

Table 8.28A Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2007

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	15,493 ^b	15,899 ^b	16,871 ^a	17,158	17,290	17,186
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	7,918 ^b	8,614	8,699	8,487	8,667	8,575
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	12,614 ^b	13,449	13,637	13,777	13,606	13,634
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	12,296	12,628 ^a	12,320	12,151	12,196	12,256
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,463	19,835 ^a	19,842 ^a	19,894 ^b	19,754	19,543
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	14,211	14,400 ^a	14,077	13,994	14,164	14,006
Use Once or Twice a Week	20,073	20,244 ^a	20,150	20,276 ^a	20,129	19,956
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	12,499 ^a	12,805 ^b	12,692 ^b	12,445 ^a	12,424	12,134
Use Once or Twice a Week	18,156 ^b	18,475 ^b	18,470 ^b	18,361 ^b	18,020 ^b	17,639
Alcohol						
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,288 ^b	15,277 ^b	15,468 ^b	16,028	16,265	16,277
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	9,379 ^b	9,528 ^a	9,514 ^a	9,636	9,887	9,834
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³						
Marijuana	13,299 ^b	13,084 ^b	12,843 ^b	12,601 ^b	12,397 ^a	12,034
Cocaine	5,981	6,010	5,917	6,073	6,323 ^b	5,905
Crack	6,324	6,286	6,069	6,149	6,377 ^a	6,104
Heroin	3,765 ^b	3,649 ^a	3,373	3,384	3,479	3,390
LSD	4,562 ^b	4,154 ^b	4,035 ^b	3,732 ^b	3,310	3,376
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	4,121 ^b	4,013 ^b	4,103 ^b	3,926 ^a	3,879 ^a	3,659

*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, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Table 8.28B Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2002-2007

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	63.1 ^b	64.2 ^b	67.5 ^a	68.3	68.7	68.8
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	32.4 ^b	34.9	35.0	34.0	34.7	34.5
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	51.5 ^b	54.4	54.7	55.0	54.2	54.7
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	50.5	51.4 ^b	49.6	48.8	49.0	49.6
Use Once or Twice a Week	79.8	80.7 ^b	79.8	79.9	79.2	78.9
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	58.5 ^a	58.8 ^b	57.0	56.5	57.2	57.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.5 ^b	82.6 ^b	81.4	81.8	81.2	81.0
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	52.6 ^a	53.4 ^b	52.6 ^a	51.7	51.6	51.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	76.2 ^b	76.9 ^b	76.4 ^b	76.1 ^b	74.7	74.2
Alcohol						
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.2 ^b	61.6 ^b	61.8 ^b	63.8 ^a	64.6	65.2
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	38.2 ^a	38.5	38.1 ^a	38.4	39.4	39.4
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³						
Marijuana	55.0 ^b	53.6 ^b	52.2 ^b	51.0 ^b	50.1	49.1
Cocaine	25.0	25.0	24.4	24.9	25.9 ^a	24.5
Crack	26.5 ^a	26.2	25.0	25.3	26.2	25.3
Heroin	15.8 ^b	15.3 ^a	14.0	14.0	14.4	14.1
LSD	19.4 ^b	17.6 ^b	16.9 ^b	15.7 ^b	14.0	14.4
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	16.7 ^b	16.1 ^b	16.3 ^b	15.5 ^a	15.3	14.5

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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

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