

Table 3.1A Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007

Risk/Availability	Total		AGE GROUP					
			12-17		18-25		26 or Older	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	180,432	182,079	17,290	17,186	23,029	23,043	140,113	141,849
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	94,982	93,372	8,667	8,575	7,961	8,074	78,353	76,724
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	123,881	124,035	13,606	13,634	11,680	11,695	98,595	98,707
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	172,066 ^a	174,567	12,196	12,256	20,288	20,496	139,583 ^a	141,815
Use Once or Twice a Week	215,071 ^b	217,598	19,754	19,543	27,791	27,811	167,527 ^b	170,245
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	198,716	199,733	14,164	14,006	25,201	25,287	159,350	160,441
Use Once or Twice a Week	226,799 ^b	229,100	20,129	19,956	30,295	30,278	176,375 ^b	178,866
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	173,327	174,588	12,424	12,134	20,311	20,446	140,591	142,008
Use Once or Twice a Week	212,265 ^b	214,174	18,020 ^b	17,639	27,239	27,274	167,007 ^b	169,261
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	169,340 ^a	171,672	16,265	16,277	20,298	20,342	132,777 ^a	135,052
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	101,928	104,118	9,887	9,834	10,648	10,854	81,393	83,430
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	134,251	135,724	12,397 ^a	12,034	24,700	24,495	97,155	99,194
Cocaine	72,114	71,268	6,323 ^b	5,905	13,205	12,904	52,586	52,459
Crack	66,933	66,757	6,377 ^a	6,104	10,253	10,182	50,302	50,471
Heroin	41,230	40,545	3,479	3,390	5,975	5,968	31,776	31,187
LSD	40,483	39,410	3,310	3,376	6,652	6,382	30,522	29,652
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	19,099	18,841	3,879 ^a	3,659	6,002	6,083	9,219	9,100

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ Response categories for the Perception of Risk questions include "No risk," "Slight risk," "Moderate risk," and "Great risk." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "Great risk." Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded.

² Respondents with unknown Perceived Availability data were excluded.

³ Response categories for the Perceived Availability questions include "Probably impossible," "Very difficult," "Fairly difficult," "Fairly easy," and "Very easy." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "Fairly easy" or "Very easy."

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2006 and 2007.

Table 3.1B Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Percentages, 2006 and 2007

Risk/Availability	Total		AGE GROUP					
			12-17		18-25		26 or Older	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	73.8	73.9	68.7	68.8	70.6	70.7	75.1	75.1
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	39.3	38.4	34.7	34.5	24.5	24.8	42.5	41.3
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	51.2	51.0	54.2	54.7	35.9	36.0	53.5	53.1
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	71.1	71.5	49.0	49.6	62.6	63.3	75.6	75.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.8	89.1	79.2	78.9	85.7	85.8	90.7	91.0
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	82.2	81.9	57.2	57.0	77.9	78.1	86.3	85.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.8	93.9	81.2	81.0	93.6	93.5	95.5	95.6
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	72.4	72.3	51.6	51.2	63.3	63.6	76.7	76.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.5	88.5	74.7	74.2	84.9	84.9	91.0	91.0
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	69.5	69.7	64.6	65.2	62.3	62.4	71.4	71.6
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	41.8	42.3	39.4	39.4	32.7	33.3	43.8	44.3
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	57.1	57.3	50.1	49.1	76.5	76.0	54.5	55.0
Cocaine	31.2	30.5	25.9 ^a	24.5	41.7	40.8	30.0	29.5
Crack	29.0	28.7	26.2	25.3	32.5	32.3	28.8	28.5
Heroin	17.9	17.5	14.4	14.1	19.0	19.0	18.2	17.7
LSD	17.6	17.1	14.0	14.4	21.2	20.4	17.5	16.8
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7.8	7.6	15.3	14.5	18.4	18.6	4.9	4.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

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