

**Table 7.33A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2019**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	193,285	194,489	193,606	195,014	194,258
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	76,562 ^a	73,444 ^a	69,813 ^a	67,271 ^a	64,313
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	95,366 ^a	90,113 ^a	85,335 ^a	82,311 ^a	78,832
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	189,188	190,192	190,719	191,507 ^a	189,015
Use Once or Twice a Week	229,610 ^a	230,804	232,451	232,872	231,560
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	223,992 ^a	226,853 ^a	230,901	231,827	230,338
Use Once or Twice a Week	247,604 ^a	249,351 ^a	252,940	253,644	253,771
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	183,645 ^a	182,328 ^a	180,615 ^a	178,852 ^a	174,001
Use Once or Twice a Week	220,754 ^a	220,221 ^a	219,168 ^a	217,280 ^a	212,969
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	117,026 ^a	118,453 ^a	120,217	121,787	121,662
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	182,100 ^a	182,227 ^a	185,738	185,462	184,925
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	150,310 ^a	152,878 ^a	159,365 ^a	162,424 ^a	167,323
Cocaine	56,826	57,454	57,401	56,897	56,865
Crack	49,721 ^a	48,894 ^a	47,848 ^a	46,820	45,889
Heroin	40,516	44,333 ^a	43,678 ^a	42,862	41,699
LSD	33,403 ^a	35,354	35,493	36,560	36,821
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	15,938 ^a	15,213	15,468	15,613	14,767

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Table 7.33B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Percentages, 2015-2019

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	72.8 ^a	72.8 ^a	71.6	71.8	71.2
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	29.1 ^a	27.7 ^a	26.1 ^a	25.0 ^a	23.8
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	36.3 ^a	34.0 ^a	31.9 ^a	30.6 ^a	29.2
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	72.0 ^a	71.8 ^a	71.3 ^a	71.2 ^a	70.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.4 ^a	87.1 ^a	86.8 ^a	86.5 ^a	85.7
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	85.2	85.6	86.4 ^a	86.2 ^a	85.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.2	94.1	94.5 ^a	94.3 ^a	93.8
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	70.4 ^a	69.5 ^a	68.2 ^a	67.1 ^a	65.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	84.7 ^a	83.9 ^a	82.7 ^a	81.5 ^a	79.6
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.2	44.4	44.6	45.0	44.7
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.7 ^a	68.3	68.9 ^a	68.5	67.9
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	58.6 ^a	59.1 ^a	61.0 ^a	61.7 ^a	63.2
Cocaine	22.5	22.6	22.4	22.0	21.9
Crack	19.8 ^a	19.3 ^a	18.7 ^a	18.2	17.7
Heroin	16.1	17.5 ^a	17.1 ^a	16.6	16.1
LSD	13.3 ^a	14.0	13.9	14.2	14.3
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	6.0 ^a	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4

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**Table 7.34A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2019**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	16,723 ^a	16,972 ^a	16,502 ^a	15,974	15,867
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	6,639 ^a	6,591 ^a	5,956 ^a	5,533	5,482
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	9,892 ^a	9,760 ^a	9,201 ^a	8,486	8,406
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	13,729 ^a	13,642 ^a	13,467 ^a	13,094	12,995
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,450 ^a	19,565 ^a	19,421 ^a	19,263	19,024
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	15,731 ^a	15,789 ^a	15,986 ^a	15,538 ^a	15,137
Use Once or Twice a Week	20,015	20,139 ^a	20,290 ^a	20,003	19,785
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	12,061 ^a	11,782 ^a	11,622 ^a	11,071 ^a	10,584
Use Once or Twice a Week	16,738 ^a	16,522 ^a	16,507 ^a	15,956 ^a	15,578
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	10,410	10,792	10,656	10,550	10,505
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,729	16,051 ^a	15,981 ^a	15,723	15,516
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	11,054 ^a	10,733	11,107 ^a	11,086 ^a	10,669
Cocaine	2,968 ^a	2,992 ^a	3,034 ^a	2,790	2,669
Crack	2,787 ^a	2,719 ^a	2,677 ^a	2,512	2,356
Heroin	1,922 ^a	2,051 ^a	1,995 ^a	1,921 ^a	1,665
LSD	2,663	2,788	2,891	2,767	2,816
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	2,790 ^a	2,728 ^a	2,704 ^a	2,546	2,472

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Table 7.34B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2015-2019

