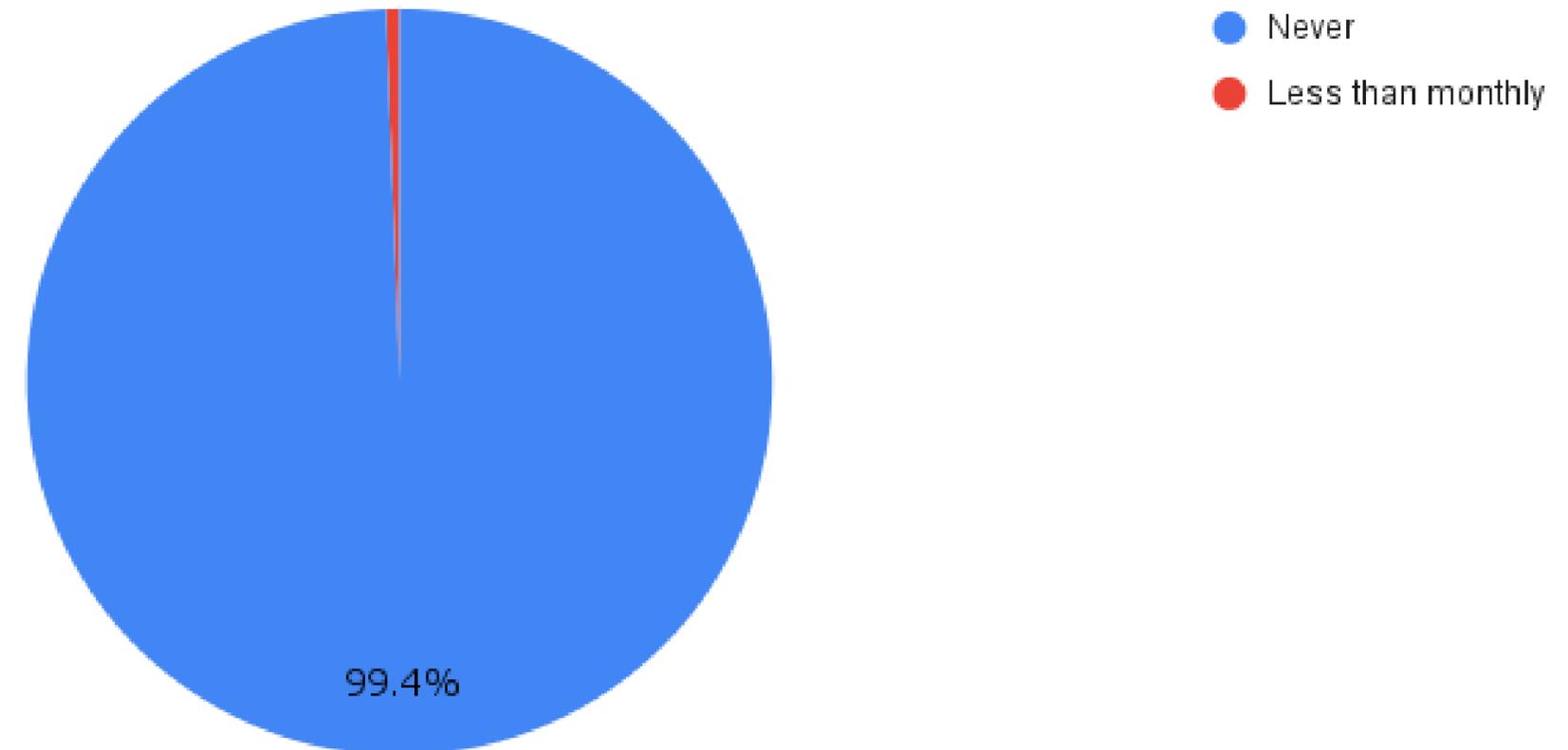
## DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU FOUND THAT YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO STOP DRINKING ONCE YOU HAVE STARTED?



