

**Table 4.16A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Initiated Alcohol Use in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2003, Based on 2002-2004 NSDUHs**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup>	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	3,261	1,817	1,444	17.4	96.1	223.0
1966	2,968	1,638	1,330	17.1	86.6	213.3
1967	3,604	1,959	1,645	17.2	104.4	246.2
1968	3,552	2,059	1,493	17.2	108.2	216.3
1969	3,893	2,213	1,679	17.1	115.3	259.3
1970	4,003	2,390	1,613	16.9	122.2	261.0
1971	3,922	2,441	1,481	16.8	125.4	239.0
1972	4,272	2,703	1,569	16.9	141.9	260.1
1973	4,072	2,685	1,387	16.5	142.7	234.9
1974	4,211	2,845	1,366	16.7	153.4	233.1
1975	3,919	2,597	1,322	16.6	140.9	226.0
1976	3,930	2,600	1,330	16.6	142.6	229.0
1977	4,130	2,811	1,319	16.4	158.8	242.3
1978	3,852	2,702	1,150	16.3	159.2	209.8
1979	3,993	2,721	1,273	16.5	167.1	235.4
1980	3,626	2,453	1,173	16.6	155.1	220.8
1981	3,606	2,461	1,145	16.7	158.9	214.7
1982	3,466	2,403	1,063	16.6	152.9	202.9
1983	3,289	2,199	1,090	16.5	141.4	217.7
1984	3,365	2,367	998	16.5	156.6	198.4
1985	3,263	2,237	1,026	16.7	149.6	212.7
1986	3,316	2,404	912	16.1	165.0	192.6
1987	3,119	2,063	1,057	16.7	144.7	218.4
1988	2,909	1,971	938	16.4	138.9	194.7
1989	3,195	2,140	1,055	16.7	152.3	210.2
1990	2,933	1,941	993	16.8	135.3	198.0
1991	2,890	1,875	1,015	16.6	125.7	211.1
1992	3,059	2,009	1,050	16.8	128.9	207.5
1993	3,190	2,192	998	16.4	138.4	198.0
1994	3,311	2,260	1,051	16.2	137.5	206.5
1995	3,299	2,218	1,081	16.5	132.4	209.1
1996	3,473	2,338	1,136	16.6	134.5	221.3
1997	3,668	2,538	1,130	16.3	141.8	220.4
1998	3,882	2,633	1,248	16.4	145.8	238.8
1999	4,072	2,832	1,240	16.5	155.6	233.2
2000	4,764	3,358	1,407	16.3	191.6	273.3
2001 <sup>2</sup>	4,906	3,500	1,406	16.3	200.7	277.4
2002 <sup>3</sup>	5,240	3,748	1,492	16.2	216.6	290.0
2003 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	1,442	--	228.2	284.1

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential bias from reporting and other sources.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who initiated use of the drug in the specified year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 and 2004 data only.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated using 2004 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

