

Table 3.1A Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Risk/Availability	Total (2007)	Total (2008)	Aged 12-17 (2007)	Aged 12-17 (2008)	Aged 18-25 (2007)	Aged 18-25 (2008)	Aged 26+ (2007)	Aged 26+ (2008)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	182,079	182,807	17,186	17,198	23,043 ^a	22,604	141,849	143,004
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	93,372	91,440	8,575	8,320	8,074 ^b	7,553	76,724	75,567
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	124,035 ^b	120,210	13,634 ^b	13,037	11,695 ^b	10,934	98,707 ^a	96,238
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	174,567	172,709	12,256	12,142	20,496	20,226	141,815	140,342
Use Once or Twice a Week	217,598	218,051	19,543	19,372	27,811	28,005	170,245	170,674
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	199,733	201,158	14,006	14,021	25,287	25,178	160,441	161,959
Use Once or Twice a Week	229,100	230,138	19,956	19,769	30,278	30,311	178,866 ^a	180,058
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	174,588	172,748	12,134	11,925	20,446 ^b	19,817	142,008	141,006
Use Once or Twice a Week	214,174	213,585	17,639	17,477	27,274 ^a	26,879	169,261	169,229
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	171,672	171,365	16,277	16,279	20,342	20,617	135,052	134,470
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	104,118	102,790	9,834	10,002	10,854	10,851	83,430	81,937
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	135,724	133,597	12,034	11,905	24,495	24,422	99,194	97,270
Cocaine	71,268	69,031	5,905 ^b	5,279	12,904 ^b	12,279	52,459	51,473
Crack	66,757 ^b	62,777	6,104 ^b	5,537	10,182 ^b	9,337	50,471 ^a	47,903
Heroin	40,545	39,821	3,390 ^b	3,083	5,968	5,800	31,187	30,938
LSD	39,410	38,094	3,376	3,221	6,382	6,296	29,652	28,577
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	18,841 ^a	17,615	3,659 ^a	3,402	6,083	6,019	9,100	8,193

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2008 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, 2007 and 2008.

Table 3.1B Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Risk/Availability	Total (2007)	Total (2008)	Aged 12-17 (2007)	Aged 12-17 (2008)	Aged 18-25 (2007)	Aged 18-25 (2008)	Aged 26+ (2007)	Aged 26+ (2008)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	73.9	73.6	68.8	69.7	70.7 ^b	68.9	75.1	74.9
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	38.4 ^a	37.2	34.5	33.9	24.8 ^b	23.1	41.3	40.1
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	51.0 ^b	48.9	54.7 ^b	53.1	36.0 ^b	33.4	53.1 ^b	51.1
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	71.5 ^b	70.2	49.6	49.7	63.3 ^a	61.9	75.9 ^b	74.3
Use Once or Twice a Week	89.1	88.6	78.9	79.2	85.8	85.7	91.0	90.3
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	81.9	81.9	57.0	57.7	78.1	77.2	85.9	85.8
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.9	93.6	81.0	81.3	93.5 ^a	92.9	95.6	95.3
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	72.3 ^b	70.9	51.2	50.5	63.6 ^b	61.4	76.4 ^a	75.1
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.5 ^b	87.7	74.2	73.9	84.9 ^b	83.2	91.0 ^a	90.2
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	69.7	69.1	65.2	65.9	62.4	62.8	71.6	70.6
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.3	41.5	39.4	40.5	33.3	33.1	44.3	43.0
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	57.3 ^b	55.8	49.1	49.2	76.0	75.3	55.0 ^b	53.2
Cocaine	30.5 ^a	29.3	24.5 ^b	22.1	40.8 ^b	38.5	29.5	28.7
Crack	28.7 ^b	26.8	25.3 ^b	23.2	32.3 ^b	29.5	28.5 ^b	26.8
Heroin	17.5	17.1	14.1 ^a	13.0	19.0	18.4	17.7	17.4
LSD	17.1	16.4	14.4	13.8	20.4	20.0	16.8	16.1
Approached in the Past Month by Someone								
Selling Drugs	7.6 ^a	7.1	14.5	13.7	18.6	18.3	4.8 ^a	4.3

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

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