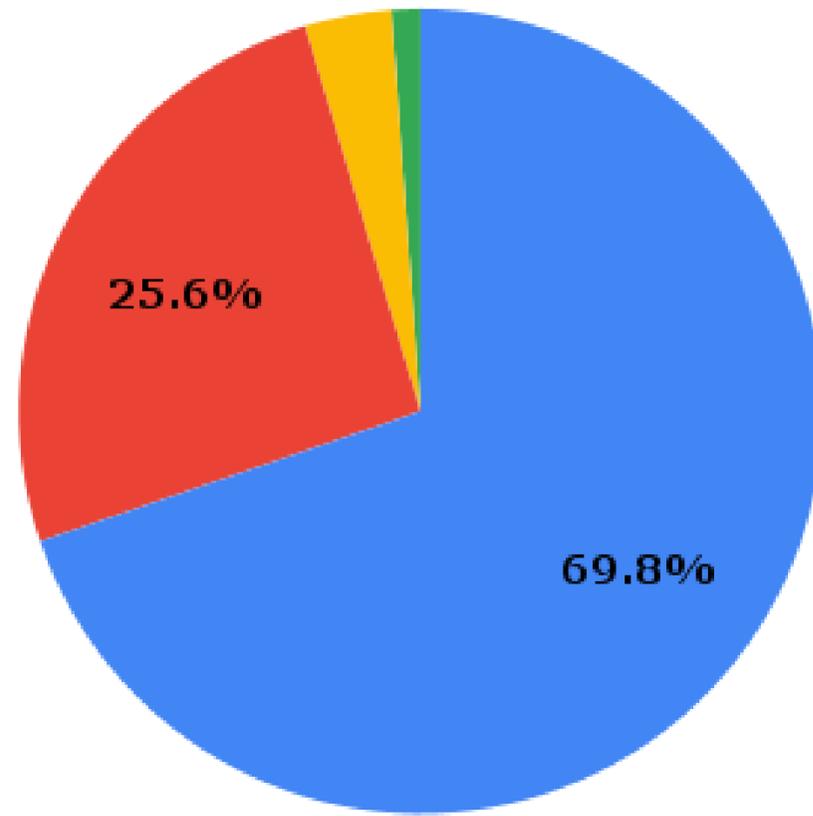
DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU FAILED TO DO WHAT WAS NORMALLY EXPECTED OF YOU BECAUSE OF DRINKING?



DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU NEEDED A DRINK IN THE MORNING TO GET YOURSELF GOING AFTER A HEAVY DRINKING SESSION?