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	68.2 ^a	69.3 ^a	67.2 ^a	65.3	65.0
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	27.3 ^a	27.1 ^a	24.4 ^a	22.8	22.6
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	40.6 ^a	40.0 ^a	37.7 ^a	34.9	34.6
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	56.7 ^a	56.4 ^a	55.6 ^a	54.2	53.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	80.2 ^a	80.6 ^a	80.1 ^a	79.6	78.7
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	65.3 ^a	65.6 ^a	66.3 ^a	64.5 ^a	62.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.9	83.4 ^a	84.0 ^a	83.0	82.1
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	51.6 ^a	50.4 ^a	49.6 ^a	47.5 ^a	45.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	71.5 ^a	70.5 ^a	70.4 ^a	68.4 ^a	66.8
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.5	44.1	43.6	43.2	43.0
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	64.1	65.5 ^a	65.2 ^a	64.4	63.5
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	46.0 ^a	44.7	46.1 ^a	46.0 ^a	44.3
Cocaine	12.5 ^a	12.6 ^a	12.8 ^a	11.7	11.2
Crack	11.8 ^a	11.5 ^a	11.3 ^a	10.6	9.9
Heroin	8.1 ^a	8.7 ^a	8.4 ^a	8.1 ^a	7.0
LSD	11.5	12.0	12.4	11.9	12.1
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	11.2 ^a	11.0 ^a	10.9 ^a	10.3	10.0

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**Table 7.35A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 or Older:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2019**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	176,561	177,517	177,104	179,039	178,392
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	69,922 ^a	66,853 ^a	63,856 ^a	61,738 ^a	58,831
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	85,474 ^a	80,353 ^a	76,134 ^a	73,826 ^a	70,426
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	175,459	176,551	177,252	178,414 ^a	176,019
Use Once or Twice a Week	210,160 ^a	211,240	213,029	213,609	212,535
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	208,261 ^a	211,064 ^a	214,915	216,289	215,202
Use Once or Twice a Week	227,589 ^a	229,212 ^a	232,651 ^a	233,641	233,987
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	171,585 ^a	170,546 ^a	168,994 ^a	167,781 ^a	163,417
Use Once or Twice a Week	204,016 ^a	203,699 ^a	202,661 ^a	201,324 ^a	197,391
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	106,616 ^a	107,661 ^a	109,561	111,237	111,157
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	166,371 ^a	166,176 ^a	169,757	169,738	169,408
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	139,256 ^a	142,145 ^a	148,259 ^a	151,338 ^a	156,655
Cocaine	53,857	54,462	54,367	54,107	54,196
Crack	46,933 ^a	46,174 ^a	45,171	44,309	43,533
Heroin	38,594	42,282 ^a	41,683	40,941	40,034
LSD	30,739 ^a	32,566	32,603	33,793	34,005
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	13,149	12,485	12,765	13,067	12,295

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Table 7.35B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 or Older: Percentages, 2015-2019

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	73.3 ^a	73.1 ^a	72.1	72.5	71.8
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	29.3 ^a	27.8 ^a	26.3 ^a	25.2 ^a	23.9
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	35.8 ^a	33.4 ^a	31.4 ^a	30.2 ^a	28.6
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	73.6 ^a	73.3 ^a	72.9 ^a	72.9 ^a	71.6
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.1 ^a	87.7 ^a	87.5 ^a	87.2 ^a	86.4
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	87.3	87.6	88.3 ^a	88.4 ^a	87.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	95.3	95.1	95.6 ^a	95.4	95.0
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	72.3 ^a	71.4 ^a	70.0 ^a	69.0 ^a	66.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	86.0 ^a	85.2 ^a	83.9 ^a	82.8 ^a	80.8
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.4	44.4	44.7	45.1	44.9
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	69.2 ^a	68.5	69.2 ^a	68.9	68.3
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	59.9 ^a	60.5 ^a	62.5 ^a	63.3 ^a	65.1
Cocaine	23.6	23.6	23.4	23.0	23.0
Crack	20.6 ^a	20.1 ^a	19.5 ^a	18.9	18.5
Heroin	16.9	18.4 ^a	18.0 ^a	17.5	17.0
LSD	13.5 ^a	14.2	14.1	14.5	14.5
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5.4 ^a	5.1	5.2	5.3	4.9

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**Table 7.36A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 18 to 25:
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2019**

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	23,616 ^a	23,567 ^a	22,701 ^a	22,827 ^a	22,174
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	5,248 ^a	4,623 ^a	4,180	4,038	3,928
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	6,606 ^a	5,880 ^a	5,233	5,185	4,992
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	22,546 ^a	22,170 ^a	21,346 ^a	21,046	20,786
Use Once or Twice a Week	29,136 ^a	28,571 ^a	28,242 ^a	27,763	27,447
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	28,516 ^a	28,360 ^a	27,951 ^a	27,723	27,392
Use Once or Twice a Week	32,468 ^a	31,987 ^a	31,805 ^a	31,332 ^a	31,039
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	19,508 ^a	18,442 ^a	17,380 ^a	16,644 ^a	15,707
Use Once or Twice a Week	26,239 ^a	25,176 ^a	24,030 ^a	23,323 ^a	22,225
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	12,737	12,758	12,934	12,645	12,897
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	21,568 ^a	21,422 ^a	21,553 ^a	21,403 ^a	20,866
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	24,936	25,131 ^a	25,153 ^a	24,875	24,568
Cocaine	9,030	8,915	8,893	8,866	8,679
Crack	5,916 ^a	5,417 ^a	5,214	5,081	4,985
Heroin	5,202 ^a	5,291 ^a	5,107 ^a	4,777	4,575
LSD	5,918 ^a	6,480 ^a	6,679 ^a	6,899	7,177
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5,198 ^a	4,601 ^a	4,876 ^a	4,499 ^a	3,936

