

Table 4.37B Past Year Initiation of Illicit Drug Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Illicit Drug Use, and Past Year Illicit Drug Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2002 and 2003

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
TOTAL	2,656	2,627	1.1	1.1	2.1	2.0	7.5	7.5
AGE								
12-17	1,596	1,562	6.4	6.2	8.5	8.3	29.0	28.6
12-13	304	309	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.1	40.0	40.1
14-15	662	587	7.8	7.1	10.2	9.3	34.7	32.3
16-17	630	665	7.9	8.0	13.0	13.0	22.2	23.1
18-25	793	742	2.6	2.3	6.0	5.6	7.2	6.8
18-20	547	529	4.4	4.2	9.3	9.1	11.1	10.7
21-25	246	213	1.3	1.1	3.3	2.9	4.0	3.5
26 or Older	268	324	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.4	1.7
GENDER								
Male	1,242	1,137	1.1	1.0	2.2	2.0	6.2	5.7
Female	1,415	1,490	1.2	1.2	2.0	2.0	9.3	9.8
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	771	726	6.1	5.7	8.2	7.6	27.1	26.1
Female 12-17	825	836	6.8	6.8	8.8	8.9	31.0	31.2

*Low precision, no estimate reported.

NOTE: Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

^a Difference between estimate and 2003 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2003 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ Past Year Initiates are defined as persons who used the substance(s) for the first time in the 12 months prior to date of interview.

² At Risk for Initiation is defined as persons who did not use the substance(s) in their lifetime or used the substance(s) for the first time in the past year.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.38B Past Year Initiation of Marijuana Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Marijuana Use, and Past Year Marijuana Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2002 and 2003

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
TOTAL	2,196 ^a	1,973	0.9 ^a	0.8	1.5 ^a	1.4	8.5	7.8
AGE								
12-17	1,373 ^a	1,219	5.5 ^a	4.9	6.5 ^a	5.7	35.1	32.5
12-13	153	113	1.8 ^a	1.3	1.9 ^a	1.4	60.5	57.4
14-15	583 ^a	480	6.9 ^a	5.8	7.9 ^a	6.6	43.6	39.4
16-17	637	626	8.0	7.6	11.5	10.7	27.4	26.8
18-25	733	666	2.4	2.1	4.9	4.4	7.9	7.4
18-20	514	495	4.1	3.9	7.7	7.4	12.4	12.0
21-25	220	172	1.2	0.9	2.6	2.0	4.3	3.5
26 or Older	90	88	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.6
GENDER								
Male	1,064	929	0.9 ^a	0.8	1.7	1.5	6.9	6.1
Female	1,132	1,044	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.3	11.0	10.3
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	671 ^a	562	5.3 ^a	4.4	6.3 ^a	5.2	32.5 ^a	28.7
Female 12-17	702	657	5.8	5.4	6.7	6.2	38.0	36.6

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.39B Past Year Initiation of Cigarette Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Cigarette Use, and Past Year Cigarette Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2002 and 2003

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
TOTAL	1,940	1,983	0.8	0.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8
AGE								
12-17	1,187	1,226	4.8	4.9	6.7	6.6	23.4 ^a	25.9
12-13	242	202	2.9	2.4	3.3	2.6	40.2	42.7
14-15	489	485	5.8	5.9	8.0	7.9	29.1	31.4
16-17	456	539	5.7	6.5	10.7	11.6	16.4 ^a	19.8
18-25	641	659	2.1	2.1	6.7	6.5	4.2	4.4
18-20	487	517	3.9	4.1	10.8	10.8	8.2	8.9
21-25	155	142	0.8	0.7	3.1	2.7	1.7	1.5
26 or Older	111	98	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
GENDER								
Male	919	919	0.8	0.8	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.5
Female	1,021	1,063	0.8	0.9	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.3
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	546	548	4.3	4.3	6.1	5.8	21.8	23.3
Female 12-17	641	679	5.3	5.6	7.4	7.5	25.1	28.4

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.40B Past Year Initiation of Alcohol Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Alcohol Use, and Past Year Alcohol Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2002 and 2003

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s) ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ^{1,2}		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS ¹	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
TOTAL	3,942	4,082	1.7	1.7	9.0	9.2	2.5	2.6
AGE								
12-17	2,588	2,593	10.5	10.4	15.6	15.4	30.2	30.2
12-13	462	451	5.6	5.3	6.4	6.1	46.0	43.9
14-15	1,082	1,125	12.8	13.6	18.9	19.6	36.5	39.0
16-17	1,045	1,017	13.1	12.3	28.9	27.0	22.7	21.8
18-25	1,230 ^a	1,430	4.0 ^a	4.5	22.9 ^a	25.8	5.1 ^a	5.8
18-20	834	961	6.7	7.7	26.8	29.5	9.3	10.7
21-25	396	468	2.1	2.4	17.6	20.6	2.6	3.0
26 or Older	124	60	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0
GENDER								
Male	1,756	1,827	1.5	1.6	10.2	10.4	2.2	2.3
Female	2,186	2,255	1.8	1.8	8.3	8.4	2.9	3.0
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	1,160	1,156	9.2	9.1	13.9	13.5	27.5	28.1
Female 12-17	1,429	1,436	11.8	11.7	17.3	17.3	32.8	32.2

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