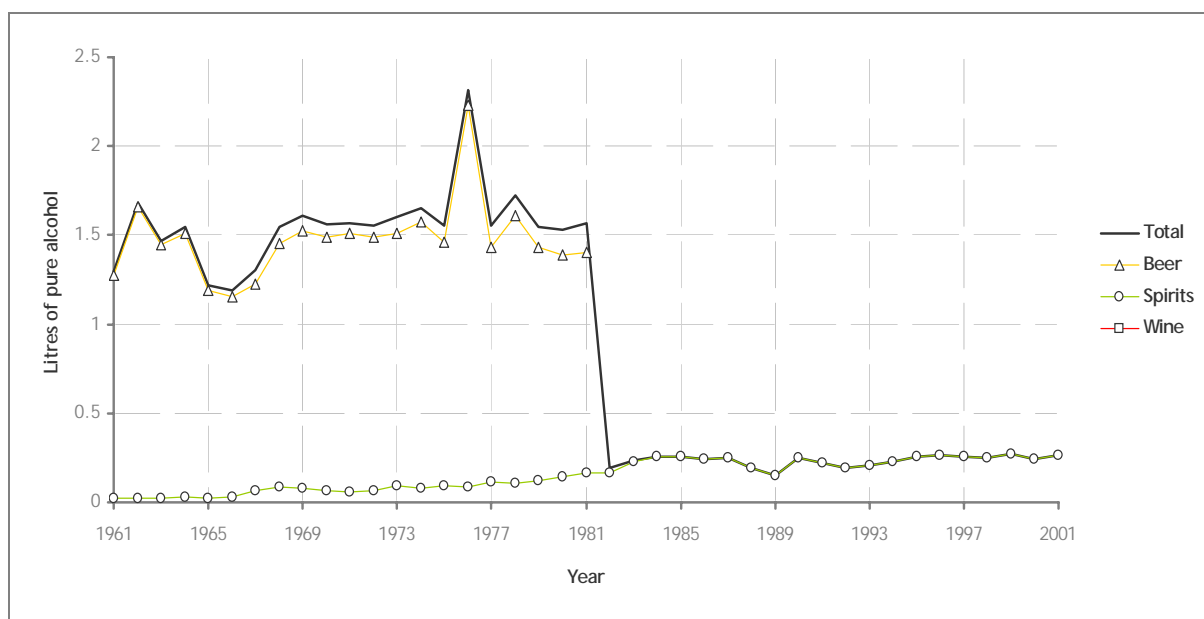


SUDAN (THE)

Recorded adult per capita consumption (age 15+)



Note: No data on beer consumption available after 1981.

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

Alcohol users among a prison population

In a study looking at 1569 prisoners in three main prisons in Khartoum, it was found that 32.2% of the sample used alcohol (which was the most frequently used drug).¹

Traditional alcoholic beverages

Merisa (traditional beer) is an alcoholic drink which is widely consumed in the Sudan. It is prepared from sorghum and millet by a relatively complex process. It has an alcoholic content of 6%.

Unrecorded alcohol consumption

The unrecorded alcohol consumption in the Sudan is estimated to be 1.0 litre pure alcohol per capita for population older than 15 for the years after 1995 (estimated by a group of key alcohol experts).²

Morbidity, health and social problems from alcohol use

Data from the Ministry of Health Division of Health Statistics and Research show that between 1979 and 1983 there were a total of 1079 alcohol-related inpatients (87% were male).³

Between 1979 and 1983, there were 210 cases of homicide and/or suicide that involved use of alcohol either by the victim or offender prior to the incident.³

Between 1979 and 1983, there were 5249 traffic charges involving drunk driving (this was 1.1% of the total traffic charges during that period).³

Country background information

Total population 2003	33 610 000	Life expectancy at birth (2002)	Male	54.9
Adult (15+)	20 502 100		Female	59.3
% under 15	39	Probability of dying under age 5 per 1000 (2002)	Male	111
Population distribution 2001 (%)			Female	106
Urban	37	Gross National Income per capita 2002	US\$	350
Rural	63	In the Sudan, approximately 70% of the population are Muslim.		

Sources: Population and Statistics Division of the United Nations Secretariat, World Bank World Development Indicators database, The World Factbook 2003, The World Health Report 2004

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