

Table 3.19A Past Month Use of Selected Substances, by Risk Perceptions of Substance Use Behaviors among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Numbers in Thousands, 2008

Perceptions of Risk¹	Used Illicit Drugs²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol³
CIGARETTES				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Great Risk	1,380	1,007	1,187	1,366
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	913	646	1,064	818
MARIJUANA				
Smoke Once a Month – Great Risk	312	127	333	335
Smoke Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	1,976	1,524	1,913	1,850
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	432	192	463	483
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	1,857	1,461	1,777	1,704
COCAINE				
Use Once a Month – Great Risk	1,109	830	1,160	1,135
Use Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	1,160	808	1,053	1,031
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	1,653	1,228	1,669	1,682
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	618	413	548	487
HEROIN				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	1,548	1,194	1,569	1,513
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	723	445	642	656
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	1,918	1,446	1,910	1,914
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	353	193	302	255
LSD				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	1,033	755	1,154	1,126
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	1,180	851	1,020	1,010
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	1,552	1,155	1,609	1,642
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	662	442	561	494
ALCOHOL				
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Great Risk	1,125	807	998	1,012
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	1,165	845	1,251	1,173
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	664	443	610	496
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	1,624	1,209	1,635	1,691

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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.

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Table 3.19B Past Month Use of Selected Substances, by Risk Perceptions of Substance Use Behaviors among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2008

Perceptions of Risk¹	Used Illicit Drugs²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol³
CIGARETTES				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Great Risk	8.0	5.9	6.9	7.9
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	12.2	8.6	14.2	10.9
MARIJUANA				
Smoke Once a Month – Great Risk	3.7	1.5	4.0	4.0
Smoke Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	12.2	9.4	11.8	11.4
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	3.3	1.5	3.6	3.7
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	16.1	12.7	15.4	14.8
COCAINE				
Use Once a Month – Great Risk	9.1	6.8	9.6	9.4
Use Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	9.4	6.6	8.6	8.4
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	8.5	6.3	8.6	8.7
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	12.1	8.1	10.8	9.6
HEROIN				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	11.0	8.5	11.2	10.8
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	7.0	4.3	6.3	6.4
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	9.7	7.3	9.7	9.7
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	7.8	4.3	6.7	5.6
LSD				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	8.7	6.3	9.7	9.4
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	10.1	7.3	8.7	8.7
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	8.9	6.6	9.2	9.4
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	10.7	7.1	9.1	8.0
ALCOHOL				
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Great Risk	6.9	5.0	6.1	6.2
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	13.8	10.0	14.8	13.9
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	6.6	4.4	6.1	5.0
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	11.1	8.2	11.1	11.5

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Table 3.20A Past Month Use of Selected Substances, by Perceived Availability of Selected Illicit Drugs among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Numbers in Thousands, 2008

Perceived Availability¹	Used Illicit Drugs²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol³
FAIRLY OR VERY EASY TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	1,970	1,560	1,921	1,921
Cocaine	906	664	873	891
Crack	733	504	664	698
Heroin	390	251	388	401
LSD	620	452	592	626
FAIRLY, VERY DIFFICULT, OR IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	318	93	326	260
Cocaine	1,336	956	1,327	1,259
Crack	1,506	1,113	1,529	1,443
Heroin	1,831	1,349	1,803	1,730
LSD	1,583	1,142	1,584	1,500

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Table 3.20B Past Month Use of Selected Substances, by Perceived Availability of Selected Illicit Drugs among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2008

Perceived Availability¹	Used Illicit Drugs²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol³
FAIRLY OR VERY EASY TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	16.5	13.1	16.1	16.1
Cocaine	17.2	12.6	16.5	16.9
Crack	13.2	9.1	12.0	12.6
Heroin	12.6	8.1	12.6	13.0
LSD	19.2	14.0	18.4	19.4
FAIRLY, VERY DIFFICULT, OR IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	2.6	0.8	2.6	2.1
Cocaine	7.2	5.1	7.2	6.8
Crack	8.2	6.1	8.4	7.9
Heroin	8.9	6.6	8.8	8.4
LSD	7.9	5.7	7.9	7.5

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