

**Table 3.48A Grade Average for the Last Grading Period Completed, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by Grade Average for the Last Grading Period Completed (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Grade Average for Last Grading Period Completed <sup>1</sup>			
	"D" or Lower		"A," "B," or "C"	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,348	1,473	19,962	20,354
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	367	372	6,321	6,404
14-15	498 <sup>b</sup>	619	6,724	7,045
16-17	483	483	6,917	6,905
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	886	899	9,935	10,203
Female	462 <sup>a</sup>	574	10,026	10,151
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,080	1,186	17,156	17,363
White	756 <sup>a</sup>	871	13,152	13,223
Black or African American	262	226	2,738	2,771
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	15	117	121
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	25	26	763	854
Two or More Races	26	39	332	344
Hispanic or Latino	268	287	2,805	2,990
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	707	729	10,583	10,728
Small Metro	392 <sup>a</sup>	468	5,989	6,255
Nonmetro	250	277	3,390	3,370
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	328	332	2,114	2,044
Marijuana	269	267	1,493	1,455
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	150	159	1,030	1,002
Cigarettes	351	408	2,281	2,301
Alcohol	378	427	3,582	3,605
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	277	294	2,103	2,218
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	525	554	4,233	4,179
Marijuana	419	455	2,929	2,861
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	335	348	2,538	2,569
Cigarettes	488	568	3,600	3,609
Alcohol	643	733	7,005	7,041
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	695	763	5,932	5,972
Marijuana	541	585	3,832	3,750
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	487	545	4,035	4,202
Cigarettes	727	790	6,012	5,832
Alcohol	823	919	8,642	8,603

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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**Table 3.48B Grade Average for the Last Grading Period Completed, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by Grade Average for the Last Grading Period Completed (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Grade Average for Last Grading Period Completed <sup>1</sup>			
	"D" or Lower		"A," "B," or "C"	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	6.3	6.7	93.7	93.3
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	5.5	5.5	94.5	94.5
14-15	6.9 <sup>a</sup>	8.1	93.1 <sup>a</sup>	91.9
16-17	6.5	6.5	93.5	93.5
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	8.2	8.1	91.8	91.9
Female	4.4 <sup>a</sup>	5.3	95.6 <sup>a</sup>	94.7
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	5.9	6.4	94.1	93.6
White	5.4 <sup>a</sup>	6.2	94.6 <sup>a</sup>	93.8
Black or African American	8.7	7.5	91.3	92.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	6.9	11.3	93.1	88.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	3.2	3.0	96.8	97.0
Two or More Races	7.2	10.1	92.8	89.9
Hispanic or Latino	8.7	8.8	91.3	91.2
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	6.3	6.4	93.7	93.6
Small Metro	6.1	7.0	93.9	93.0
Nonmetro	6.9	7.6	93.1	92.4
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	24.4	22.5	10.6	10.0
Marijuana	20.0	18.1	7.5	7.1
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	11.2	10.8	5.2	4.9
Cigarettes	26.0	27.7	11.4	11.3
Alcohol	28.1	29.0	17.9	17.7
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	20.6	19.9	10.5	10.9
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	38.9	37.6	21.2	20.5
Marijuana	31.1	30.9	14.7	14.1
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	24.8	23.6	12.7	12.6
Cigarettes	36.2	38.6	18.0	17.7
Alcohol	47.7	49.8	35.1	34.6
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	51.5	51.8	29.7	29.3
Marijuana	40.1	39.7	19.2	18.4
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	36.1	37.0	20.2	20.6
Cigarettes	53.9	53.6	30.1 <sup>a</sup>	28.7
Alcohol	61.0	62.4	43.3	42.3

