

Table 7.40A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	2,196 ^a	1,973 ^a	2,142 ^a	2,114 ^a	2,061 ^a	2,089 ^a	2,224 ^a	2,379 ^a	2,439 ^a	2,617 ^a	2,398 ^a	2,427 ^a	2,568 ^a	2,600 ^a	2,582 ^a	3,033	3,061
Cocaine	1,032	986	998	872	977	906	724	623 ^a	642 ^a	670 ^a	639 ^a	601 ^a	766	968	1,085 ^a	1,037	874
Crack	337 ^a	269 ^a	215 ^a	230 ^a	243 ^a	353 ^a	209 ^a	95	83	76	84	58	109	37 ^a	88	83	101
Heroin	117	92	118	108	90	106	116	187	142	178	156	169	212 ^a	135	170	81	117
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,160	1,178	1,194	1,116
LSD	338 ^a	200 ^a	235 ^a	243 ^a	265 ^a	271 ^a	400 ^a	341 ^a	381 ^a	358 ^a	421 ^a	482 ^a	586 ^a	664	844	794	778
PCP	123 ^a	105 ^a	106 ^a	77 ^a	70 ^a	58 ^a	53 ^a	45 ^a	46 ^a	48 ^a	90 ^a	32	41 ^a	42 ^a	43	23	14
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	839	757	787	722
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	600	526	575	576
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	225	192	195	205
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	2,126	2,139	2,010	1,908
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,260 ^a	1,374 ^a	1,192	1,001
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,437	1,374	1,446	1,210
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	425 ^a	294	271	251
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	1,940	1,983	2,122 ^a	2,282 ^a	2,456 ^a	2,231 ^a	2,453 ^a	2,545 ^a	2,403 ^a	2,394 ^a	2,336 ^a	2,071 ^a	2,164 ^a	1,956	1,782	1,898	1,825
Daily Cigarette Use	1,016 ^a	1,064 ^a	1,101 ^a	965 ^a	1,049 ^a	983 ^a	945 ^a	1,136 ^a	962 ^a	878 ^a	778 ^a	813 ^a	756 ^a	622 ^a	620	608	495
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,335 ^a	1,157 ^a	1,013	918
CIGARS	2,858 ^a	2,736 ^a	3,058 ^a	3,349 ^a	3,061 ^a	3,078 ^a	2,918 ^a	3,146 ^a	2,950 ^a	2,800 ^a	2,664 ^a	2,770 ^a	2,597 ^a	2,569 ^a	2,359	2,338	2,274
ALCOHOL	3,942 ^a	4,082 ^a	4,396 ^a	4,274 ^a	4,378 ^a	4,551	4,466 ^a	4,561	4,675	4,699	4,589	4,559	4,655	4,761	4,639	4,914	4,878

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Table 7.40B Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Percentages, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	0.9 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.0	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.1	1.1
Cocaine	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.3	0.2 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.3	0.4	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.3
Crack	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
LSD	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
PCP	0.1 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.5 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.5 ^a	0.5	0.5	0.4
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	1.0 ^a	0.9 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.0 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Daily Cigarette Use	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.2
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.5 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.3
CIGARS	1.2 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.3 ^a	1.4 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.0 ^a	0.9	0.9	0.8
ALCOHOL	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8