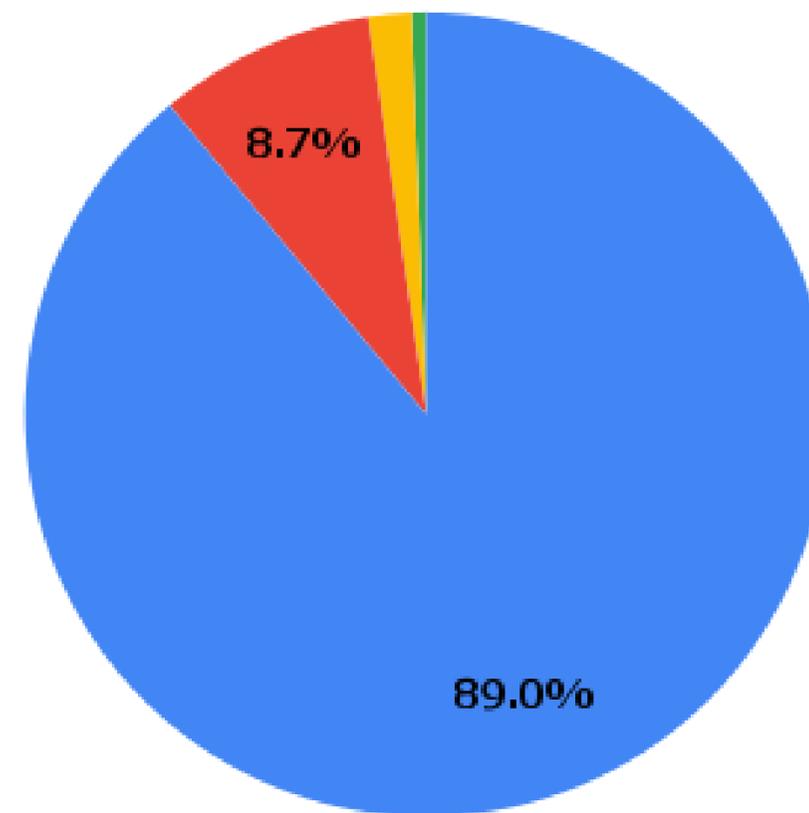


DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU HAD A FEELING OF GUILT OR REMORSE AFTER DRINKING?



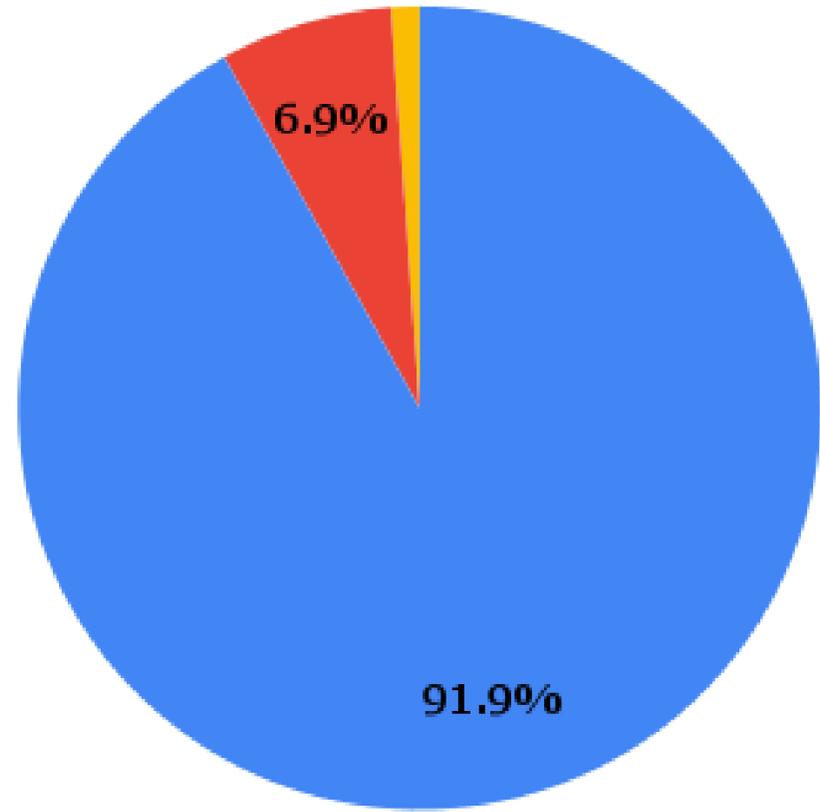
- Never
- Less than monthly
- Monthly
- Weekly

DURING THE PAST YEAR, HAVE YOU BEEN UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THE NIGHT BEFORE BECAUSE YOU HAD BEEN DRINKING?



