Estimating Alcohol Quantities

As a general rule to promote moderate drinking, provide no more than 1 drink per person per hour.

For beer (5% alcohol), the approximate number of standard drinks in
- Pony keg (7.75 gallons, 12 ounce cups) = 82
- U.S. keg/half barrel (15.5 gallons, 12 ounce cups) = 165

For table wine (12% alcohol), the approximate number of standard drinks in
- A standard 750-mL (25-oz.) bottle = 5
- A magnum (64 ounces) = 13

For 80-proof spirits, or “hard liquor,” the approximate number of standard drinks in
- A mixed drink = 1 or more*
- A pint (16 oz.) = 11
- A fifth (25 oz.) = 17
- A handle (1.75 L or 59 oz.) = 39

For 100-proof spirits, or “hard liquor,” the approximate number of standard drinks in
- A mixed drink = 1 or more*
- A pint (16 oz.) = 16
- A fifth (25 oz.) = 25
- A handle (1.75 L or 59 oz.) = 49

*Note: It can be difficult to estimate the number of standard drinks in a single mixed drink made with hard liquor. Depending on factors such as the type of spirits and the recipe, a mixed drink can contain from one to three or more standard drinks.