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Table 7.41A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	1,373	1,219	1,252	1,139 ^a	1,194 ^a	1,168 ^a	1,248	1,343	1,274	1,375	1,255	1,200	1,203	1,169 ^a	1,197	1,204	1,339
Cocaine	310 ^a	282 ^a	274 ^a	286 ^a	260 ^a	254 ^a	196 ^a	145 ^a	156 ^a	146 ^a	120 ^a	94	117	112	107	98	74
Crack	86 ^a	76 ^a	42 ^a	32 ^a	41 ^a	52 ^a	17 ^a	18 ^a	14 ^a	19 ^a	18	10	11	*	6	9	4
Heroin	39 ^a	25 ^a	31 ^a	18	24 ^a	16	29 ^a	19	23 ^a	38 ^a	21	21	13	11	8	9	7
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	340 ^a	319 ^a	344 ^a	234
LSD	180	96 ^a	99	105	76 ^a	97 ^a	147	106	100	123	125	122	165	206 ^a	160	188	142
PCP	77 ^a	59 ^a	43 ^a	55 ^a	43 ^a	38 ^a	37 ^a	26 ^a	22 ^a	29 ^a	45 ^a	19 ^a	17	34 ^a	12	13	5
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	168 ^a	143	146	105
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	349	262	289	308
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	24	16	27	31
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	415 ^a	423 ^a	316	310
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	276 ^a	244	217	181
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	210	228	223	215
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	46	55	34	36
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	1,187 ^a	1,226 ^a	1,294 ^a	1,303 ^a	1,333 ^a	1,198 ^a	1,288 ^a	1,273 ^a	1,205 ^a	1,165 ^a	1,032 ^a	932 ^a	838 ^a	823 ^a	723 ^a	604	571
Daily Cigarette Use	403 ^a	439 ^a	417 ^a	334 ^a	386 ^a	333 ^a	277 ^a	313 ^a	286 ^a	268 ^a	197 ^a	209 ^a	165 ^a	119 ^a	105 ^a	86	63
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	460 ^a	353	397 ^a	307
CIGARS	1,113 ^a	1,163 ^a	1,246 ^a	1,270 ^a	1,217 ^a	1,145 ^a	1,120 ^a	1,085 ^a	940 ^a	969 ^a	849 ^a	730 ^a	797 ^a	671 ^a	575	599 ^a	493
ALCOHOL	2,588 ^a	2,593 ^a	2,743 ^a	2,749 ^a	2,706 ^a	2,698 ^a	2,568	2,662 ^a	2,476	2,622 ^a	2,448	2,417	2,335	2,358	2,293	2,332	2,380

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ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	5.5	4.9	5.0	4.5 ^a	4.7 ^a	4.6 ^a	5.0	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7 ^a	4.8	4.8	5.4
Cocaine	1.3 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.0 ^a	1.0 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Crack	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.4 ^a	1.3 ^a	1.4 ^a	0.9
LSD	0.7	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.3 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8 ^a	0.6	0.8	0.6
PCP	0.3 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.1	0.0
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.7 ^a	0.6	0.6	0.4
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.7 ^a	1.7 ^a	1.3	1.2
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.1 ^a	1.0	0.9	0.7
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	4.8 ^a	4.9 ^a	5.1 ^a	5.1 ^a	5.2 ^a	4.7 ^a	5.2 ^a	5.2 ^a	4.9 ^a	4.7 ^a	4.1 ^a	3.7 ^a	3.4 ^a	3.3 ^a	2.9 ^a	2.4	2.3
Daily Cigarette Use	1.6 ^a	1.8 ^a	1.7 ^a	1.3 ^a	1.5 ^a	1.3 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.3 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.1 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.7 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.3	0.3
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.8 ^a	1.4	1.6 ^a	1.2
CIGARS	4.5 ^a	4.7 ^a	4.9 ^a	5.0 ^a	4.8 ^a	4.5 ^a	4.5 ^a	4.4 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.9 ^a	3.4 ^a	2.9 ^a	3.2 ^a	2.7 ^a	2.3	2.4 ^a	2.0
ALCOHOL	10.5 ^a	10.4 ^a	10.9 ^a	10.8 ^a	10.7 ^a	10.7 ^a	10.3	10.8 ^a	10.2	10.5 ^a	9.8	9.7	9.4	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.6