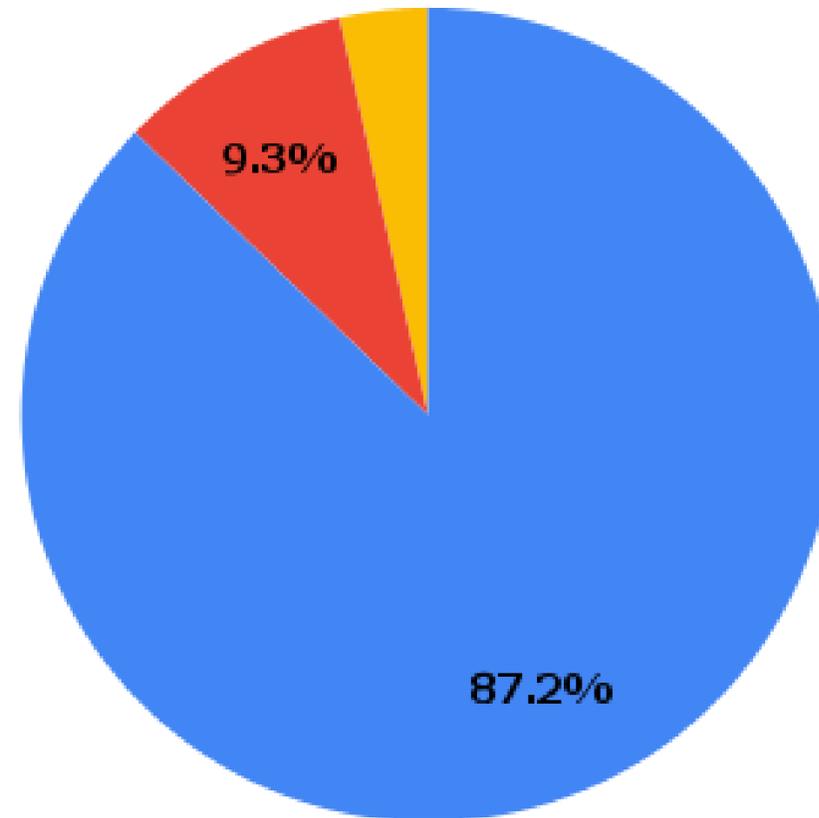
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# HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE BEEN INJURED AS A RESULT OF YOUR DRINKING?



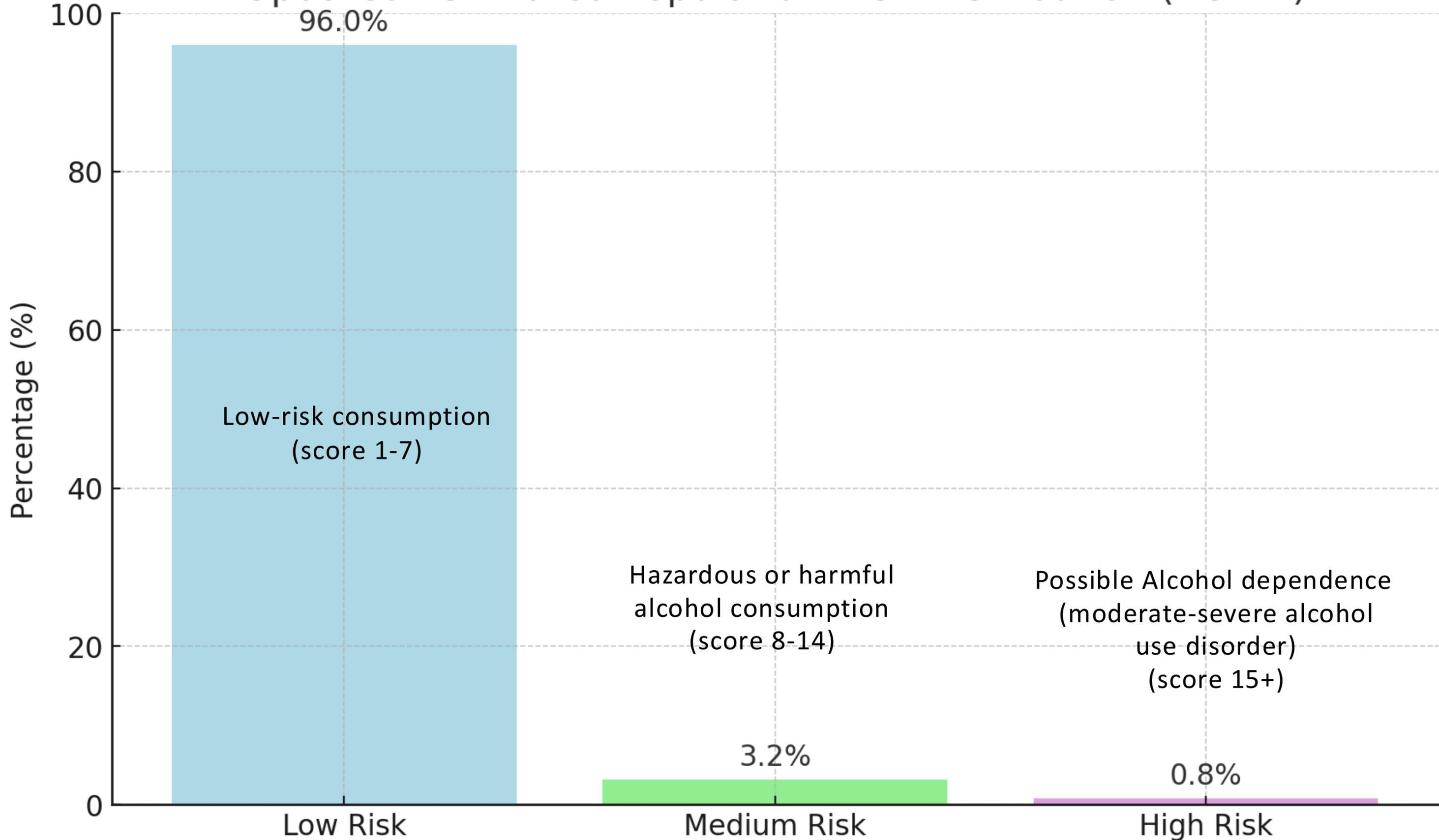
- No
- Yes, but not in the past year
- Yes, during the past year