**Table 4.17A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Initiated Alcohol Use in the United States by Underage and Legal Drinking Age Groups, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2003, Based on 2002-2004 NSDUHs**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup>	
	All Ages	Under 21	21 or Older		12-20	21-25
1965	3,261	2,677	584	17.4	123.1	172.8
1966	2,968	2,524	444	17.1	114.7	156.4
1967	3,604	3,099	505	17.2	139.9	162.5
1968	3,552	3,011	542	17.2	134.9	153.1
1969	3,893	3,276	616	17.1	146.7	201.3
1970	4,003	3,361	642	16.9	149.7	211.4
1971	3,922	3,314	609	16.8	149.1	182.8
1972	4,272	3,610	662	16.9	165.0	212.9
1973	4,072	3,648	424	16.5	169.3	127.5
1974	4,211	3,694	517	16.7	173.7	159.6
1975	3,919	3,449	470	16.6	163.8	142.1
1976	3,930	3,435	494	16.6	165.1	150.4
1977	4,130	3,678	452	16.4	182.1	149.7
1978	3,852	3,405	447	16.3	174.7	147.7
1979	3,993	3,518	476	16.5	187.0	164.7
1980	3,626	3,219	407	16.6	176.4	133.8
1981	3,606	3,210	396	16.7	179.6	123.2
1982	3,466	3,052	414	16.6	169.6	132.2
1983	3,289	2,865	424	16.5	160.6	156.5
1984	3,365	2,987	378	16.5	172.2	126.4
1985	3,263	2,846	417	16.7	167.1	149.4
1986	3,316	2,950	366	16.1	175.8	143.7
1987	3,119	2,698	422	16.7	164.0	157.8
1988	2,909	2,524	385	16.4	152.1	163.3
1989	3,195	2,734	461	16.7	165.4	182.8
1990	2,933	2,465	468	16.8	147.0	187.1
1991	2,890	2,446	444	16.6	142.7	180.9
1992	3,059	2,566	493	16.8	143.7	182.9
1993	3,190	2,767	423	16.4	151.8	162.6
1994	3,311	2,869	442	16.2	152.3	170.0
1995	3,299	2,847	451	16.5	148.4	169.3
1996	3,473	2,983	490	16.6	151.5	180.5
1997	3,668	3,220	448	16.3	158.9	167.5
1998	3,882	3,413	468	16.4	166.2	173.6
1999	4,072	3,561	511	16.5	171.4	191.0
2000	4,764	4,189	575	16.3	207.9	231.9
2001 <sup>2</sup>	4,906	4,347	559	16.3	216.8	229.1
2002 <sup>3</sup>	5,240	4,634	606	16.2	233.1	235.4
2003 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	602	--	244.2	214.3

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential bias from reporting and other sources.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who initiated use of the drug in the specified year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 and 2004 data only.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated using 2004 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

**Table 4.18A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Initiated Cigarette Use in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2003, Based on 2002-2004 NSDUHs**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup>	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	2,714	2,158	556	14.9	125.5	89.4
1966	2,600	1,921	680	15.3	110.3	96.7
1967	3,131	2,397	734	15.3	142.2	99.5
1968	3,046	2,186	860	15.6	123.2	112.3
1969	2,905	2,300	605	15.2	130.7	75.7
1970	3,133	2,418	716	15.2	132.8	89.4
1971	3,214	2,533	681	15.1	140.8	82.8
1972	3,487	2,644	842	15.3	149.5	99.6
1973	3,542	2,834	707	14.8	159.3	81.6
1974	3,418	2,754	665	14.8	156.7	78.1
1975	3,324	2,588	737	15.3	151.4	79.4
1976	3,309	2,581	728	15.2	157.7	78.3
1977	2,921	2,326	595	15.0	138.7	64.5
1978	3,056	2,461	595	15.3	154.1	58.9
1979	2,853	2,188	664	15.4	137.6	69.5
1980	2,650	1,953	697	15.8	127.3	71.2
1981	2,653	1,982	671	15.4	126.2	70.7
1982	2,531	1,978	553	15.6	127.4	54.2
1983	2,640	2,061	579	15.7	135.2	55.4
1984	2,435	1,875	560	15.5	122.4	57.4
1985	2,576	1,949	626	15.6	129.7	64.7
1986	2,362	1,815	547	15.5	120.0	57.1
1987	2,416	1,771	645	15.6	117.3	68.0
1988	2,503	1,820	683	15.5	120.0	70.8
1989	2,404	1,757	647	15.8	118.1	65.8
1990	2,402	1,742	659	15.7	114.4	65.7
1991	2,497	1,842	655	15.6	117.4	65.2
1992	2,596	1,857	739	15.9	115.6	70.7
1993	2,716	2,070	647	15.3	127.5	63.9
1994	2,863	2,175	688	15.3	129.1	66.6
1995	3,039	2,353	686	15.2	137.3	68.3
1996	3,237	2,444	794	15.5	142.1	78.8
1997	3,239	2,388	851	15.6	134.4	85.6
1998	3,119	2,414	705	15.4	135.6	72.9
1999	3,116	2,323	793	15.8	131.8	81.5
2000	3,019	2,261	757	15.9	127.7	74.1
2001 <sup>2</sup>	2,791	2,104	687	15.9	115.3	66.7
2002 <sup>3</sup>	2,644	1,874	770	16.4	101.4	70.5
2003 <sup>3</sup>	--	--	711	--	102.1	67.5

