

Table 4.1B 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, 2006 and 2007

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
TOTAL	2,789	2,670	1.1	1.1	2.0	2.0	7.8	7.5
AGE								
12-25	2,374	2,344	4.1	4.0	6.9	6.7	14.6	15.0
12-17	1,467	1,471	5.8	5.8	7.4	7.3	29.5	31.1
12-13	257	244	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.3	37.8	38.4
14-15	580	556	6.6	6.5	8.3	8.0	33.9	35.9
16-17	629	671	7.4	7.8	11.0	11.4	24.4	26.4
18-25	908	874	2.8	2.7	6.3	5.9	8.1	8.0
18-20	602	646	4.7	4.9	9.4	9.3	12.5	13.6
21-25	305 ^a	228	1.5 ^a	1.2	3.8 ^a	2.9	4.7	3.7
26 or Older	414	326	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	2.1	1.6
GENDER								
Male	1,305	1,225	1.1	1.0	2.2	2.0	6.3	5.9
Female	1,483	1,445	1.2	1.1	1.9	1.9	9.9	9.8
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	677	736	5.2	5.7	6.8	7.3	26.8	29.5
Female 12-17	790	734	6.4	5.9	8.0	7.4	32.3	33.0

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. These estimates do not include data from methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

^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 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, 2006 and 2007.

Table 4.2B 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, 2006 and 2007

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
TOTAL	2,063	2,090	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.4	8.1	8.3
AGE								
12-25	1,937	1,955	3.3	3.4	5.0	5.0	15.5	16.1
12-17	1,193	1,167	4.7	4.6	5.4	5.2	35.6	37.1
12-13	80	91	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	45.7	56.3
14-15	504	425	5.7	5.0	6.4	5.5	46.4	44.6
16-17	610	651	7.2	7.6	9.6	9.9	29.2	32.0
18-25	744	789	2.3	2.4	4.6	4.7	8.1	8.8
18-20	507 ^a	630	4.0 ^a	4.8	7.0	8.0	12.6 ^a	15.7
21-25	236 ^a	159	1.2 ^a	0.8	2.6 ^a	1.8	4.6 ^a	3.2
26 or Older	126	134	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0
GENDER								
Male	976	1,037	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.5	6.3	6.6
Female	1,087	1,053	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.3	11.1	11.1
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	554	595	4.3	4.6	4.9	5.3	31.8	34.0
Female 12-17	639	572	5.1	4.6	5.8	5.2	39.9	40.9

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

Table 4.3B 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, 2006 and 2007

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
TOTAL	2,449 ^a	2,231	1.0 ^a	0.9	2.9 ^b	2.5	3.4	3.2
AGE								
12-25	2,367	2,186	4.1	3.8	7.4 ^a	6.6	12.0	11.7
12-17	1,328	1,197	5.2	4.7	6.6 ^a	5.9	30.8	30.3
12-13	208	162	2.6	2.0	2.8	2.1	51.1	49.3
14-15	496	443	5.6	5.2	7.0	6.3	35.6	36.0
16-17	624	592	7.3	6.9	11.3	10.3	24.8	24.7
18-25	1,038	989	3.2	3.0	8.7	7.9	6.7	6.7
18-20	817	784	6.4	5.9	14.0	12.4	14.1	13.8
21-25	221	205	1.1	1.1	3.6	3.3	2.3	2.3
26 or Older	83	45	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
GENDER								
Male	1,201	1,100	1.0	0.9	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.9
Female	1,249	1,131	1.0	0.9	2.5 ^a	2.2	3.8	3.5
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	644	592	5.0	4.6	6.3	5.7	29.8	28.6
Female 12-17	685	606	5.5	4.9	6.9	6.0	31.8	32.1

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

Table 4.4B 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, 2006 and 2007

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
TOTAL	4,381	4,559	1.8	1.8	9.3	9.4	2.7	2.8
AGE								
12-25	4,321	4,446	7.4	7.7	18.1	18.1	12.6	13.3
12-17	2,698	2,689	10.6	10.7	15.1	15.0	32.3	33.6
12-13	391	369	4.9	4.5	5.4	5.0	46.3	46.6
14-15	1,116	1,152	12.7	13.5	17.8	18.3	38.1 ^b	42.9
16-17	1,191	1,168	14.0	13.6	27.4	26.9	26.0	25.7
18-25	1,623	1,757	5.0	5.4	26.8	26.6	6.3	6.9
18-20	1,150	1,173	9.0	8.9	31.7	29.4	12.4	12.6
21-25	473 ^a	584	2.4 ^a	3.0	19.5	22.3	2.9 ^a	3.6
26 or Older	60	112	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.1
GENDER								
Male	2,174	2,200	1.8	1.8	11.5	11.2	2.6	2.6
Female	2,208	2,359	1.7	1.8	7.8	8.2	2.8	3.0
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	1,305	1,293	10.1	10.0	14.4	14.3	31.3	31.9
Female 12-17	1,393	1,397	11.2	11.3	15.9	15.7	33.3	35.3

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