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Table 7.42A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 18 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	823 ^a	754 ^a	890 ^a	975 ^a	868 ^a	921 ^a	976 ^a	1,036 ^a	1,165 ^a	1,242 ^a	1,143 ^a	1,227 ^a	1,365 ^a	1,431 ^a	1,385 ^a	1,829	1,722
Cocaine	721	704	724	586 ^a	718	652	527 ^a	478 ^a	486 ^a	523 ^a	519 ^a	507 ^a	649	856	978	939	799
Crack	251 ^a	193 ^a	173 ^a	197 ^a	202 ^a	300 ^a	191 ^a	77	69	57	66	47	98	37 ^a	82	73	97
Heroin	78	67	87	90	65	90	86	167	119	140	135	148	198 ^a	124	162	72	110
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	819	860	850	882
LSD	158 ^a	104 ^a	136 ^a	138 ^a	189 ^a	174 ^a	253 ^a	234 ^a	280 ^a	235 ^a	296 ^a	360 ^a	421 ^a	458 ^a	684	606	636
PCP	46	46	63	22	27	19	16	19	25	19	45	13	24	*	31	*	*
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	671	614	641	617
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	250	264	286	269
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	201	176	168	174
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,710	1,716	1,694	1,598
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	984	1,130 ^a	975	820
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,227	1,146	1,222	995
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	379 ^a	239	237	216
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	753 ^a	757 ^a	829 ^a	979 ^a	1,124	1,033 ^a	1,165	1,271	1,198	1,229	1,304	1,139	1,325	1,133	1,059	1,293	1,254
Daily Cigarette Use	612 ^a	625 ^a	684 ^a	631 ^a	664 ^a	650 ^a	668 ^a	822 ^a	676 ^a	610 ^a	580 ^a	605 ^a	592 ^a	503	514	522	433
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	875 ^a	804	615	611
CIGARS	1,745	1,572	1,813	2,079 ^a	1,845	1,933	1,797	2,061	2,010	1,831	1,815	2,040	1,800	1,898	1,784	1,739	1,781
ALCOHOL	1,354 ^a	1,490 ^a	1,653 ^a	1,525 ^a	1,673 ^a	1,853 ^a	1,898 ^a	1,899 ^a	2,199 ^a	2,077 ^a	2,141 ^a	2,142 ^a	2,320	2,403	2,346	2,583	2,498

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Table 7.42B Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 18 or Older: Percentages, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.7	0.7
Cocaine	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.3	0.4	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.3
Crack	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
LSD	0.1 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.3	0.2	0.3
PCP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	*
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.4	0.5 ^a	0.4	0.3
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.5 ^a	0.5	0.5	0.4
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5
Daily Cigarette Use	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.4 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2	0.2
CIGARS	0.8	0.7	0.8 ^a	1.0 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.8	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.8	0.8	0.9 ^a	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
ALCOHOL	0.6 ^a	0.7 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.7 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	1.0	0.9 ^a	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2018.

Table 7.43A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 18 to 25: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	733 ^a	666 ^a	714 ^a	723 ^a	742 ^a	787 ^a	817 ^a	988 ^a	918 ^a	1,060	966 ^a	1,017 ^a	1,094	1,048	1,013 ^a	1,304	1,197
Cocaine	594	576	592	498	570	541	426 ^a	397 ^a	372 ^a	467 ^a	443 ^a	432 ^a	501	663	766	729	616
Crack	100 ^a	109 ^a	120 ^a	142 ^a	132 ^a	88 ^a	91 ^a	62	39	40	49	25	54	37	48	21	36
Heroin	66	42	46	57	56	70 ^a	58	83 ^a	83 ^a	100 ^a	95 ^a	66	75 ^a	57	82 ^a	46	35
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	670	725	683	632
LSD	142 ^a	98 ^a	112 ^a	114 ^a	162 ^a	171 ^a	235 ^a	228 ^a	261 ^a	222 ^a	264 ^a	312 ^a	371	387	567	487	468
PCP	46 ^a	41 ^a	49 ^a	22	27 ^a	19	16	17	24	18	28 ^a	13	24	8	9	9	8
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	531	460	507	460
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	188	184	212	210
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	91	79	95	68
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	596 ^a	585 ^a	465	464
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	600	617	581	517
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	489	617 ^a	473	434
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	86	75	51	73
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	641 ^a	659 ^a	765 ^a	848 ^a	1,041	989	1,076	1,147	1,120	1,156	1,204	1,031	1,181	1,050	978	1,151	1,141
Daily Cigarette Use	447 ^a	474 ^a	566 ^a	493 ^a	554 ^a	566 ^a	549 ^a	618 ^a	599 ^a	525 ^a	488 ^a	505 ^a	479 ^a	403	363	393	353
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	517	452	398	414
CIGARS	1,031 ^a	1,055 ^a	1,199	1,332	1,275	1,379	1,277	1,417	1,388	1,238	1,291	1,334	1,311	1,281	1,226	1,118	1,246
ALCOHOL	1,230 ^a	1,430 ^a	1,484 ^a	1,421 ^a	1,612 ^a	1,741 ^a	1,706 ^a	1,775 ^a	2,008 ^a	1,971 ^a	1,945 ^a	2,056 ^a	2,225	2,203 ^a	2,191 ^a	2,440	2,436

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2018.