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential bias from reporting and other sources.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who initiated use of the drug in the specified year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 and 2004 data only.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated using 2004 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

**Table 4.19A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Initiated Daily Cigarette Use in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2003, Based on 2002-2004 NSDUHs**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup>	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	1,545	777	768	17.7	38.3	59.4
1966	1,589	822	768	17.6	39.9	57.2
1967	1,782	908	874	17.4	44.1	63.5
1968	1,727	684	1,044	18.2	31.3	70.2
1969	1,906	880	1,026	18.1	40.7	66.5
1970	1,820	935	885	18.0	43.3	52.7
1971	1,830	934	896	17.8	42.9	50.8
1972	1,972	1,047	925	17.5	47.5	52.2
1973	2,134	1,123	1,011	17.7	49.7	53.0
1974	2,139	1,226	913	17.4	55.0	48.7
1975	2,156	1,249	907	17.3	56.4	47.6
1976	1,974	1,120	854	17.7	52.1	40.7
1977	1,884	1,067	817	17.6	49.2	38.8
1978	1,864	1,019	845	18.1	47.8	38.2
1979	1,732	936	797	17.8	45.4	37.2
1980	1,710	876	834	18.3	42.3	35.3
1981	1,603	846	757	18.1	42.3	33.3
1982	1,592	787	805	18.4	38.9	34.9
1983	1,516	766	750	18.4	38.7	31.4
1984	1,403	701	702	18.1	36.5	31.0
1985	1,389	733	657	17.9	38.5	30.0
1986	1,360	746	614	18.3	39.6	26.1
1987	1,469	702	767	18.5	37.2	32.5
1988	1,326	627	699	18.9	34.4	28.2
1989	1,343	631	712	18.3	34.4	32.3
1990	1,408	655	753	18.9	36.3	32.3
1991	1,463	667	796	18.9	36.1	33.4
1992	1,466	737	729	18.6	39.2	30.4
1993	1,434	783	651	17.9	40.9	29.5
1994	1,595	841	754	18.4	42.6	32.4
1995	1,608	883	725	18.0	43.5	33.4
1996	1,950	1,010	940	18.8	48.4	40.9
1997	1,960	1,048	911	18.4	49.4	41.9
1998	1,811	996	815	17.9	45.6	39.3
1999	1,827	986	841	18.2	44.6	38.9
2000	1,855	971	883	18.5	43.0	39.3
2001	1,639	883	756	18.8	39.1	32.2
2002 <sup>2</sup>	1,519	818	701	18.9	35.3	28.7
2003 <sup>3</sup>	1,356	702	654	18.9	29.5	26.3

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Daily Cigarette Use is defined as ever smoking every day for at least 30 days.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential bias from reporting and other sources.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who initiated use of the drug in the specified year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 and 2004 data only.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated using 2004 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

