

Table 3.25A Past Month Use of Selected Substances, by Measures of Scholastic Environment among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Who Were Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2008

Scholastic Environment ¹	SUBSTANCE USE IN THE PAST MONTH							
	Illicit Drugs ²		Marijuana		Cigarettes		Binge Alcohol ³	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS IN PAST YEAR⁴								
Participated in One or Fewer Activities ⁵	511	1,647	406	1,164	563	1,571	432	1,657
Drug or Alcohol Prevention Messages Were Seen or Heard in School ⁶	1,484	671	1,065	501	1,460	666	1,455	634
Youth Liked a Lot or Kind of Liked Going to School ⁷	1,388	779	993	584	1,351	787	1,406	689
Grade Average for Last Completed Period Was "D" or Lower ⁸	331	1,764	240	1,292	344	1,720	273	1,762
ADULT INVOLVEMENT IN PAST YEAR^{4,9}								
Teacher Always or Sometimes Let Youth Know He or She Was Doing a Good Job with School Work	1,504	662	1,104	471	1,513	616	1,504	589
Parents Always or Sometimes Checked That Youth Did Homework	1,394	767	995	580	1,336	796	1,347	746
Parents Always or Sometimes Provided Help with Homework	1,431	724	1,004	563	1,423	709	1,347	738
Parents Always or Sometimes Limited Time Youth Went Out with Friends on a School Night	1,338	819	948	622	1,348	785	1,279	807
SUBSTANCE USE IN GRADE LEVEL^{10,11}								
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Smoke Cigarettes	991	1,139	746	816	1,194	895	1,045	1,029
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Use Marijuana or Hashish	1,228	894	1,027	535	1,072	1,004	1,088	974
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Drink Alcoholic Beverages	1,532	598	1,214	348	1,523	557	1,659	414
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Get Drunk at Least Once a Week	783	1,321	610	937	760	1,301	874	1,179

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Youths who did not report their school enrollment status or reported not being enrolled in school in the past 12 months were excluded from this analysis.

¹ Respondents with unknown data were excluded.

² Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically, based on data from original questions not including methamphetamine items added in 2005 and 2006.

³ Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days.

⁴ Youths reporting that they were "home-schooled" in the past 12 months were considered to be enrolled in school.

⁵ The number of activities participated in is based on four questions: participation in school-based activities, community-based activities, church or faith-based activities, and other activities. For each question, the response categories include "None," "One," "Two," and "3 or more." Respondents were excluded from the analysis if they had unknown data for at least three of the questions and if their known responses did not place them in the recoded "Two or more" category.

⁶ Drug or Alcohol Prevention Messages Seen or Heard in School includes respondents who reported having a special class about drugs or alcohol in school or having had films, lectures, discussion, or printed information about drugs or alcohol in a regular school class, such as health or physical education, or outside of a regular school class, such as in a special assembly.

⁷ Response categories for the School Satisfaction question include "You liked going to school a lot," "You kind of liked going to school," "You didn't like going to school very much," and "You hated going to school." Respondents were categorized as "Yes" if they reported "You liked going to school a lot" or "You kind of liked going to school" and were categorized as "No" if they reported "You didn't like going to school very much" or "You hated going to school."

⁸ Response categories for Grade Average include "An 'A+', 'A,' or 'A-minus' average"; "A 'B+', 'B,' or 'B-minus' average"; "A 'C+', 'C,' or 'C-minus' average"; "A 'D' or less than a 'D' average"; and "My school does not give these grades." Respondents reporting that their school does not give these grades were excluded from the analysis.

⁹ Response categories for the Adult Involvement questions include "Always," "Sometimes," "Seldom," and "Never." Respondents were categorized as "Yes" if they reported "Always" or "Sometimes" and "No" if they reported "Seldom" or "Never."

¹⁰ Response categories for the Substance Use in Grade Level questions include "All of them," "Most of them," "A few of them," and "None of them." Respondents were categorized as "Yes" if they reported "All of them" or "Most of them" and "No" if they reported "A few of them" or "None of them."

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Table 3.25B Past Month Use of Selected Substances, by Measures of Scholastic Environment among Persons Aged 12 to 17 Who Were Enrolled in School in the Past Year: Percentages, 2008

Scholastic Environment ¹	SUBSTANCE USE IN THE PAST MONTH							
	Illicit Drugs ²		Marijuana		Cigarettes		Binge Alcohol ³	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS IN PAST YEAR⁴								
Participated in One or Fewer Activities ⁵	15.7	8.3	12.5	5.9	17.3	7.9	13.2	8.3
Drug or Alcohol Prevention Messages Were Seen or Heard in School ⁶	8.5	12.1	6.1	9.0	8.3	12.0	8.3	11.4
Youth Liked a Lot or Kind of Liked Going to School ⁷	7.4	18.0	5.3	13.5	7.2	18.2	7.5	15.9
Grade Average for Last Completed Period Was "D" or Lower ⁸	23.3	8.5	16.9	6.2	24.3	8.3	19.3	8.5
ADULT INVOLVEMENT IN PAST YEAR^{4,9}								
Teacher Always or Sometimes Let Youth Know He or She Was Doing a Good Job with School Work	8.1	14.2	6.0	10.1	8.2	13.2	8.1	12.6
Parents Always or Sometimes Checked That Youth Did Homework	7.6	16.0	5.4	12.1	7.3	16.6	7.3	15.5
Parents Always or Sometimes Provided Help with Homework	7.7	15.6	5.4	12.2	7.7	15.3	7.3	15.9
Parents Always or Sometimes Limited Time Youth Went Out with Friends on a School Night	8.3	12.0	5.9	9.1	8.4	11.5	8.0	11.8
SUBSTANCE USE IN GRADE LEVEL^{10,11}								
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Smoke Cigarettes	17.5	6.8	13.1	4.9	21.0	5.4	18.4	6.2
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Use Marijuana or Hashish	23.9	5.3	20.0	3.2	20.9	6.0	21.2	5.8
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Drink Alcoholic Beverages	15.7	4.8	12.5	2.8	15.6	4.5	17.0	3.3
All or Most of Students in Youth's Grade Get Drunk at Least Once a Week	19.9	7.4	15.5	5.2	19.3	7.3	22.2	6.6

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