

Problem Drinking Causes Disease and Injury

DIRECT PRIMARY CAUSES OF DISEASE (AMONG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES)	
Alcohol Poisoning	100%
Alcoholic Heart Disease (cardiomyopathy)	100%
Alcoholic Gastritis	100%
Alcoholic Liver Cirrhosis	100%
Alcoholic Nerve Disease (polyneuropathy)	100%
Alcoholic Psychoses	100%
Alcoholism	100%
SECONDARY CAUSES OF DISEASE (AMONG PEOPLE AGE 35 OR OLDER)	
Cancer	
Lip, Mouth & Pharynx	50% (<i>men</i>), 40% (<i>women</i>)
Esophagus	75%
Larynx	50% (<i>men</i>), 40% (<i>women</i>)
Liver & Bile Ducts	15%
Stomach	20%
Diabetes	5%
Gastrointestinal Disease	10%
Heart Disease	
Essential Hypertension	8%
Stroke	7%
Liver Disease	50%
Pancreatitis	
Acute	42%
Chronic	60%
Pneumonia/Influenza	5%
Tuberculosis	25%
INJURIES ATTRIBUTED TO ALCOHOL	
Motor Vehicles	
Fatalities	41%
Injuries	9%
Burns	45%
Drowning	38%
*Falls	35%
*Self-inflicted (including suicide)	28%
*Violence (including homicide)	46%

*Among people ages 15 and older

Sources: NIAAA (1993); Stinson (1993); NHTSA (2002)