

Table 4.9C Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older Who Initiated Use Prior to Age 18, Prior to Age 21, and at Age 21 or Older: Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands, 2018 and 2019

Substance	Persons Who Initiated Use Prior to Age 18		Persons Who Initiated Use Prior to Age 21		Persons Who Initiated Use at Age 21 or Older	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	61	68	78	87	69	104
Cocaine	17	17	37	38	51	42
Crack	3	7	7	8	25	26
Heroin	6	*	9	4	22	17
Hallucinogens	28	27	46	52	53	58
LSD	22	24	36	41	47	54
PCP	4	7	4	8	*	*
Ecstasy	19	20	38	35	42	44
Inhalants	31	29	35	35	27	40
Methamphetamine	10	7	14	13	27	30
Misuse of Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	30	28	40	39	114	108
Stimulants	24	28	40	42	51	49
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	28	24	37	36	81	67
Sedatives	*	*	*	*	35	48
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	45	42	72	69	45	38
Daily Cigarette Use	15	13	30	23	31	46
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	26	31	41	43	50	55
CIGARS	35	39	66	73	72	74
ALCOHOL	89	88	111	118	61	69

* = 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.