

**Table 4.23B Past Year Initiation of Illicit Drug Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Illicit Drug Use, and Past Year Illicit Drug Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION <sup>1,2</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS <sup>1</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,627	2,784	1.1	1.2	2.0	2.1	7.5	8.0
<b>AGE</b>								
12-17	1,562	1,487	6.2	5.9	8.3	7.8	28.6	28.1
12-13	309	278	3.7	3.3	4.1	3.8	40.1	36.0
14-15	587	599	7.1	6.9	9.3	9.0	32.3	32.7
16-17	665	610	8.0	7.5	13.0	12.0	23.1	22.6
18-25	742	818	2.3	2.5	5.6	5.9	6.8	7.5
18-20	529	604	4.2	4.8	9.1	9.9	10.7	12.5
21-25	213	214	1.1	1.1	2.9	2.7	3.5	3.5
26 or Older	324	479	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.7	2.6
<b>GENDER</b>								
Male	1,137	1,173	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	5.7	6.0
Female	1,490	1,611	1.2	1.3	2.0	2.2	9.8	10.6
<b>GENDER/AGE</b>								
Male 12-17	726	691	5.7	5.4	7.6	7.2	26.1	26.0
Female 12-17	836	796	6.8	6.5	8.9	8.4	31.2	30.1

\*Low precision, no estimate reported.

NOTE: Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

<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> Past Year Initiates are defined as persons who used the substance(s) for the first time in the 12 months prior to date of interview.

<sup>2</sup> At Risk for Initiation is defined as persons who did not use the substance(s) in their lifetime or used the substance(s) for the first time in the past year.

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

**Table 4.24B Past Year Initiation of Marijuana Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Marijuana Use, and Past Year Marijuana Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION <sup>1,2</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS <sup>1</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,973	2,142	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.5	7.8	8.4
<b>AGE</b>								
12-17	1,219	1,252	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.8	32.5	34.2
12-13	113	138	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.7	57.4	59.8
14-15	480	511	5.8	5.9	6.6	6.7	39.4	42.8
16-17	626	603	7.6	7.4	10.7	10.3	26.8	27.0
18-25	666	714	2.1	2.2	4.4	4.5	7.4	8.0
18-20	495	575	3.9	4.6	7.4	8.3	12.0 <sup>a</sup>	14.2
21-25	172	138	0.9	0.7	2.0	1.5	3.5	2.8
26 or Older	88	176	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.4
<b>GENDER</b>								
Male	929	918	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.4	6.1	6.0
Female	1,044 <sup>a</sup>	1,224	0.9 <sup>a</sup>	1.0	1.3	1.5	10.3 <sup>a</sup>	12.0
<b>GENDER/AGE</b>								
Male 12-17	562	577	4.4	4.5	5.2	5.3	28.7	30.1
Female 12-17	657	675	5.4	5.5	6.2	6.3	36.6	38.8

\*Low precision, no estimate reported.

<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> Past Year Initiates are defined as persons who used the substance(s) for the first time in the 12 months prior to date of interview.

<sup>2</sup> At Risk for Initiation is defined as persons who did not use the substance(s) in their lifetime or used the substance(s) for the first time in the past year.

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

**Table 4.25B Past Year Initiation of Cigarette Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Cigarette Use, and Past Year Cigarette Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION <sup>1,2</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS <sup>1</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,983	2,122	0.8	0.9	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.0
<b>AGE</b>								
12-17	1,226	1,294	4.9	5.1	6.6	6.8	25.9	27.9
12-13	202	230	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.0	42.7	46.6
14-15	485	477	5.9	5.5	7.9	7.2	31.4	30.4
16-17	539	587	6.5	7.2	11.6	12.0	19.8	22.7
18-25	659	765	2.1	2.4	6.5	7.1	4.4	5.0
18-20	517	607	4.1	4.8	10.8	11.8	8.9	10.5
21-25	142	158	0.7	0.8	2.7	2.8	1.5	1.7
26 or Older	98	63	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>GENDER</b>								
Male	919	973	0.8	0.8	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.6
Female	1,063	1,150	0.9	0.9	2.4	2.4	3.3	3.6
<b>GENDER/AGE</b>								
Male 12-17	548	565	4.3	4.4	5.8	5.8	23.3	25.3
Female 12-17	679	729	5.6	5.9	7.5	7.8	28.4	30.2

\*Low precision, no estimate reported.

<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> Past Year Initiates are defined as persons who used the substance(s) for the first time in the 12 months prior to date of interview.

<sup>2</sup> At Risk for Initiation is defined as persons who did not use the substance(s) in their lifetime or used the substance(s) for the first time in the past year.

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

**Table 4.26B Past Year Initiation of Alcohol Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Alcohol Use, and Past Year Alcohol Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2003 and 2004**

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION <sup>1</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION <sup>1,2</sup>		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS <sup>1</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,082 <sup>a</sup>	4,396	1.7	1.8	9.2	9.4	2.6	2.8
<b>AGE</b>								
12-17	2,593	2,743	10.4	10.9	15.4	15.8	30.2	32.1
12-13	451	472	5.3	5.6	6.1	6.4	43.9 <sup>a</sup>	49.9
14-15	1,125	1,222	13.6	14.1	19.6	20.0	39.0	40.4
16-17	1,017	1,049	12.3	12.8	27.0	27.5	21.8	23.0
18-25	1,430	1,484	4.5	4.6	25.8	25.0	5.8	5.9
18-20	961	1,004	7.7	8.0	29.5	29.4	10.7	11.1
21-25	468	481	2.4	2.4	20.6	19.1	3.0	3.0
26 or Older	60	169	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.1
<b>GENDER</b>								
Male	1,827	1,985	1.6	1.7	10.4	10.8	2.3	2.4
Female	2,255	2,411	1.8	1.9	8.4	8.5	3.0	3.2
<b>GENDER/AGE</b>								
Male 12-17	1,156	1,285	9.1	10.0	13.5	14.6	28.1	30.6
Female 12-17	1,436	1,458	11.7	11.8	17.3	17.1	32.2	33.7

\*Low precision, no estimate reported.

<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> Past Year Initiates are defined as persons who used the substance(s) for the first time in the 12 months prior to date of interview.

<sup>2</sup> At Risk for Initiation is defined as persons who did not use the substance(s) in their lifetime or used the substance(s) for the first time in the past year.

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