**Table 4.20A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Initiated Smokeless Tobacco Use in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2003, Based on 2002-2004 NSDUHs**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup>	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	506	316	191	17.3	13.2	8.0
1966	392	186	207	18.6	6.5	8.2
1967	544	306	239	17.3	11.3	9.5
1968	558	322	236	18.0	12.1	8.0
1969	571	364	206	16.6	13.0	7.6
1970	723	400	323	17.5	14.4	11.9
1971	648	374	274	17.5	12.2	8.3
1972	758	479	279	17.2	16.9	8.5
1973	923	531	392	17.7	18.3	12.6
1974	831	514	317	16.7	18.1	11.1
1975	941	616	325	16.7	20.5	10.2
1976	940	601	338	17.0	22.1	9.8
1977	1,214	746	468	17.4	27.9	12.9
1978	1,234	793	441	16.7	30.7	12.6
1979	1,355	905	450	16.9	36.9	12.1
1980	1,249	820	429	17.1	34.8	12.6
1981	1,368	821	547	17.5	35.7	15.5
1982	1,363	873	490	17.1	37.1	13.7
1983	1,272	869	403	16.7	40.5	12.5
1984	1,461	968	493	17.2	46.2	14.4
1985	1,143	791	352	16.7	39.5	10.9
1986	1,136	790	347	17.0	40.7	10.9
1987	991	611	379	17.9	31.2	11.2
1988	987	644	343	17.6	32.9	10.7
1989	972	592	380	17.5	31.1	13.7
1990	904	599	304	17.3	31.2	10.3
1991	939	572	367	18.4	29.7	12.1
1992	1,034	679	355	17.8	34.0	12.7
1993	974	663	311	17.1	32.3	11.8
1994	1,006	644	362	18.3	30.8	11.8
1995	974	657	317	17.7	30.4	11.3
1996	991	647	345	17.5	28.7	13.8
1997	1,015	640	375	18.5	27.8	13.6
1998	992	613	379	17.8	26.0	13.7
1999	979	633	346	17.3	26.0	13.4
2000	1,036	617	419	18.7	25.9	13.5
2001	1,018	581	438	18.5	24.3	15.0
2002 <sup>2</sup>	944	592	353	17.8	24.4	12.0
2003 <sup>3</sup>	1,032	575	457	18.6	23.0	15.5

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential bias from reporting and other sources.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who initiated use of the drug in the specified year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 and 2004 data only.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated using 2004 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

**Table 4.21A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Initiated Cigar Use in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2003, Based on 2002-2004 NSDUHs**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup>	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	1,052	334	717	20.2	14.6	38.2
1966	1,170	518	652	18.4	23.2	37.2
1967	1,162	454	708	19.0	20.8	35.9
1968	1,259	474	784	19.1	20.9	38.7
1969	1,453	553	900	19.9	22.9	38.6
1970	1,279	455	824	19.7	18.8	35.7
1971	1,353	506	846	19.5	20.9	37.3
1972	1,536	619	918	19.0	25.7	37.9
1973	1,513	587	926	18.8	24.1	40.9
1974	1,364	502	861	19.7	19.9	32.9
1975	1,463	534	928	19.4	21.3	36.2
1976	1,446	504	942	20.4	21.0	32.5
1977	1,291	469	821	20.1	19.5	28.7
1978	1,307	413	894	20.4	17.9	31.4
1979	1,316	425	891	20.5	18.2	29.5
1980	1,330	382	948	20.8	16.5	31.0
1981	1,292	377	915	20.6	17.1	29.1
1982	1,441	404	1,037	21.8	18.4	31.4
1983	1,352	403	949	20.8	19.1	29.1
1984	1,272	314	958	21.2	14.8	30.5
1985	1,252	394	859	20.5	19.2	29.1
1986	1,170	355	815	21.3	17.8	24.8
1987	1,379	297	1,082	23.1	14.6	32.4
1988	1,462	351	1,112	22.1	17.9	32.8
1989	1,546	335	1,211	23.3	16.6	33.9
1990	1,441	332	1,108	22.1	17.0	35.1
1991	1,624	436	1,188	22.2	21.3	35.7
1992	1,821	459	1,362	22.7	22.4	40.9
1993	2,006	546	1,459	23.4	26.6	40.5
1994	2,424	742	1,682	22.3	35.5	50.6
1995	2,550	857	1,693	21.6	40.0	55.3
1996	3,133	984	2,149	21.9	44.9	73.6
1997	3,430	1,127	2,303	22.3	51.3	75.9
1998	3,578	1,290	2,288	22.2	57.9	74.6
1999	3,399	1,281	2,118	21.8	57.4	75.0
2000	3,473	1,395	2,078	22.1	62.5	69.7
2001	3,266	1,444	1,821	21.9	65.8	63.4
2002 <sup>2</sup>	3,065	1,401	1,664	20.9	62.6	59.3
2003 <sup>3</sup>	2,904	1,414	1,490	21.6	63.7	49.6

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential bias from reporting and other sources.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who initiated use of the drug in the specified year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 and 2004 data only.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated using 2004 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, and 2004.