

Table 4.9A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Substance	Total (2007)	Total (2008)	Male (2007)	Male (2008)	Female (2007)	Female (2008)
ILLCIT DRUGS^{1,2}	2,670	2,885	1,225	1,302	1,445	1,583
Marijuana and Hashish	2,090	2,208	1,037	1,062	1,053	1,146
Cocaine	906 ^a	722	538 ^a	413	368	308
Crack	352	205	253	113	99	92
Heroin	106	114	72	78	34	36
Hallucinogens	1,064	1,127	609	682	454	445
LSD	270 ^b	394	182 ^b	283	89	111
PCP	58	53	37	26	22	28
Ecstasy	781	894	446	486	336	409
Inhalants	775	729	429	400	346	330
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ^{2,3}	2,532	2,512	1,133	1,051	1,399	1,461
Pain Relievers	2,147	2,176	1,032	985	1,115	1,191
OxyContin [®]	554	478	259	257	295	221
Tranquilizers	1,232	1,127	495	456	736	671
Stimulants ²	642	599	218	254	423	345
Sedatives	198	181	79	51	120	130
ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA^{1,2}	2,563	2,693	1,222	1,261	1,341	1,432
CIGARETTES	2,231	2,418	1,100	1,205	1,131	1,213
Daily Cigarette Use ⁴	984	942	525	475	459	466
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	1,297	1,398	962	1,013	335	384
CIGARS	3,076	2,884	1,673	1,579	1,404	1,305
ALCOHOL	4,559	4,466	2,200	2,151	2,359	2,315

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: 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.

^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 Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana include cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

² Estimates in these designated rows do not include data from methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

³ Nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics includes the nonmedical use of pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives and does not include over-the-counter drugs.

⁴ Daily Cigarette Use is defined as ever smoking every day for at least 30 days.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.