

**Table 4.13B Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 or Older, by Gender: 2006 and 2007**

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	19.1	19.2	19.2	17.5	19.0	20.6
Marijuana and Hashish	17.4	17.8	17.4	17.6	17.4	18.0
Cocaine	20.7	20.2	21.0	20.9	20.3	19.2
Crack	24.1 <sup>b</sup>	33.8	23.9 <sup>b</sup>	37.4	24.5	24.6
Heroin	20.7	21.8	20.0	21.1	21.8	23.3
Hallucinogens	19.7	19.4	17.8 <sup>b</sup>	19.4	21.2	19.5
LSD	19.4	18.3	19.3	18.6	19.6	17.6
PCP	16.3	16.4	15.8	16.0	16.7	17.2
Ecstasy	21.1	20.2	19.1 <sup>a</sup>	20.9	22.6 <sup>a</sup>	19.4
Inhalants	15.7 <sup>a</sup>	17.2	15.7 <sup>a</sup>	17.5	15.6	16.8
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,3</sup>	23.1	23.8	21.5	21.7	24.2	25.6
Pain Relievers	22.4	22.6	21.9	21.6	22.8	23.6
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	23.8	25.8	23.6	24.6	24.1	26.8
Tranquilizers	24.2	26.3	22.9	24.1	25.1	27.9
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	23.0	21.9	19.7	19.0	24.7	23.3
Sedatives	30.0	24.2	19.9	23.5	33.4 <sup>a</sup>	24.8
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1,2</sup></b>	20.9	21.4	20.1	19.1	21.5	23.4
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	17.1	16.9	16.7	16.7	17.4	17.1
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>4</sup>	19.3	19.2	19.9	19.2	18.7	19.3
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	20.3	18.2	19.9	17.4	21.3	20.6
<b>CIGARS</b>	21.4	21.1	20.0	19.2	23.1	23.3
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	16.6	17.0	16.5	17.0	16.6	16.9

\*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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2007 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</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>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.