# HAS A RELATIVE OR FRIEND, DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTH WORKER BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR DRINKING OR SUGGESTED YOU CUT DOWN?



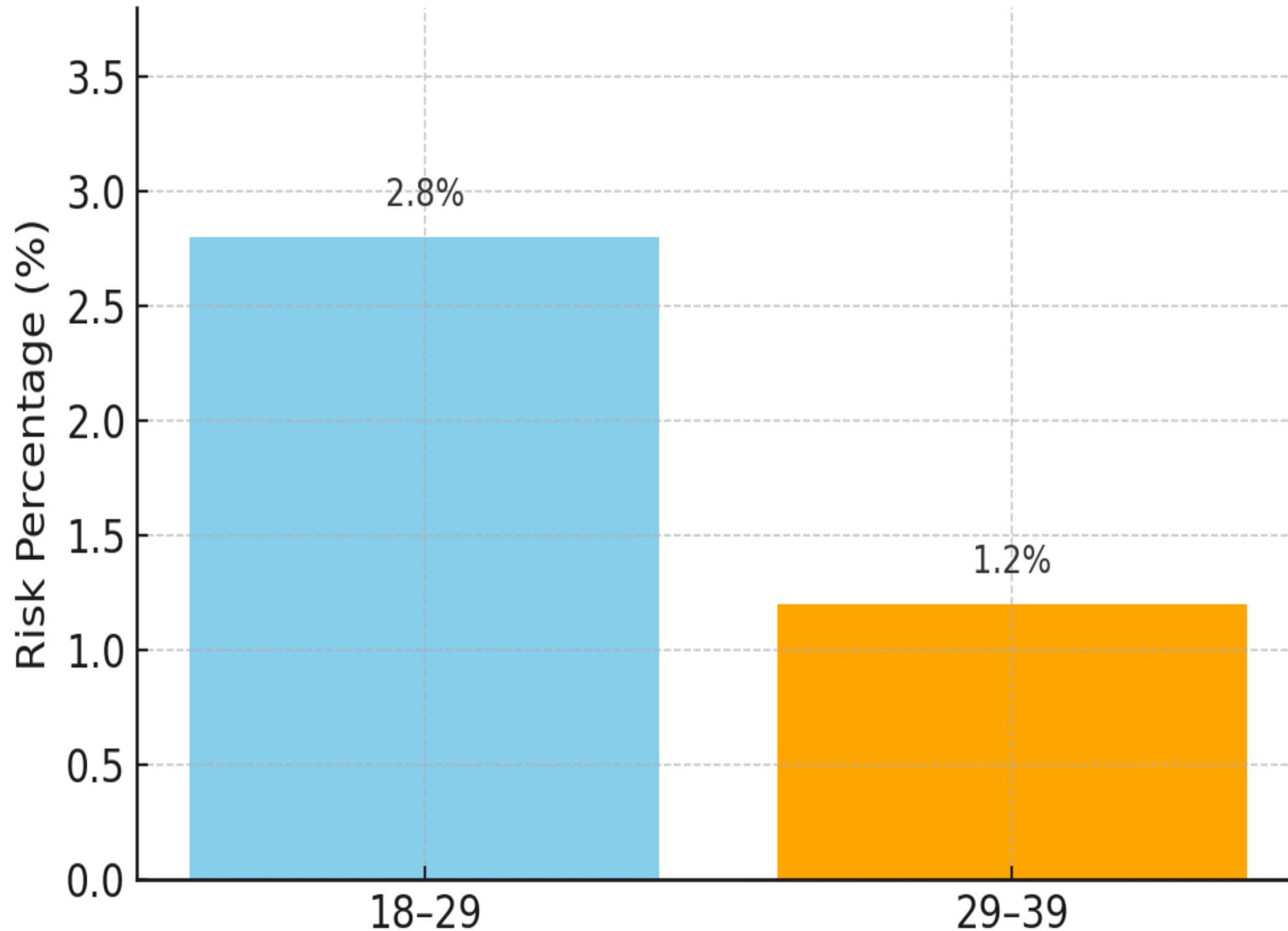
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- Yes, but not in the past year
- Yes, during the past year