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**Table 3.49A Youths' Feelings about Going to School During the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by Youths' Feelings about Going to School (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Youths' Feelings about Going to School <sup>1</sup>			
	Liked a Lot/Kind of Liked		Didn't Like Very Much/Hated	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	17,710	17,924	4,684	4,891
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	5,868	5,926	1,332	1,304
14-15	5,989	6,238	1,567 <sup>a</sup>	1,740
16-17	5,853	5,760	1,786	1,847
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	8,775	8,878	2,686	2,775
Female	8,935	9,046	1,998	2,116
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	15,035	15,097	4,086	4,224
White	11,064	11,147	3,457	3,488
Black or African American	2,788	2,692	419	464
American Indian or Alaska Native	115	114	18	29
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	719	791	106	127
Two or More Races	291	299	84	109
Hispanic or Latino	2,675	2,827	599	668
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	9,462	9,528	2,449	2,515
Small Metro	5,310	5,468	1,376	1,519
Nonmetro	2,937	2,928	859	857
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	1,617	1,508	931	958
Marijuana	1,112	1,073	723	714
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	770	699	468	511
Cigarettes	1,707	1,730	1,052	1,079
Alcohol	2,783	2,785	1,322	1,392
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	1,561	1,653	896	958
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	3,327	3,163	1,627	1,757
Marijuana	2,255	2,165	1,231	1,286
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	1,949	1,871	1,039	1,144
Cigarettes	2,841	2,808	1,454	1,539
Alcohol	5,739	5,688	2,201	2,344
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	4,805	4,710	2,113	2,290
Marijuana	3,055	2,937	1,500	1,567
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	3,182	3,209	1,555	1,716
Cigarettes	4,927	4,738	2,127	2,149
Alcohol	7,219	7,083	2,644	2,783

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**Table 3.49B Youths' Feelings about Going to School During the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by Youths' Feelings about Going to School (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Youths' Feelings about Going to School <sup>1</sup>			
	Liked a Lot/Kind of Liked		Didn't Like Very Much/Hated	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	79.1	78.6	20.9	21.4
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	81.5	82.0	18.5	18.0
14-15	79.3	78.2	20.7	21.8
16-17	76.6	75.7	23.4	24.3
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	76.6	76.2	23.4	23.8
Female	81.7	81.0	18.3	19.0
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	78.6	78.1	21.4	21.9
White	76.2	76.2	23.8	23.8
Black or African American	86.9	85.3	13.1	14.7
American Indian or Alaska Native	86.3	79.7	13.7	20.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	87.2	86.1	12.8	13.9
Two or More Races	77.6	73.3	22.4	26.7
Hispanic or Latino	81.7	80.9	18.3	19.1
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	79.4	79.1	20.6	20.9
Small Metro	79.4	78.3	20.6	21.7
Nonmetro	77.4	77.4	22.6	22.6
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	9.1	8.4	19.9	19.6
Marijuana	6.3	6.0	15.4	14.6
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	4.3	3.9	10.0	10.5
Cigarettes	9.6	9.7	22.5	22.1
Alcohol	15.7	15.5	28.2	28.5
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	8.8	9.2	19.1	19.6
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	18.8 <sup>a</sup>	17.6	34.7	35.9
Marijuana	12.7	12.1	26.3	26.3
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	11.0	10.4	22.2	23.4
Cigarettes	16.0	15.7	31.0	31.5
Alcohol	32.4	31.7	47.0	47.9
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	27.1	26.3	45.1	46.8
Marijuana	17.3	16.4	32.0	32.0
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	18.0	17.9	33.2	35.1
Cigarettes	27.8 <sup>a</sup>	26.4	45.4	43.9
Alcohol	40.8	39.5	56.5	56.9

