

Table 8.42B Past Year Initiation of Nonmedical Methamphetamine Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older and among Those at Risk for Initiation and Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates Aged 12 or Older Who Used Methamphetamine Nonmedically, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2002-2007

Demographic Characteristic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
TOTAL GENDER Male Female	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)¹					
	299 ^b	260 ^a	318 ^b	192	259 ^a	157
	141 ^b	130 ^b	142 ^b	97 ^a	90 ^a	52
	158 ^a	129	176 ^a	95	169	104
TOTAL GENDER Male Female	Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Total Population¹					
	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1
	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.0
	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL GENDER Male Female	Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Persons at Risk for Initiation^{1,2}					
	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1
	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.0
	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1
TOTAL GENDER Male Female	Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates¹					
	18.9	20.4	22.1	18.6	22.2	19.1
	18.9	20.4	20.6	18.6	22.2	19.1
	19.0	19.9	20.8	19.1	19.8	19.4
GENDER/AGE Male 12-49 Female 12-49	19.0	19.9	20.8	19.1	19.8	19.4
	18.8	20.8	23.1	18.1	23.5	19.0
	18.8	20.8	20.4	18.1	23.5	19.0
	18.8	20.8	20.4	18.1	23.5	19.0

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Estimates in this table 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, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.