

**Table 7.33A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	193,285	194,489	193,606	195,014
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	76,562 ^a	73,444 ^a	69,813 ^a	67,271
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	95,366 ^a	90,113 ^a	85,335 ^a	82,311
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	189,188 ^a	190,192	190,719	191,507
Use Once or Twice a Week	229,610 ^a	230,804 ^a	232,451	232,872
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	223,992 ^a	226,853 ^a	230,901	231,827
Use Once or Twice a Week	247,604 ^a	249,351 ^a	252,940	253,644
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	183,645 ^a	182,328 ^a	180,615	178,852
Use Once or Twice a Week	220,754 ^a	220,221 ^a	219,168 ^a	217,280
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	117,026 ^a	118,453 ^a	120,217	121,787
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	182,100 ^a	182,227 ^a	185,738	185,462
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	150,310 ^a	152,878 ^a	159,365 ^a	162,424
Cocaine	56,826	57,454	57,401	56,897
Crack	49,721 ^a	48,894 ^a	47,848	46,820
Heroin	40,516 ^a	44,333	43,678	42,862
LSD	33,403 ^a	35,354	35,493	36,560
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	15,938	15,213	15,468	15,613

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Table 7.33B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Percentages, 2015-2018

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	72.8 ^a	72.8 ^a	71.6	71.8
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	29.1 ^a	27.7 ^a	26.1 ^a	25.0
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	36.3 ^a	34.0 ^a	31.9 ^a	30.6
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	72.0 ^a	71.8	71.3	71.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.4 ^a	87.1 ^a	86.8	86.5
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	85.2 ^a	85.6 ^a	86.4	86.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.2	94.1	94.5	94.3
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	70.4 ^a	69.5 ^a	68.2 ^a	67.1
Use Once or Twice a Week	84.7 ^a	83.9 ^a	82.7 ^a	81.5
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.2	44.4	44.6	45.0
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.7	68.3	68.9	68.5
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	58.6 ^a	59.1 ^a	61.0	61.7
Cocaine	22.5	22.6	22.4	22.0
Crack	19.8 ^a	19.3 ^a	18.7	18.2
Heroin	16.1	17.5 ^a	17.1	16.6
LSD	13.3 ^a	14.0	13.9	14.2
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7

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**Table 7.34A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	16,723 ^a	16,972 ^a	16,502 ^a	15,974
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	6,639 ^a	6,591 ^a	5,956 ^a	5,533
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	9,892 ^a	9,760 ^a	9,201 ^a	8,486
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	13,729 ^a	13,642 ^a	13,467 ^a	13,094
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,450	19,565 ^a	19,421	19,263
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	15,731	15,789	15,986 ^a	15,538
Use Once or Twice a Week	20,015	20,139	20,290 ^a	20,003
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	12,061 ^a	11,782 ^a	11,622 ^a	11,071
Use Once or Twice a Week	16,738 ^a	16,522 ^a	16,507 ^a	15,956
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	10,410	10,792	10,656	10,550
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,729	16,051	15,981	15,723
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	11,054	10,733 ^a	11,107	11,086
Cocaine	2,968	2,992	3,034 ^a	2,790
Crack	2,787 ^a	2,719	2,677	2,512
Heroin	1,922	2,051	1,995	1,921
LSD	2,663	2,788	2,891	2,767
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	2,790 ^a	2,728	2,704	2,546

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Table 7.34B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2015-2018

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	68.2 ^a	69.3 ^a	67.2 ^a	65.3
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	27.3 ^a	27.1 ^a	24.4 ^a	22.8
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	40.6 ^a	40.0 ^a	37.7 ^a	34.9
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	56.7 ^a	56.4 ^a	55.6 ^a	54.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	80.2	80.6	80.1	79.6
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	65.3	65.6	66.3 ^a	64.5
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.9	83.4	84.0	83.0
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	51.6 ^a	50.4 ^a	49.6 ^a	47.5
Use Once or Twice a Week	71.5 ^a	70.5 ^a	70.4 ^a	68.4
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.5	44.1	43.6	43.2
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	64.1	65.5	65.2	64.4
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	46.0	44.7	46.1	46.0
Cocaine	12.5	12.6	12.8 ^a	11.7
Crack	11.8 ^a	11.5	11.3	10.6
Heroin	8.1	8.7	8.4	8.1
LSD	11.5	12.0	12.4	11.9
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	11.2 ^a	11.0	10.9	10.3

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**Table 7.35A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 or Older:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	176,561 ^a	177,517	177,104	179,039
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	69,922 ^a	66,853 ^a	63,856	61,738
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	85,474 ^a	80,353 ^a	76,134	73,826
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	175,459 ^a	176,551	177,252	178,414
Use Once or Twice a Week	210,160 ^a	211,240 ^a	213,029	213,609
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	208,261 ^a	211,064 ^a	214,915	216,289
Use Once or Twice a Week	227,589 ^a	229,212 ^a	232,651 ^a	233,641
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	171,585 ^a	170,546 ^a	168,994	167,781
Use Once or Twice a Week	204,016 ^a	203,699 ^a	202,661	201,324
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	106,616 ^a	107,661 ^a	109,561	111,237
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	166,371 ^a	166,176 ^a	169,757	169,738
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	139,256 ^a	142,145 ^a	148,259 ^a	151,338
Cocaine	53,857	54,462	54,367	54,107
Crack	46,933 ^a	46,174 ^a	45,171	44,309
Heroin	38,594 ^a	42,282	41,683	40,941
LSD	30,739 ^a	32,566	32,603	33,793
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	13,149	12,485	12,765	13,067