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**Table 3.50A How Often Youths Felt in the Past Year That Assigned Schoolwork Was Meaningful and Important, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by How Often Youths Felt That Assigned Schoolwork Was Meaningful and Important (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Assigned Schoolwork Was Meaningful and Important <sup>1</sup>			
	Always/Sometimes		Seldom/Never	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	17,372	17,720	5,007	5,087
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	6,001	6,044	1,186	1,184
14-15	5,765	6,036	1,789	1,935
16-17	5,607	5,640	2,032	1,967
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	8,610	8,855	2,847	2,793
Female	8,763	8,865	2,160	2,294
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,715	14,887	4,392	4,430
White	10,831	10,941	3,682	3,691
Black or African American	2,732	2,705	469	450
American Indian or Alaska Native	110	121	23	22
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	702	800	123	120
Two or More Races	284	267	90 <sup>a</sup>	141
Hispanic or Latino	2,657	2,833	615	656
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	9,335	9,422	2,568	2,607
Small Metro	5,143	5,411	1,541	1,579
Nonmetro	2,894	2,888	898	900
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	1,608	1,475	938	990
Marijuana	1,118	1,031	718	755
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	786	709	450	501
Cigarettes	1,756	1,744	1,002	1,065
Alcohol	2,688	2,675	1,415	1,499
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	1,546	1,570	910 <sup>a</sup>	1,038
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	3,281	3,168	1,670	1,748
Marijuana	2,255	2,153	1,231	1,297
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	1,921	1,879	1,064	1,133
Cigarettes	2,842	2,824	1,449	1,524
Alcohol	5,482	5,461	2,451	2,565
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	4,671	4,674	2,244	2,319
Marijuana	2,998	2,897	1,557	1,604
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	3,103	3,216	1,632	1,702
Cigarettes	4,840	4,715	2,214	2,169
Alcohol	6,931	6,879	2,924	2,978

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	Always/Sometimes		Seldom/Never	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	77.6	77.7	22.4	22.3
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	83.5	83.6	16.5	16.4
14-15	76.3	75.7	23.7	24.3
16-17	73.4	74.1	26.6	25.9
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	75.2	76.0	24.8	24.0
Female	80.2	79.4	19.8	20.6
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	77.0	77.1	23.0	22.9
White	74.6	74.8	25.4	25.2
Black or African American	85.3	85.7	14.7	14.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	82.5	84.9	17.5	15.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	85.1	87.0	14.9	13.0
Two or More Races	75.9 <sup>a</sup>	65.5	24.1 <sup>a</sup>	34.5
Hispanic or Latino	81.2	81.2	18.8	18.8
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	78.4	78.3	21.6	21.7
Small Metro	76.9	77.4	23.1	22.6
Nonmetro	76.3	76.2	23.7	23.8
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	9.3 <sup>a</sup>	8.3	18.7	19.5
Marijuana	6.4	5.8	14.3	14.8
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	4.5	4.0	9.0	9.9
Cigarettes	10.1	9.8	20.0	20.9
Alcohol	15.5	15.1	28.3	29.5
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	8.9	8.9	18.2 <sup>a</sup>	20.4
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	18.9	17.9	33.4	34.4
Marijuana	13.0	12.2	24.6	25.5
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	11.1	10.6	21.2	22.3
Cigarettes	16.4	15.9	28.9	30.0
Alcohol	31.6	30.8	49.0	50.4
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	26.9	26.4	44.8	45.6
Marijuana	17.3	16.3	31.1	31.5
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	17.9	18.2	32.6	33.5
Cigarettes	27.9	26.6	44.2	42.6
Alcohol	39.9	38.8	58.4	58.6

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**Table 3.51A Level of Importance Later in Life of Things Learned in School During the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by Level of Importance Later in Life of Things Learned in School (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Importance Later in Life of Things Learned in School <sup>1</sup>			
	Very/Somewhat Important		Very/Somewhat Unimportant	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	19,711	20,160	2,666	2,655
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	6,672	6,729	523	503
14-15	6,614 <sup>a</sup>	6,999	935	974
16-17	6,425	6,432	1,208	1,178
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	9,975	10,228	1,484	1,434
Female	9,737	9,933	1,182	1,221
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	16,725	16,933	2,375	2,387
White	12,486	12,584	2,018	2,047
Black or African American	2,973	2,976	232	183
American Indian or Alaska Native	123	133	8	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	756	847	69	74
Two or More Races	331	336	44	70
Hispanic or Latino	2,987	3,228	291	269
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	10,426	10,650	1,482	1,392
Small Metro	5,916	6,191	766	801
Nonmetro	3,369	3,320	418	462
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	1,972	1,889	573	572
Marijuana	1,391	1,351	442	433
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	949	916	288	291
Cigarettes	2,187	2,211	568	594
Alcohol	3,314	3,327	787	844
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	1,955	2,023	501	584
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	3,980	3,928	967	986
Marijuana	2,741	2,708	742	738
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	2,350	2,359	634	651
Cigarettes	3,481	3,489	808	853
Alcohol	6,560	6,593	1,375	1,433
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	5,667	5,707	1,245	1,283
Marijuana	3,655	3,601	897	896
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	3,823	3,939	910	976
Cigarettes	5,840	5,678	1,211	1,202
Alcohol	8,223	8,183	1,631	1,675

