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Table 1 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in the United States, by Age Group: Estimated Numbers (in Thousands), Annual Averages Based on 2016-2017 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	29,519	1,962	8,156	19,400	27,557
Past Year Marijuana Use	39,252	3,038	11,678	24,535	36,214
Past Month Marijuana Use	24,988	1,611	7,387	15,990	23,377
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	72,913	6,418	4,440	62,056	66,496
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	3,105	1,167	1,425	513	1,938
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	9,139	605	2,436	6,097	8,533
Past Year Cocaine Use	5,507	131	2,023	3,353	5,376
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	193,711	13,957	22,008	157,746	179,754
Past Year Heroin Use	917	13	220	683	903
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	232,771	16,427	28,501	187,843	216,344
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	1,512	40	320	1,152	1,472
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ²	11,297	824	2,457	8,016	10,473
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	138,664	2,377	19,542	116,745	136,287
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁵	65,982	1,262	12,955	51,765	64,720
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	120,507	10,921	12,925	96,661	109,586
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁶ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	7,354	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{5,6} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	4,528	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁷	62,250	1,270	10,165	50,815	60,980
Past Month Cigarette Use	50,013	821	7,887	41,305	49,192
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	195,523	17,004	23,269	155,250	178,519
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	7,463	765	2,470	4,228	6,698
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,8}	1,715	125	315	1,275	1,590
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁸	14,781	465	3,564	10,751	14,315
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	19,906	1,028	5,156	13,722	18,878
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,9}	6,635	727	2,265	3,644	5,908
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁹	14,133	447	3,442	10,244	13,686
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,9}	18,453	969	4,845	12,640	17,484
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	2,300	8,475	10,775
Any Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	8,242	37,399	45,641
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	4,785	31,112	35,897
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹²	--	--	3,321	6,987	10,308
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,13}	--	3,243	4,117	12,832	16,949

-- Not available.

NOTE: Numbers in this table are based on national design-based estimates.

NOTE: Estimated numbers appearing as 0 in this table mean that the estimate is greater than 0 but less than 500 because estimated numbers are shown in thousands.

¹ Illicit Drug Use includes the misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics or the use of marijuana, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine. Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana includes the misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics or the use of cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine.² Misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics is defined as use in any way not directed by a doctor, including use without a prescription of one's own; use in greater amounts, more often, or longer than told; or use in any other way not directed by a doctor. Prescription psychotherapeutics do not include over-the-counter drugs.³ First Use of Marijuana is defined as follows: *Average annual number of marijuana initiates* = $X_1 \div 2$, where X_1 is the number of marijuana initiates in the past 24 months.⁴ For details, see Section B of the "2016-2017 NSDUH: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology" at <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.⁵ Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks (for males) or four or more drinks (for females) 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.⁶ Underage drinking is defined for individuals aged 12 to 20; therefore, the "12+" estimate reflects that age group and not individuals aged 12 or older.⁷ Tobacco Products include cigarettes, smokeless tobacco (i.e., snuff, dip, chewing tobacco, or "snus"), cigars, or pipe tobacco.⁸ Substance Use Disorder is defined as meeting criteria for illicit drug or alcohol dependence or abuse. Dependence or abuse is based on definitions found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).⁹ Respondents were classified as needing substance use treatment if they met the criteria for illicit drug or alcohol use disorder as defined in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV) or received treatment for illicit drug or alcohol use at a specialty facility (i.e., drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility [inpatient or outpatient], hospital [inpatient only], or mental health center). Needing But Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment refers to respondents who are classified as needing illicit drug or alcohol treatment, but who did not receive illicit drug or alcohol treatment at a specialty facility.¹⁰ Mental illness is defined as having a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder, other than a developmental or substance use disorder, assessed by the Mental Health Surveillance Study (MHSS) *Structured Clinical Interview for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders—Fourth Edition—Research Version—Axis I Disorders* (MHSS-SCID), which is based on the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV). Any mental illness (AMI) includes adults with any mental disorder regardless of whether their disorder resulted in functional impairment. Serious mental illness (SMI) includes adults with any mental disorder that resulted in serious functional impairment.¹¹ Mental health services are defined as having received inpatient treatment/counseling or outpatient treatment/counseling or having used prescription medication for problems with emotions, nerves, or mental health. Respondents were not to include treatment for drug or alcohol use.¹² Respondents were asked, "At any time in the past 12 months, did you seriously think about trying to kill yourself?" If they answered "Yes," they were categorized as having serious thoughts of suicide in the past year.¹³ Major depressive episode (MDE) is defined as in the 5th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5), which specifies a period of at least 2 weeks when an individual experienced a depressed mood or loss of interest or pleasure in daily activities and had a majority of specified depression symptoms. There are minor wording differences in the questions in the adult and adolescent MDE modules. Therefore, data from youths aged 12 to 17 were not combined with data from adults aged 18 or older to produce an estimate for those aged 12 or older.

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Table 2 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in the *United States*, by Age Group: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2016-2017 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	10.90	7.88	23.69	9.18	11.21
Past Year Marijuana Use	14.50	12.19	33.91	11.61	14.73
Past Month Marijuana Use	9.23	6.46	21.45	7.56	9.51
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	26.91	25.75	12.89	29.35	27.03
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	2.03	5.22	7.98	0.45	1.48
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	3.38	2.43	7.07	2.88	3.47
Past Year Cocaine Use	2.03	0.53	5.88	1.59	2.19
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	71.55	56.01	63.91	74.62	73.11
Past Year Heroin Use	0.34	0.05	0.64	0.32	0.37
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	86.00	65.92	82.76	88.85	88.00
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	0.56	0.16	0.93	0.55	0.60
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ²	4.17	3.31	7.13	3.79	4.26
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	51.21	9.54	56.74	55.22	55.43
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁵	24.37	5.06	37.62	24.49	26.33
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	44.50	43.83	37.53	45.72	44.57
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁶ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	19.50	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{5,6} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	12.00	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁷	22.99	5.10	29.52	24.04	24.80
Past Month Cigarette Use	18.47	3.29	22.90	19.54	20.01
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	72.21	68.24	67.57	73.44	72.61
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	2.76	3.07	7.17	2.00	2.72
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,8}	0.63	0.50	0.91	0.60	0.65
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁸	5.46	1.87	10.35	5.09	5.82
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	7.35	4.13	14.97	6.49	7.68
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,9}	2.45	2.92	6.58	1.72	2.40
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁹	5.22	1.79	9.99	4.85	5.57
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,9}	6.82	3.89	14.07	5.98	7.11
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	6.68	4.01	4.38
Any Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	23.93	17.69	18.57
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	13.90	14.72	14.60
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹²	--	--	9.64	3.31	4.19
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,13}	--	13.01	11.95	6.07	6.89

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