

Table 3.1A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2018 and 2019

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	Aged 12+ (2018)	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2018)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 18+ (2018)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2018)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 26+ (2018)	Aged 26+ (2019)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	195,014	194,258	15,974	15,867	179,039	178,392	22,827 ^a	22,174	156,212	156,218
Marijuana										
Smoke Once a Month	67,271 ^a	64,313	5,533	5,482	61,738 ^a	58,831	4,038	3,928	57,699 ^a	54,903
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	82,311 ^a	78,832	8,486	8,406	73,826 ^a	70,426	5,185	4,992	68,641 ^a	65,434
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	191,507 ^a	189,015	13,094	12,995	178,414 ^a	176,019	21,046	20,786	157,367 ^a	155,233
Use Once or Twice a Week	232,872	231,560	19,263	19,024	213,609	212,535	27,763	27,447	185,845	185,088
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	231,827	230,338	15,538 ^a	15,137	216,289	215,202	27,723	27,392	188,566	187,810
Use Once or Twice a Week	253,644	253,771	20,003	19,785	233,641	233,987	31,332 ^a	31,039	202,309	202,948
LSD										
Try Once or Twice	178,852 ^a	174,001	11,071 ^a	10,584	167,781 ^a	163,417	16,644 ^a	15,707	151,137 ^a	147,711
Use Once or Twice a Week	217,280 ^a	212,969	15,956 ^a	15,578	201,324 ^a	197,391	23,323 ^a	22,225	178,000 ^a	175,166
Alcohol										
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	121,787	121,662	10,550	10,505	111,237	111,157	12,645	12,897	98,593	98,260
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	185,462	184,925	15,723	15,516	169,738	169,408	21,403 ^a	20,866	148,335	148,542
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²										
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain										
Marijuana	162,424 ^a	167,323	11,086 ^a	10,669	151,338 ^a	156,655	24,875	24,568	126,463 ^a	132,087
Cocaine	56,897	56,865	2,790	2,669	54,107	54,196	8,866	8,679	45,241	45,517
Crack	46,820	45,889	2,512	2,356	44,309	43,533	5,081	4,985	39,228	38,548
Heroin	42,862	41,699	1,921 ^a	1,665	40,941	40,034	4,777	4,575	36,164	35,459
LSD	36,560	36,821	2,767	2,816	33,793	34,005	6,899	7,177	26,894	26,829
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	15,613	14,767	2,546	2,472	13,067	12,295	4,499 ^a	3,936	8,568	8,358

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^a The difference between this estimate and the 2019 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

¹ Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded from the respective analyses.

² Respondents with unknown Perceived Availability data were excluded from the respective analyses.

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, 2018 and 2019.

Table 3.1B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Age Group: Percentages, 2018 and 2019

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	Aged 12+ (2018)	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2018)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 18+ (2018)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2018)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 26+ (2018)	Aged 26+ (2019)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	71.8	71.2	65.3	65.0	72.5	71.8	67.5 ^a	66.2	73.2	72.7
Marijuana										
Smoke Once a Month	25.0 ^a	23.8	22.8	22.6	25.2 ^a	23.9	12.0	11.8	27.3 ^a	25.8
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	30.6 ^a	29.2	34.9	34.6	30.2 ^a	28.6	15.4	15.0	32.5 ^a	30.8
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	71.2 ^a	70.0	54.2	53.9	72.9 ^a	71.6	62.7	62.6	74.5 ^a	73.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	86.5 ^a	85.7	79.6	78.7	87.2 ^a	86.4	82.6	82.6	87.9 ^a	86.9
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	86.2 ^a	85.2	64.5 ^a	62.9	88.4 ^a	87.4	82.5	82.4	89.3 ^a	88.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.3 ^a	93.8	83.0	82.1	95.4	95.0	93.3	93.3	95.7 ^a	95.2
LSD										
Try Once or Twice	67.1 ^a	65.0	47.5 ^a	45.4	69.0 ^a	66.9	49.9 ^a	47.7	72.0 ^a	69.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	81.5 ^a	79.6	68.4 ^a	66.8	82.8 ^a	80.8	70.0 ^a	67.5	84.8 ^a	82.9
Alcohol										
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	45.0	44.7	43.2	43.0	45.1	44.9	37.5	38.6	46.4	45.8
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.5	67.9	64.4	63.5	68.9	68.3	63.4	62.4	69.7	69.3
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²										
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain										
Marijuana	61.7 ^a	63.2	46.0 ^a	44.3	63.3 ^a	65.1	74.2	74.2	61.5 ^a	63.6
Cocaine	22.0	21.9	11.7	11.2	23.0	23.0	26.8	26.6	22.4	22.4
Crack	18.2	17.7	10.6	9.9	18.9	18.5	15.4	15.3	19.5	19.0
Heroin	16.6	16.1	8.1 ^a	7.0	17.5	17.0	14.5	14.0	18.0	17.5
LSD	14.2	14.3	11.9	12.1	14.5	14.5	20.9	22.1	13.4	13.3
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5.7	5.4	10.3	10.0	5.3	4.9	13.2 ^a	11.7	4.0	3.9

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