

UNITED STATES

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 2018-2019 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	33,861	2,084	8,268	23,509	31,777
Past Year Marijuana Use	45,865	3,197	11,890	30,778	42,668
Past Month Marijuana Use	29,637	1,748	7,639	20,251	27,889
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	66,968	5,645	4,022	57,301	61,323
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	3,524	1,269	1,502	752	2,254
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	9,094	591	2,056	6,447	8,503
Past Year Cocaine Use	5,499	104	1,878	3,517	5,394
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	193,724	13,453	21,225	159,045	180,271
Past Year Heroin Use	776	5	122	649	771
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	235,228	15,866	27,945	191,417	219,362
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	1,933	42	274	1,616	1,891
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ²	9,836	631	1,806	7,399	9,205
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	139,783	2,289	18,540	118,953	137,493
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁵	66,453	1,190	11,718	53,545	65,263
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	123,048	10,734	12,882	99,432	112,314
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁶ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	7,096	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{5,6} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	4,272	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁷	58,423	1,000	8,498	48,926	57,424
Past Month Cigarette Use	46,420	622	6,216	39,582	45,798
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	196,304	16,225	22,655	157,424	180,080
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	8,204	788	2,556	4,859	7,416
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,8}	1,530	95	222	1,213	1,435
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁸	14,661	407	3,278	10,976	14,254
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	20,331	1,017	4,944	14,369	19,314
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,9}	7,420	745	2,401	4,275	6,676
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁹	13,977	400	3,163	10,415	13,578
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,9}	18,898	968	4,685	13,245	17,930
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Any Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	9,437	40,127	49,564
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	2,759	9,485	12,244
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	5,485	33,380	38,866
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,12}	--	3,755	4,905	13,862	18,767
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹³	--	--	3,859	7,576	11,434
Made Any Suicide Plans ¹⁴	--	--	1,250	2,160	3,411
Attempted Suicide ¹⁴	--	--	633	790	1,422

-- 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. Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana excludes respondents who used only marijuana but includes those who used marijuana in addition to other illicit drugs.

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 "2018-2019 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. As such, these estimates are based on indicators of AMI and SMI rather than direct measures of diagnostic status.

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 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.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Respondents were asked whether they made any suicide plans or attempted suicide in the past 12 months only if they had serious thoughts of suicide in the past 12 months. Respondents who had no suicide thoughts were categorized as not making any suicide plans and not attempting suicide in the past 12 months.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2018 and 2019.

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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 2018-2019 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	12.34	8.37	24.40	10.90	12.73
Past Year Marijuana Use	16.71	12.84	35.09	14.27	17.10
Past Month Marijuana Use	10.80	7.02	22.54	9.39	11.17
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	24.39	22.67	11.87	26.56	24.56
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	2.31	5.70	8.39	0.67	1.73
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	3.31	2.37	6.07	2.99	3.41
Past Year Cocaine Use	2.00	0.42	5.54	1.63	2.16
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	70.59	54.03	62.64	73.73	72.22
Past Year Heroin Use	0.28	0.02	0.36	0.30	0.31
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	85.73	63.72	82.47	88.74	87.89
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	0.70	0.17	0.81	0.75	0.76
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ²	3.58	2.53	5.33	3.43	3.69
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	50.92	9.19	54.72	55.15	55.09
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁵	24.21	4.78	34.58	24.82	26.15
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	44.83	43.11	38.02	46.10	45.00
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁶ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	18.67	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{5,6} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	11.24	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁷	21.28	4.01	25.08	22.68	23.01
Past Month Cigarette Use	16.91	2.50	18.34	18.35	18.35
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	71.52	65.16	66.86	72.98	72.15
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	2.99	3.16	7.54	2.25	2.97
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,8}	0.56	0.38	0.65	0.56	0.57
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁸	5.34	1.64	9.67	5.09	5.71
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	7.41	4.08	14.59	6.66	7.74
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,9}	2.70	2.99	7.09	1.98	2.67
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁹	5.09	1.60	9.33	4.83	5.44
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,9}	6.88	3.89	13.83	6.14	7.18
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Any Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	27.85	18.60	19.86
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	8.14	4.40	4.91
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	16.19	15.48	15.57
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,12}	--	15.08	14.48	6.43	7.51
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹³	--	--	11.39	3.51	4.58
Made Any Suicide Plans ¹⁴	--	--	3.69	1.00	1.36
Attempted Suicide ¹⁴	--	--	1.87	0.37	0.57

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