

Table 4.16D Standard Errors of Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 to 49, by Gender: 2004 and 2005

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
ILLCIT DRUGS¹	0.34	0.39	0.56	0.53	0.43	0.56
Marijuana and Hashish	0.21	0.22	0.26	0.27	0.31	0.33
Cocaine	0.45	0.38	0.55	0.56	0.77	0.47
Crack	1.35	1.28	1.24	2.04	2.19	1.56
Heroin	2.53	1.55	3.27	1.58	3.66	2.48
Hallucinogens	0.57	0.42	0.68	0.62	0.95	0.51
LSD	0.71	0.78	0.80	1.01	1.31	0.51
PCP	1.17	0.40	0.62	0.33	2.10	0.73
Ecstasy	0.61	0.73	0.94	1.00	0.60	1.08
Inhalants	0.29	0.34	0.23	0.40	0.54	0.55
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ²	0.40	0.52	0.63	0.75	0.59	0.70
Pain Relievers	0.42	0.47	0.71	0.67	0.61	0.63
OxyContin [®]	0.97	1.11	1.01	1.10	1.66	1.94
Tranquilizers	0.75	0.84	1.48	1.28	0.85	1.11
Stimulants	0.62	0.64	0.52	0.89	0.99	0.90
Methamphetamine	0.83	0.73	0.88	0.89	1.36	1.18
Sedatives	1.89	1.58	1.76	2.09	2.80	2.19
ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA¹	0.37	0.47	0.64	0.67	0.55	0.66
CIGARETTES	0.19	0.33	0.18	0.36	0.31	0.55
Daily Cigarette Use ³	0.40	0.71	0.51	0.76	0.65	1.23
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	0.47	0.45	0.38	0.52	1.30	0.89
CIGARS	0.37	0.45	0.43	0.51	0.61	0.73
ALCOHOL	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.14	0.19	0.16

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

¹ 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.

² Nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics includes the nonmedical use of pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives and does not include over-the-counter drugs.

³ Daily Cigarette Use is defined as ever smoking every day for at least 30 days.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2004 and 2005.

**Table 4.16P P Values from Tests of Differences of Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 to 49, by Gender:
2005 Versus 2004**

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
ILLCIT DRUGS¹	0.3290		0.7450		0.1047	
Marijuana and Hashish	0.4102		0.3563		0.6369	
Cocaine	0.5098		0.8697		0.4320	
Crack	0.4247		0.5441		0.6051	
Heroin	0.4590		1.0000		0.2957	
Hallucinogens	0.9854		0.6021		0.5526	
LSD	0.9556		0.6008		0.2004	
PCP	0.0478		0.1064		0.0830	
Ecstasy	0.2165		0.6618		0.1282	
Inhalants	0.9138		0.1841		0.4950	
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ²	0.4684		0.6379		0.5953	
Pain Relievers	0.6382		0.9688		0.5275	
OxyContin [®]	0.8161		0.8006		0.6451	
Tranquilizers	0.2588		0.3044		0.5250	
Stimulants	0.9048		0.2604		0.6538	
Methamphetamine	0.0743		0.1820		0.2008	
Sedatives	0.7880		0.9162		0.7057	
ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA¹	0.2920		0.9012		0.2219	
CIGARETTES	0.1445		0.1132		0.4305	
Daily Cigarette Use ³	0.2974		0.7773		0.2713	
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	0.4989		0.9026		0.2613	
CIGARS	0.0762		0.2076		0.1758	
ALCOHOL	0.7809		0.1476		0.2345	

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