

Table 4.12A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 to 49, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2006 and 2007

Substance	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
ILLICIT DRUGS^{2,3}	2,780	2,595	1,296	1,212	1,483	1,383
Marijuana and Hashish	2,063	2,077	976	1,024	1,087	1,053
Cocaine	967	906	510	538	457	368
Crack	235	288	142	189	93	99
Heroin	91	106	55	72	36	34
Hallucinogens	1,116	1,054	501	609	615 ^a	445
LSD	264	270	143	182	121	89
PCP	69	58	31	37	38	22
Ecstasy	849	781	380	446	469 ^a	336
Inhalants	783	774	388	428	395	346
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ^{3,4}	2,556	2,381	1,104	1,083	1,453	1,298
Pain Relievers	2,119	2,052	993	981	1,127	1,071
OxyContin [®]	515	523	277	259	238	264
Tranquilizers	1,104	1,164	450	484	654	680
Stimulants ³	845 ^a	642	287	218	558	423
Sedatives	240	198	66	79	174	120
ILLICIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA^{2,3}	2,702	2,477	1,254	1,222	1,448	1,255
CIGARETTES	2,449 ^a	2,231	1,201	1,100	1,249	1,131
Daily Cigarette Use ⁵	1,037	984	537	525	500	459
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	1,299	1,288	1,008	962	291	326
CIGARS	2,937	3,034	1,600	1,673	1,337	1,362
ALCOHOL	4,381	4,546	2,174	2,188	2,208	2,359

*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 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.

² 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.

³ Estimates in these designated rows do not include data from methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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, 2006 and 2007.