Table 7.43B Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 18 to 25: Percentages, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	2.4 ^a	2.1 ^a	2.2 ^a	2.2 ^a	2.3 ^a	2.4 ^a	2.5 ^a	2.9 ^a	2.7 ^a	3.1	2.8 ^a	2.9 ^a	3.1	3.0 ^a	2.9 ^a	3.8	3.5
Cocaine	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.3 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.1 ^a	1.4 ^a	1.3 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.4 ^a	1.9	2.2	2.1	1.8
Crack	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Heroin	0.2 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.2 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.2	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.2 ^a	0.1	0.1
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9
LSD	0.5 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.3 ^a	0.4 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.5 ^a	0.7 ^a	0.7 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.6 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.9 ^a	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.4
PCP	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.7 ^a	1.7	1.4	1.4
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.4	1.8 ^a	1.4	1.3
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	2.1 ^a	2.1 ^a	2.4 ^a	2.6 ^a	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.4
Daily Cigarette Use	1.4 ^a	1.5 ^a	1.8 ^a	1.5 ^a	1.7 ^a	1.7 ^a	1.7 ^a	1.8 ^a	1.8 ^a	1.5 ^a	1.4 ^a	1.5 ^a	1.4 ^a	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.0
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2
CIGARS	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.2 ^a	3.9	4.2 ^a	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.7
ALCOHOL	4.0 ^a	4.5 ^a	4.6 ^a	4.4 ^a	4.9 ^a	5.3 ^a	5.2 ^a	5.3 ^a	5.9 ^a	5.7 ^a	5.6 ^a	5.9 ^a	6.4 ^a	6.3 ^a	6.3 ^a	7.1	7.2

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Table 7.44A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 26 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2018

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	90 ^a	88 ^a	176 ^a	252 ^a	126 ^a	134 ^a	159 ^a	49 ^a	247 ^a	182 ^a	177 ^a	210 ^a	271 ^a	383	372	525	525
Cocaine	127	128	133	87 ^a	147	112	102	81 ^a	114	56 ^a	76 ^a	75 ^a	148	193	213	210	184
Crack	151 ^a	83	53	55	70	212 ^a	101	15	30	17	17	23	44	*	34	52	61
Heroin	12 ^a	25	40	33	9 ^a	20 ^a	28	85	37	40	40	82	124	68	80	26 ^a	75
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	150	134 ^a	167	250
LSD	16 ^a	*	24 ^a	24 ^a	28 ^a	*	18 ^a	*	20 ^a	13 ^a	33 ^a	48 ^a	50 ^a	71 ^a	117	120	169
PCP	*	*	14	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	17	*	*	*	22	*	*
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	141	154	134	157
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	62	80	75	58
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	110	97	73	106
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,114	1,130	1,229	1,134
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	384	513 ^a	394	302
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	738	530	749	560
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	293 ^a	164	186	143
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	111	98	63	131	83	45 ^a	89	124	78	73	101	108	144	84	81	142	113
Daily Cigarette Use	166	150	118	137	109	84	119	204 ^a	77	85	92	99	113	100	152	130	80
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	358 ^a	352	218	197
CIGARS	714	518	614	747 ^a	570	555	521	644	622	593	524	706	489	617	558	622	535
ALCOHOL	124	60	169	105	60	112	193 ^a	124	191	106	196 ^a	85	95	200 ^a	156 ^a	143	63

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Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ILLICIT DRUGS	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	0.1 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Cocaine	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0 ^a	0.1	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Crack	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0 ^a	0.0
Hallucinogens	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1
LSD	0.0 ^a	*	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	*	0.0 ^a	*	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.0 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1
PCP	*	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.0	*	*	*	0.0	*	*
Ecstasy	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Inhalants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamine	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Stimulants	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.1
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Sedatives	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ²	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Daily Cigarette Use	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	0.2 ^a	0.2	0.1	0.1
CIGARS	0.4 ^a	0.3	0.3	0.4 ^a	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
ALCOHOL	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.0

* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Some 2006 to 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section 3.3.5 in Chapter 3 of the *2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions*).

NOTE: Methodological limitations preclude the estimation of past year initiates for the overall prescription psychotherapeutics category and consequently the overall illicit drugs and illicit drugs other than marijuana categories.

^a The difference between this estimate and the 2018 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

¹ Prescription psychotherapeutic subtypes were revised in 2016; one effect was the comparability of codeine products between 2015 and later years.

² Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana excludes respondents who used only marijuana but includes those who used marijuana in addition to other illicit drugs.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2018.