

# WHAT'S IN A DRINK?

12 fl oz of  
regular beer

=

8–9 fl oz of  
malt liquor  
(shown in a  
12 oz glass)

=

5 fl oz of  
table wine

=

1.5 fl oz shot of  
distilled spirits  
(gin, rum, tequila,  
vodka, whiskey, etc.)



about 5%  
alcohol



about 7%  
alcohol



about 12%  
alcohol



about 40%  
alcohol

Each beverage portrayed above represents one standard drink of "pure" alcohol, defined in the United States as 0.6 fl oz or 14 grams. The percent of pure alcohol, expressed here as alcohol by volume (alc/vol), varies within and across beverage types. Although the standard drink amounts are helpful for following health guidelines, they may not reflect customary serving sizes.

[www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/overview-alcohol-consumption/what-standard-drink](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/overview-alcohol-consumption/what-standard-drink)



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