

## DRINKING PROBLEMS INDEX

To score the DPI, we count the number of affirmative responses to individual items. Specifically, we first re-code the response scale from 0 (never) to 4 (often). Next, we assign one point to each item whose value ranges from 1 to 4. However, because becoming high and drinking to forget are mild drinking problem criteria, we assign one point to these items (a and o) only if they have a value of 3 or 4. We then sum the points over the items.

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