

**Table 4.48D Standard Errors of Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 or Older, by Gender: 2002 and 2003**

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>ILLICIT DRUG<sup>1</sup></b>	0.43	1.09	0.32	0.95	0.73	1.74
Marijuana and Hashish	0.19	0.57	0.28	1.13	0.27	0.40
Cocaine	0.33	0.36	0.45	0.41	0.47	0.63
Crack	2.21	1.40	1.60	2.42	4.86	1.41
Heroin	2.51	1.36	3.51	1.79	0.58	1.94
Hallucinogens	0.43	0.31	0.68	0.48	0.54	0.35
LSD	0.49	0.32	0.26	0.41	0.94	0.43
PCP	0.27	0.49	0.34	0.46	0.40	0.96
Ecstasy	0.74	0.50	1.02	0.72	1.06	0.67
Inhalants	0.17	0.26	0.26	0.43	0.22	0.23
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	0.52	1.09	0.70	0.52	0.75	1.65
Pain Relievers	0.53	1.26	0.73	0.52	0.77	1.96
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tranquilizers	1.29	0.78	1.26	0.79	1.92	1.13
Stimulants	0.51	1.10	0.74	1.03	0.70	1.56
Methamphetamine	0.66	1.04	0.73	1.44	1.04	1.51
Sedatives	2.74	4.55	1.75	1.27	3.38	5.58
<b>ILLICIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1</sup></b>	0.47	1.11	0.40	0.46	0.77	1.83
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.30	0.26	0.45	0.26	0.39	0.44
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>3</sup>	0.72	0.62	1.04	0.44	0.94	1.01
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	0.64	0.42	0.69	0.50	1.41	0.72
<b>CIGARS</b>	0.53	0.73	0.72	0.63	0.76	1.33
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	0.23	0.12	0.21	0.10	0.37	0.21

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Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>ILLCIT DRUG<sup>1</sup></b>	0.1912		0.6261		0.2407	
Marijuana and Hashish	0.3716		0.3824		0.8205	
Cocaine	0.8868		0.8331		0.9903	
Crack	0.1067		0.1675		0.3980	
Heroin	0.9649		0.7234		0.2350	
Hallucinogens	0.1251		0.5015		0.0562	
LSD	0.8099		0.0542		0.1158	
PCP	0.0166		0.0097		0.2409	
Ecstasy	0.0358		0.0576		0.2445	
Inhalants	0.6384		0.6401		0.7342	
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	0.0488		0.4292		0.0223	
Pain Relievers	0.0305		0.5227		0.0121	
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--		--		--	
Tranquilizers	0.1308		0.1840		0.2588	
Stimulants	0.0194		0.6753		0.0149	
Methamphetamine	0.2434		0.6308		0.2441	
Sedatives	0.6133		0.1740		0.3222	
<b>ILLCIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1</sup></b>	0.1629		0.6439		0.1210	
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.8529		0.6746		0.9312	
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>3</sup>	0.9005		0.1039		0.3253	
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	0.2988		0.4178		0.5683	
<b>CIGARS</b>	0.2832		0.1739		0.7541	
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	0.3385		0.8882		0.2667	

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**Table 4.49D Standard Errors of Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 or Older Who Initiated Use Prior to the Age of 18, by Gender: 2002 and 2003**

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>ILLCIT DRUG<sup>1</sup></b>	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.07
Marijuana and Hashish	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07
Cocaine	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.17	0.15
Crack	0.22	0.18	0.17	0.27	0.33	0.23
Heroin	0.24	0.40	0.32	*	0.36	0.48
Hallucinogens	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12
LSD	0.12	0.18	0.14	0.20	0.19	0.26
PCP	0.21	0.20	0.35	0.29	0.27	0.22
Ecstasy	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.16	0.10	0.15
Inhalants	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.15	0.12	0.13
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.09
Pain Relievers	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tranquilizers	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.12
Stimulants	0.10	0.10	0.16	0.17	0.12	0.13
Methamphetamine	0.16	0.17	0.25	0.29	0.20	0.20
Sedatives	0.18	0.25	0.20	0.31	0.24	0.37
<b>ILLCIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1</sup></b>	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.09
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.08
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>3</sup>	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.12
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.20
<b>CIGARS</b>	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.05