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Youths who did not report their school enrollment status or reported not being enrolled in school in the past 12 months were excluded from this analysis. Youths reporting that they were "home-schooled" in the past 12 months were considered to be enrolled in school.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2004 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2004 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</sup> Respondents with unknown data were excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana include cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

<sup>3</sup> Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days.

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

**Table 3.51B Level of Importance Later in Life of Things Learned in School During the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by Level of Importance Later in Life of Things Learned in School (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Importance Later in Life of Things Learned in School <sup>1</sup>			
	Very/Somewhat Important		Very/Somewhat Unimportant	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	88.1	88.4	11.9	11.6
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	92.7	93.0	7.3	7.0
14-15	87.6	87.8	12.4	12.2
16-17	84.2	84.5	15.8	15.5
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	87.0	87.7	13.0	12.3
Female	89.2	89.0	10.8	11.0
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	87.6	87.6	12.4	12.4
White	86.1	86.0	13.9	14.0
Black or African American	92.8	94.2	7.2	5.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	93.6	93.4	6.4	6.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	91.6	92.0	8.4	8.0
Two or More Races	88.3	82.8	11.7	17.2
Hispanic or Latino	91.1	92.3	8.9	7.7
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	87.6	88.4	12.4	11.6
Small Metro	88.5	88.5	11.5	11.5
Nonmetro	89.0	87.8	11.0	12.2
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	10.0	9.4	21.5	21.5
Marijuana	7.1	6.7	16.6	16.3
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	4.8	4.5	10.8	10.9
Cigarettes	11.1	11.0	21.3	22.4
Alcohol	16.8	16.5	29.5	31.8
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	9.9	10.0	18.8 <sup>a</sup>	22.0
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	20.2	19.5	36.3	37.1
Marijuana	13.9	13.4	27.8	27.8
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	11.9	11.7	23.8	24.5
Cigarettes	17.7	17.3	30.3	32.1
Alcohol	33.3	32.7	51.6	54.0
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	28.7	28.3	46.7	48.3
Marijuana	18.5	17.9	33.6	33.7
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	19.4	19.5	34.1	36.7
Cigarettes	29.6 <sup>a</sup>	28.2	45.4	45.3
Alcohol	41.7	40.6	61.2	63.1

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Youths who did not report their school enrollment status or reported not being enrolled in school in the past 12 months were excluded from this analysis. Youths reporting that they were "home-schooled" in the past 12 months were considered to be enrolled in school.

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<sup>1</sup> Respondents with unknown data were excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana include cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

<sup>3</sup> Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days.