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Table 7.35B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 or Older: Percentages, 2015-2018

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	73.3 ^a	73.1	72.1	72.5
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	29.3 ^a	27.8 ^a	26.3 ^a	25.2
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	35.8 ^a	33.4 ^a	31.4 ^a	30.2
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	73.6	73.3	72.9	72.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.1 ^a	87.7	87.5	87.2
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	87.3 ^a	87.6 ^a	88.3	88.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	95.3	95.1	95.6	95.4
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	72.3 ^a	71.4 ^a	70.0 ^a	69.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	86.0 ^a	85.2 ^a	83.9 ^a	82.8
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.4	44.4	44.7	45.1
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	69.2	68.5	69.2	68.9
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	59.9 ^a	60.5 ^a	62.5	63.3
Cocaine	23.6	23.6	23.4	23.0
Crack	20.6 ^a	20.1 ^a	19.5	18.9
Heroin	16.9	18.4 ^a	18.0	17.5
LSD	13.5 ^a	14.2	14.1	14.5
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.3

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**Table 7.36A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 to 25:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	23,616 ^a	23,567 ^a	22,701	22,827
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	5,248 ^a	4,623 ^a	4,180	4,038
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	6,606 ^a	5,880 ^a	5,233	5,185
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	22,546 ^a	22,170 ^a	21,346	21,046
Use Once or Twice a Week	29,136 ^a	28,571 ^a	28,242 ^a	27,763
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	28,516 ^a	28,360 ^a	27,951	27,723
Use Once or Twice a Week	32,468 ^a	31,987 ^a	31,805 ^a	31,332
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	19,508 ^a	18,442 ^a	17,380 ^a	16,644
Use Once or Twice a Week	26,239 ^a	25,176 ^a	24,030 ^a	23,323
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	12,737	12,758	12,934	12,645
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	21,568	21,422	21,553	21,403
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	24,936	25,131	25,153	24,875
Cocaine	9,030	8,915	8,893	8,866
Crack	5,916 ^a	5,417	5,214	5,081
Heroin	5,202 ^a	5,291 ^a	5,107 ^a	4,777
LSD	5,918 ^a	6,480 ^a	6,679	6,899
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5,198 ^a	4,601	4,876 ^a	4,499

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Table 7.36B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 to 25: Percentages, 2015-2018

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	68.0	68.6	66.6	67.5
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	15.2 ^a	13.5 ^a	12.3	12.0
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	19.1 ^a	17.2 ^a	15.4	15.4
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	65.3 ^a	64.8 ^a	63.0	62.7
Use Once or Twice a Week	84.3 ^a	83.6	83.3	82.6
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	82.6	83.0	82.6	82.5
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.0 ^a	93.5	93.9	93.3
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	57.0 ^a	54.5 ^a	51.8 ^a	49.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	76.7 ^a	74.4 ^a	71.7 ^a	70.0
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	36.7	37.1	37.9	37.5
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.1	62.3	63.2	63.4
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	72.6 ^a	74.0	74.6	74.2
Cocaine	26.6	26.6	26.8	26.8
Crack	17.5 ^a	16.3	15.8	15.4
Heroin	15.4	15.9 ^a	15.4	14.5
LSD	17.6 ^a	19.5 ^a	20.2	20.9
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	14.9 ^a	13.3	14.2 ^a	13.2

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Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	152,946 ^a	153,950 ^a	154,403	156,212
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	64,674 ^a	62,231 ^a	59,676	57,699
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	78,868 ^a	74,473 ^a	70,902 ^a	68,641
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	152,913 ^a	154,381 ^a	155,906	157,367
Use Once or Twice a Week	181,024 ^a	182,669 ^a	184,787	185,845
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	179,745 ^a	182,704 ^a	186,964 ^a	188,566
Use Once or Twice a Week	195,121 ^a	197,225 ^a	200,846 ^a	202,309
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	152,076	152,104	151,614	151,137
Use Once or Twice a Week	177,777	178,523	178,631	178,000
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	93,879 ^a	94,903 ^a	96,627	98,593
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	144,803 ^a	144,754 ^a	148,204	148,335
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	114,320 ^a	117,014 ^a	123,106 ^a	126,463
Cocaine	44,828	45,547	45,474	45,241
Crack	41,017	40,757	39,957	39,228
Heroin	33,392 ^a	36,990	36,576	36,164
LSD	24,821 ^a	26,086	25,923	26,894
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7,950	7,884	7,889	8,568

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PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹				
Cigarettes				
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	74.2 ^a	73.9	73.0	73.2
Marijuana				
Smoke Once a Month	31.7 ^a	30.2 ^a	28.5 ^a	27.3
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	38.7 ^a	36.1 ^a	34.0 ^a	32.5
Cocaine				
Use Once a Month	75.0	74.7	74.5	74.5
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.8 ^a	88.4	88.2	87.9
Heroin				
Try Once or Twice	88.0 ^a	88.4 ^a	89.3	89.3
Use Once or Twice a Week	95.5	95.4	95.8	95.7
LSD				
Try Once or Twice	74.8 ^a	74.2 ^a	72.9 ^a	72.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.5 ^a	87.0 ^a	85.9 ^a	84.8
Alcohol				
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	45.7	45.6	45.8	46.4
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	70.4	69.6	70.2	69.7
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²				
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain				
Marijuana	57.7 ^a	58.3 ^a	60.5	61.5
Cocaine	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.4
Crack	21.1 ^a	20.8 ^a	20.1	19.5
Heroin	17.2	18.9 ^a	18.4	18.0
LSD	12.8	13.3	13.1	13.4
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.0

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