Derived Variable - Alcohol Use (ALC)
(Tracking and Comprehensive Assessments)

There is one derived variable (DV) in the Alcohol Use (ALC) module. This DV is created for participants in both the Tracking and Comprehensive assessments. For simplicity, we describe it for the Tracking assessment; however, the process of creating the DV for the Comprehensive assessment is identical. Distinguishing the two are the variable name endings; all variable names in the Tracking assessment end in 'TRM' and in the Comprehensive assessment in 'COM'. For example, the DV named ALC_TTM_**TRM** in the Tracking assessment is named ALC_TTM_**COM** in the Comprehensive assessment.

1.0 TYPE OF DRINKER (IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

1.1 Derived Variable Name:

ALC_TTM_TRM

1.2 Description:

This variable indicates the type of drinker the respondent is based on his/her drinking habits in the past 12 months.

This DV is similar to the variable "ALCDTTM" in Statistics Canada's Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) – Healthy Aging.

1.3 Based on:

ALC_EVER_TRM, ALC_FREQ_TRM

1.4 Derived Variable Specifications:

Value	Condition(s)	Description	Notes
9	ALC_EVER_TRM =(8, 9) or ALC_FREQ_TRM = (77, 98, 99)	At least one required question was not answered (i.e. don't know, refusal, not stated, missing)	These participants are excluded from further classification
3	ALC_EVER_TRM = 02 or ALC_FREQ_TRM = 96	Did not drink in the last 12 months	These participants are excluded from further classification
2	ALC_FREQ_TRM = 07	Occasional drinker	
1	01 ≤ ALC_FREQ_TRM ≤ 06	Regular drinker (At least once a month)	