

Table 4.10D Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons 12 to 49 and Mean Age at First Substance Use among Past Year Initiates Aged 12 to 49, by Gender: Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands and Standard Errors of Averages, 2018 and 2019

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Mean Age among Past Year Initiates		Mean Age among Past Year Male Initiates		Mean Age among Past Year Female Initiates	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	101	115	0.27	0.38	0.38	0.63	0.39	0.44
Cocaine	66	56	0.37	0.61	0.57	0.84	0.52	0.85
Crack	26	18	1.84	2.00	3.05	2.56	2.48	3.08
Heroin	24	11	1.85	2.53	2.31	*	3.02	*
Hallucinogens	69	77	0.46	0.50	0.67	0.64	0.62	0.82
LSD	60	67	0.48	0.47	0.70	0.65	0.58	0.56
PCP	6	9	*	0.70	*	0.81	*	*
Ecstasy	58	53	0.51	0.50	0.84	0.59	0.61	0.86
Inhalants	45	54	0.50	0.57	0.55	0.83	0.87	0.78
Methamphetamine	31	23	1.32	1.39	2.24	2.10	1.49	1.72
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	84	77	0.64	0.75	1.00	1.15	0.84	0.86
Stimulants	63	60	0.59	0.64	0.66	0.76	0.91	1.10
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	62	61	0.62	0.77	1.04	1.32	0.75	0.92
Sedatives	29	22	1.37	2.47	2.00	2.99	1.30	3.52
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	87	76	0.18	0.26	0.24	0.27	0.27	0.47
Daily Cigarette Use	40	41	0.48	1.07	0.61	0.89	0.80	1.84
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	56	59	0.60	0.54	0.54	0.59	1.36	1.01
CIGARS	95	92	0.33	0.39	0.41	0.45	0.55	0.70
ALCOHOL	128	129	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.20

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

NOTE: Methodological limitations preclude the estimation of past year initiates for aggregate substance use categories having at least one prescription psychotherapeutic, including categories for overall illicit drugs, misuse of psychotherapeutics, tranquilizers or sedatives, opioids, and illicit drugs other than marijuana (see Section 3.4.2 in Chapter 3 of the *2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions*).

¹ 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, 2018 and 2019.

Table 4.10P Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons 12 to 49 and Mean Age at First Substance Use among Past Year Initiates Aged 12 to 49, by Gender: *P* Values from Tests of Differences of Averages, 2019 Versus 2018

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Mean Age among Past Year Initiates		Mean Age among Past Year Male Initiates		Mean Age among Past Year Female Initiates	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
ILLCIT DRUGS	da		nr		nr		nr	
Marijuana	da		0.0125		0.0614		0.0667	
Cocaine	da		0.4335		0.1809		0.7907	
Crack	da		0.8675		0.9714		0.8986	
Heroin	da		0.6216		*		*	
Hallucinogens	da		0.7866		0.6950		0.3500	
LSD	da		0.6618		0.8876		0.4569	
PCP	da		*		*		*	
Ecstasy	da		0.9644		0.8234		0.9532	
Inhalants	da		0.6770		0.3877		0.9909	
Methamphetamine	da		0.8943		0.7964		0.5661	
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics	da		nr		nr		nr	
Pain Relievers	da		0.3603		0.2880		0.8888	
Stimulants	da		0.8765		0.6416		0.8564	
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	da		nr		nr		nr	
Tranquilizers	da		0.5764		0.2825		0.8055	
Sedatives	da		0.3805		0.9668		0.1301	
Benzodiazepines	da		--		--		--	
Opioids	da		nr		nr		nr	
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	da		nr		nr		nr	
CIGARETTES	da		0.7548		0.4330		0.8003	
Daily Cigarette Use	da		0.0075		0.1351		0.0217	
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	da		0.7290		0.4297		0.7186	
CIGARS	da		0.8925		0.8064		0.7981	
ALCOHOL	da		0.0604		0.2778		0.1171	

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