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Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	68.0 ^a	68.6 ^a	66.6	67.5 ^a	66.2
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	15.2 ^a	13.5 ^a	12.3	12.0	11.8
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	19.1 ^a	17.2 ^a	15.4	15.4	15.0
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	65.3 ^a	64.8 ^a	63.0	62.7	62.6
Use Once or Twice a Week	84.3 ^a	83.6	83.3	82.6	82.6
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	82.6	83.0	82.6	82.5	82.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.0 ^a	93.5	93.9	93.3	93.3
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	57.0 ^a	54.5 ^a	51.8 ^a	49.9 ^a	47.7
Use Once or Twice a Week	76.7 ^a	74.4 ^a	71.7 ^a	70.0 ^a	67.5
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	36.7 ^a	37.1 ^a	37.9	37.5	38.6
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.1	62.3	63.2	63.4	62.4
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	72.6 ^a	74.0	74.6	74.2	74.2
Cocaine	26.6	26.6	26.8	26.8	26.6
Crack	17.5 ^a	16.3	15.8	15.4	15.3
Heroin	15.4 ^a	15.9 ^a	15.4 ^a	14.5	14.0
LSD	17.6 ^a	19.5 ^a	20.2 ^a	20.9	22.1
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	14.9 ^a	13.3 ^a	14.2 ^a	13.2 ^a	11.7

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PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹					
Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	152,946 ^a	153,950 ^a	154,403	156,212	156,218
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	64,674 ^a	62,231 ^a	59,676 ^a	57,699 ^a	54,903
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	78,868 ^a	74,473 ^a	70,902 ^a	68,641 ^a	65,434
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	152,913 ^a	154,381	155,906	157,367 ^a	155,233
Use Once or Twice a Week	181,024 ^a	182,669 ^a	184,787	185,845	185,088
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	179,745 ^a	182,704 ^a	186,964	188,566	187,810
Use Once or Twice a Week	195,121 ^a	197,225 ^a	200,846 ^a	202,309	202,948
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	152,076 ^a	152,104 ^a	151,614 ^a	151,137 ^a	147,711
Use Once or Twice a Week	177,777 ^a	178,523 ^a	178,631 ^a	178,000 ^a	175,166
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	93,879 ^a	94,903 ^a	96,627	98,593	98,260
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	144,803 ^a	144,754 ^a	148,204	148,335	148,542
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	114,320 ^a	117,014 ^a	123,106 ^a	126,463 ^a	132,087
Cocaine	44,828	45,547	45,474	45,241	45,517
Crack	41,017 ^a	40,757 ^a	39,957	39,228	38,548
Heroin	33,392 ^a	36,990	36,576	36,164	35,459
LSD	24,821 ^a	26,086	25,923	26,894	26,829
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7,950	7,884	7,889	8,568	8,358

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Cigarettes					
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	74.2 ^a	73.9 ^a	73.0	73.2	72.7
Marijuana					
Smoke Once a Month	31.7 ^a	30.2 ^a	28.5 ^a	27.3 ^a	25.8
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	38.7 ^a	36.1 ^a	34.0 ^a	32.5 ^a	30.8
Cocaine					
Use Once a Month	75.0 ^a	74.7 ^a	74.5 ^a	74.5 ^a	73.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.8 ^a	88.4 ^a	88.2 ^a	87.9 ^a	86.9
Heroin					
Try Once or Twice	88.0	88.4	89.3 ^a	89.3 ^a	88.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	95.5	95.4	95.8 ^a	95.7 ^a	95.2
LSD					
Try Once or Twice	74.8 ^a	74.2 ^a	72.9 ^a	72.0 ^a	69.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.5 ^a	87.0 ^a	85.9 ^a	84.8 ^a	82.9
Alcohol					
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	45.7	45.6	45.8	46.4	45.8
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	70.4 ^a	69.6	70.2 ^a	69.7	69.3
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²					
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain					
Marijuana	57.7 ^a	58.3 ^a	60.5 ^a	61.5 ^a	63.6
Cocaine	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.4	22.4
Crack	21.1 ^a	20.8 ^a	20.1 ^a	19.5	19.0
Heroin	17.2	18.9 ^a	18.4 ^a	18.0	17.5
LSD	12.8	13.3	13.1	13.4	13.3
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.9

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

^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, 2015-2019.