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Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>ILLICIT DRUG<sup>1</sup></b>	0.2960		0.6877		0.0580	
Marijuana and Hashish	0.1415		0.9910		0.0443	
Cocaine	0.7669		0.2282		0.2783	
Crack	0.3395		0.5522		0.4557	
Heroin	0.7493		*		0.8361	
Hallucinogens	0.4208		0.2103		0.0522	
LSD	0.1547		0.5591		0.0188	
PCP	0.4781		0.5636		0.8062	
Ecstasy	0.0450		0.4566		0.0518	
Inhalants	0.3794		0.6661		0.0363	
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	0.4845		0.9166		0.2873	
Pain Relievers	0.6438		0.6564		0.2981	
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--		--		--	
Tranquilizers	0.2755		0.2349		0.6691	
Stimulants	0.6506		0.8139		0.7432	
Methamphetamine	0.6097		0.4003		0.9087	
Sedatives	0.7425		0.9030		0.4182	
<b>ILLICIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1</sup></b>	0.8682		0.5973		0.4681	
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.0444		0.0478		0.3807	
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>3</sup>	0.7479		0.0248		0.0522	
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	0.3007		0.9287		0.0429	
<b>CIGARS</b>	0.4680		0.8247		0.3765	
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	0.8222		0.1957		0.0967	

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Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>ILLCIT DRUG<sup>1</sup></b>	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.09
Marijuana and Hashish	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.08
Cocaine	0.11	0.10	0.15	0.12	0.17	0.17
Crack	0.27	0.22	0.33	0.32	0.38	0.25
Heroin	0.28	0.38	0.33	0.55	0.40	0.44
Hallucinogens	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14
LSD	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.36
PCP	0.22	0.28	0.34	0.36	0.31	0.41
Ecstasy	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.12	0.17
Inhalants	0.12	0.13	0.16	0.18	0.16	0.14
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11
Pain Relievers	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tranquilizers	0.12	0.12	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.15
Stimulants	0.13	0.14	0.18	0.20	0.17	0.19
Methamphetamine	0.20	0.21	0.32	0.30	0.25	0.28
Sedatives	0.27	0.33	0.49	0.51	0.30	0.41
<b>ILLCIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1</sup></b>	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.11
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.10
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>3</sup>	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.13
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	0.12	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.23	0.21
<b>CIGARS</b>	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.11	0.10
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.08

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	Total		Male		Female	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>ILLCIT DRUG<sup>1</sup></b>	0.9341		0.4942		0.5645	
Marijuana and Hashish	0.3416		0.5110		0.5148	
Cocaine	0.6054		0.6305		0.2003	
Crack	0.2909		0.4587		0.6369	
Heroin	0.2776		0.3667		0.4561	
Hallucinogens	0.7444		0.0585		0.0114	
LSD	0.9430		0.1207		0.1040	
PCP	0.0988		0.0878		0.6870	
Ecstasy	0.8662		0.3960		0.3686	
Inhalants	0.7632		0.5726		0.6557	
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2</sup>	0.3045		0.9211		0.1616	
Pain Relievers	0.8560		0.9654		0.7450	
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--		--		--	
Tranquilizers	0.5012		0.6796		0.4697	
Stimulants	0.8431		0.9167		0.8087	
Methamphetamine	0.3884		0.2414		0.6166	
Sedatives	0.6387		0.3477		0.9215	
<b>ILLCIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1</sup></b>	0.9683		0.7602		0.7840	
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.1570		0.3610		0.2176	
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>3</sup>	0.7247		0.2296		0.3930	
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	0.5206		0.1530		0.1395	
<b>CIGARS</b>	0.5971		0.8241		0.5647	
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	0.1087		0.1614		0.3350	

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