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



**Table 3.52A How Interesting Courses at School Have Been During the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by How Interesting Courses at School Have Been (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	How Interesting Courses at School Have Been <sup>1</sup>			
	Very/Somewhat Interesting		Very/Somewhat Boring	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,857	17,192	5,510	5,637
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	5,677	5,826	1,508	1,413
14-15	5,554	5,799	1,997 <sup>a</sup>	2,177
16-17	5,626	5,566	2,005	2,046
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	8,398	8,654	3,047	3,011
Female	8,459	8,538	2,463	2,626
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,247	14,425	4,850	4,907
White	10,527	10,578	3,978	4,062
Black or African American	2,608	2,610	591	551
American Indian or Alaska Native	114	*	19	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	669	788	155	134
Two or More Races	278	276	96	132
Hispanic or Latino	2,609	2,767	660	729
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	8,918	9,097	2,971	2,953
Small Metro	5,061	5,304	1,625	1,686
Nonmetro	2,878	2,792	915	997
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	1,548	1,507	993	960
Marijuana	1,091	1,080	739	707
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	737	702	496	508
Cigarettes	1,699	1,777	1,054	1,034
Alcohol	2,665	2,636	1,435	1,539
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	1,525	1,610	929	1,001
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	3,165	3,127	1,778	1,792
Marijuana	2,193	2,173	1,287	1,281
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	1,814	1,848	1,164	1,165
Cigarettes	2,785	2,810	1,500	1,540
Alcohol	5,402	5,304	2,527	2,727
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	4,558	4,569	2,351	2,430
Marijuana	2,958	2,897	1,589	1,610
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	2,987	3,123	1,743	1,798
Cigarettes	4,784	4,570	2,264	2,312
Alcohol	6,802	6,658	3,047	3,209

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Youths who did not report their school enrollment status or reported not being enrolled in school in the past 12 months were excluded from this analysis. Youths reporting that they were "home-schooled" in the past 12 months were considered to be enrolled in school.

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

**Table 3.52B How Interesting Courses at School Have Been During the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by How Interesting Courses at School Have Been (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	How Interesting Courses at School Have Been <sup>1</sup>			
	Very/Somewhat Interesting		Very/Somewhat Boring	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	75.4	75.3	24.6	24.7
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	79.0	80.5	21.0	19.5
14-15	73.6	72.7	26.4	27.3
16-17	73.7	73.1	26.3	26.9
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	73.4	74.2	26.6	25.8
Female	77.4	76.5	22.6	23.5
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	74.6	74.6	25.4	25.4
White	72.6	72.3	27.4	27.7
Black or African American	81.5	82.6	18.5	17.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	85.5	*	14.5	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	81.2	85.5	18.8	14.5
Two or More Races	74.3	67.7	25.7	32.3
Hispanic or Latino	79.8	79.1	20.2	20.9
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	75.0	75.5	25.0	24.5
Small Metro	75.7	75.9	24.3	24.1
Nonmetro	75.9	73.7	24.1	26.3
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	9.2	8.8	18.0	17.0
Marijuana	6.5	6.3	13.4	12.6
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	4.4	4.1	9.0	9.0
Cigarettes	10.1	10.3	19.1	18.3
Alcohol	15.8	15.3	26.0	27.3
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	9.0	9.4	16.9	17.8
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	18.8	18.2	32.3	31.8
Marijuana	13.0	12.6	23.4	22.7
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	10.8	10.7	21.1	20.7
Cigarettes	16.5	16.3	27.2	27.3
Alcohol	32.0	30.9	45.9	48.4
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	27.0	26.6	42.7	43.1
Marijuana	17.5	16.8	28.8	28.6
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	17.7	18.2	31.6	31.9
Cigarettes	28.4 <sup>a</sup>	26.6	41.1	41.0
Alcohol	40.4 <sup>a</sup>	38.7	55.3	56.9

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Youths who did not report their school enrollment status or reported not being enrolled in school in the past 12 months were excluded from this analysis. Youths reporting that they were "home-schooled" in the past 12 months were considered to be enrolled in school.