# Updated Estimated Population Risk Distribution (AUDIT)





# Medium and High Risk by Age Group



ESPAD 2024 shows that 3-4% of students aged 15-16 reported behaviours aligning with medium to high risk alcohol use.



The 3,5% is mirrors the ESPAD data indicating it's a representative and concerning trend.



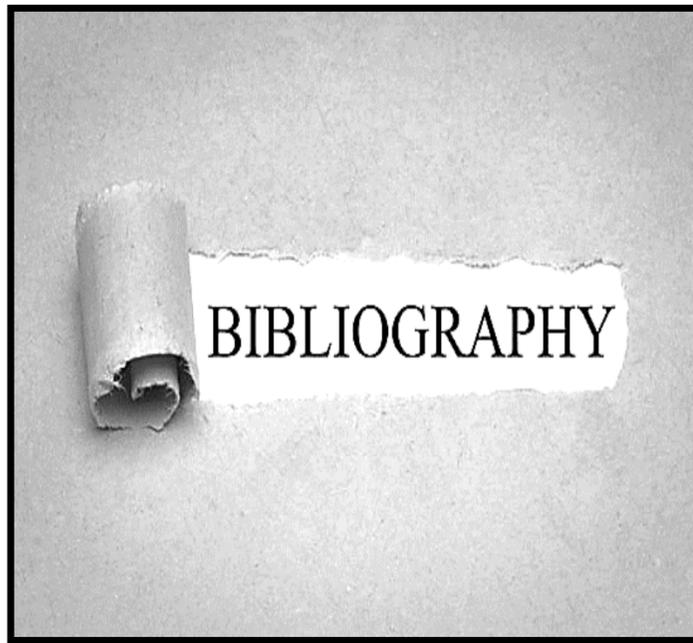
Strengthen Environmental and Community prevention interventions to reduce access



School based Prevention Programmes that are mandatory for all school settings



Every 1€ in Prevention saves 4€ - 7€ in societal savings



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