

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

Perceptions of Risk ¹	Used Illicit Drugs ²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol ³
CIGARETTES				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Great Risk	51	43	43	50
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	43	35	45	37
MARIJUANA				
Smoke Once a Month – Great Risk	23	14	22	25
Smoke Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	64	56	59	56
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	27	18	27	29
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	62	54	56	53
COCAINE				
Use Once a Month – Great Risk	47	40	44	45
Use Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	48	40	44	42
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	57	49	54	54
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	33	26	30	28
HEROIN				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	54	49	53	52
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	34	27	33	34
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	61	54	59	58
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	25	17	23	20
LSD				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	42	36	43	47
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	49	42	42	41
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	57	48	53	55
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	35	28	31	28
ALCOHOL				
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Great Risk	46	39	41	44
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	48	41	48	44
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	35	28	32	31
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	56	49	52	54

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

Perceptions of Risk ¹	Used Illicit Drugs ²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol ³
CIGARETTES				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Great Risk	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.27
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.53	0.44	0.54	0.47
MARIJUANA				
Smoke Once a Month – Great Risk	0.27	0.17	0.26	0.29
Smoke Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.34	0.31	0.34	0.31
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	0.21	0.14	0.20	0.22
Smoke Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.47	0.42	0.46	0.42
COCAINE				
Use Once a Month – Great Risk	0.37	0.32	0.35	0.35
Use Once a Month – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.37	0.31	0.35	0.33
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	0.27	0.24	0.27	0.26
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.62	0.50	0.55	0.51
HEROIN				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	0.36	0.33	0.37	0.35
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.32	0.25	0.31	0.32
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	0.29	0.26	0.29	0.27
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.53	0.37	0.49	0.44
LSD				
Try Once or Twice – Great Risk	0.33	0.29	0.36	0.38
Try Once or Twice – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.39	0.34	0.34	0.33
Use Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	0.30	0.26	0.30	0.30
Use Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.53	0.44	0.47	0.44
ALCOHOL				
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Great Risk	0.27	0.23	0.25	0.26
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.51	0.46	0.52	0.48
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Great Risk	0.33	0.27	0.32	0.30
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week – Moderate/Slight/No Risk	0.34	0.31	0.33	0.33

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

Perceived Availability¹	Used Illicit Drugs²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol³
FAIRLY OR VERY EASY TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	64	57	60	57
Cocaine	42	36	40	40
Crack	36	30	34	36
Heroin	26	20	26	27
LSD	35	30	34	35
FAIRLY, VERY DIFFICULT, OR IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	25	15	23	23
Cocaine	50	44	47	48
Crack	53	46	49	50
Heroin	59	52	54	54
LSD	53	45	50	49

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Perceived Availability¹	Used Illicit Drugs²	Used Marijuana	Used Cigarettes	Binge Use of Alcohol³
FAIRLY OR VERY EASY TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	0.46	0.42	0.47	0.43
Cocaine	0.71	0.63	0.71	0.70
Crack	0.60	0.51	0.58	0.60
Heroin	0.78	0.63	0.78	0.79
LSD	0.97	0.87	0.95	0.95
FAIRLY, VERY DIFFICULT, OR IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN				
Marijuana	0.20	0.12	0.19	0.18
Cocaine	0.25	0.22	0.25	0.25
Crack	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.26
Heroin	0.26	0.24	0.25	0.25
LSD	0.25	0.22	0.25	0.23

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