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

**Table 3.53A How Often Teachers Let Youths Know They Were Doing a Good Job with Schoolwork in the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by How Often Teachers Let Youths Know They Were Doing a Good Job with Schoolwork (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Teachers Let Youths Know They Were Doing a Good Job With Schoolwork <sup>1</sup>			
	Always/Sometimes		Seldom/Never	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	17,362	17,667	5,026	5,138
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	6,025	6,013	1,178	1,214
14-15	5,641 <sup>b</sup>	6,104	1,912	1,862
16-17	5,697	5,550	1,935	2,062
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	8,756	8,926	2,700	2,726
Female	8,607	8,740	2,326	2,412
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,745	14,861	4,363	4,451
White	10,950	11,034	3,562	3,592
Black or African American	2,670	2,585	534	570
American Indian or Alaska Native	113	117	20	26
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	671	777	154	144
Two or More Races	292	299	82	108
Hispanic or Latino	2,617	2,806	663	687
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	9,297	9,451	2,618	2,584
Small Metro	5,132	5,353	1,549	1,636
Nonmetro	2,934	2,863	859	918
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	1,731	1,651	815	811
Marijuana	1,235	1,180	599	603
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	845	797	393	408
Cigarettes	1,852	1,914	900	892
Alcohol	2,842	2,872	1,257	1,303
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	1,679	1,756	773	853
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	3,441	3,405	1,507	1,509
Marijuana	2,390	2,367	1,090	1,081
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	2,042	2,029	942	979
Cigarettes	2,961	3,041	1,326	1,303
Alcohol	5,700	5,712	2,233	2,316
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	4,884	4,901	2,029	2,093
Marijuana	3,199	3,118	1,351	1,382
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	3,270	3,375	1,465	1,543
Cigarettes	5,029	4,948	2,021	1,934
Alcohol	7,152	7,099	2,703	2,761

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**Table 3.53B How Often Teachers Let Youths Know They Were Doing a Good Job with Schoolwork in the Past Year, by Demographic Characteristics (I), and Selected Substance Use, by How Often Teachers Let Youths Know They Were Doing a Good Job with Schoolwork (II), among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

(I) Demographic Characteristic and (II) Substance Use	Teachers Let Youths Know They Were Doing a Good Job With Schoolwork <sup>1</sup>			
	Always/Sometimes		Seldom/Never	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>(I) Demographic Characteristic</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	77.6	77.5	22.4	22.5
<b>AGE</b>				
12-13	83.6	83.2	16.4	16.8
14-15	74.7 <sup>a</sup>	76.6	25.3 <sup>a</sup>	23.4
16-17	74.6	72.9	25.4	27.1
<b>GENDER</b>				
Male	76.4	76.6	23.6	23.4
Female	78.7	78.4	21.3	21.6
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>				
Not Hispanic or Latino	77.2	76.9	22.8	23.1
White	75.5	75.4	24.5	24.6
Black or African American	83.3	81.9	16.7	18.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	84.6	81.8	15.4	18.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*
Asian	81.3	84.4	18.7	15.6
Two or More Races	78.0	73.6	22.0	26.4
Hispanic or Latino	79.8	80.3	20.2	19.7
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>				
Large Metro	78.0	78.5	22.0	21.5
Small Metro	76.8	76.6	23.2	23.4
Nonmetro	77.4	75.7	22.6	24.3
<b>(II) Substance Use</b>				
<b>PAST MONTH</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	10.0	9.3	16.2	15.8
Marijuana	7.1	6.7	11.9	11.7
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	4.9	4.5	7.8	7.9
Cigarettes	10.7	10.8	17.9	17.4
Alcohol	16.4	16.3	25.0	25.4
Binge Alcohol <sup>3</sup>	9.7	9.9	15.4	16.6
<b>PAST YEAR</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	19.8	19.3	30.0	29.4
Marijuana	13.8	13.4	21.7	21.0
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	11.8	11.5	18.7	19.1
Cigarettes	17.1	17.2	26.4	25.4
Alcohol	32.8	32.3	44.4	45.1
<b>LIFETIME</b>				
Illicit Drug <sup>2</sup>	28.1	27.7	40.4	40.7
Marijuana	18.4	17.6	26.9	26.9
Illicit Drug Other Than Marijuana <sup>2</sup>	18.8	19.1	29.2	30.0
Cigarettes	29.0	28.0	40.2 <sup>a</sup>	37.6
Alcohol	41.2	40.2	53.8	53.7

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