

Table 4.34B Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 or Older, by Gender: 2003 and 2004

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
ILLICIT DRUG¹	19.7	20.1	17.7	18.5	21.2	21.2
Marijuana and Hashish	17.5	18.0	17.8	16.7	17.2	19.0
Cocaine	19.8	20.0	20.0	20.0	19.7	20.2
Crack	22.9	21.9	23.8	20.5	21.9	23.1
Heroin	20.9	24.4	21.5	22.7	19.8	26.4
Hallucinogens	17.9	18.7	18.6	18.7	17.2	18.7
LSD	17.2	18.4	17.9	18.2	16.2	18.6
PCP	17.4	18.9	17.4	17.7	17.4	20.3
Ecstasy	19.7	19.5	20.2	20.5	19.2	18.3
Inhalants	16.0	16.0	16.5	15.7	15.5	16.3
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ²	23.9	24.7	19.8	24.1	26.4	25.1
Pain Relievers	24.0	23.3	20.0 ^a	22.9	26.8	23.8
OxyContin [®]	--	24.5	--	25.2	--	23.6
Tranquilizers	22.9 ^a	25.2	21.1	23.1	24.0	26.5
Stimulants	22.1	24.1	19.3	27.2	23.8	21.7
Methamphetamine	20.4	22.1	19.9	20.8	20.8	23.1
Sedatives	31.1	29.3	19.1	21.6	37.3	33.1
ILLICIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA¹	21.7	21.7	18.3 ^a	20.5	24.2	22.7
CIGARETTES	16.9	16.7	16.6	16.6	17.1	16.8
Daily Cigarette Use ³	19.8	18.8	18.1	19.0	21.2 ^a	18.6
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	18.3	19.7	17.9	19.1	19.4	21.3
CIGARS	21.2	21.3	19.5	20.1	23.1	22.7
ALCOHOL	16.5	17.5	16.3	16.6	16.6	18.3

*Low precision, no estimate reported.

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NOTE: 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.

^a Difference between estimate and 2004 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.^b Difference between estimate and 2004 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.¹ Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. Illicit Drugs

Other Than Marijuana include cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

² Nonmedical use of prescription-type pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives; does not include over-the-counter drugs.³ Daily Cigarette Use is defined as ever smoking every day for at least 30 days.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2003 and 2004.

Table 4.35B 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: 2003 and 2004

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
ILLCIT DRUG¹	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.7
Marijuana and Hashish	15.1	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.0
Cocaine	15.7	15.8	16.1	15.8	15.4 ^a	15.9
Crack	15.7	16.0	15.9	16.3	15.5	15.7
Heroin	15.4	15.8	*	15.7	15.4	15.9
Hallucinogens	15.4	15.3	15.7	15.4	15.1	15.1
LSD	15.3	15.3	15.7	15.5	14.8	15.1
PCP	15.3	15.0	15.6	14.7	15.0	15.2
Ecstasy	15.5	15.6	15.6	15.9	15.5	15.3
Inhalants	14.4	14.3	14.4	14.3	14.4	14.2
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ²	15.2	15.1	15.3	15.4	15.0	14.9
Pain Relievers	15.2	15.1	15.3	15.4	15.0	14.9
OxyContin [®]	--	15.7	--	16.0	--	15.4
Tranquilizers	15.6	15.5	15.8	15.5	15.5	15.4
Stimulants	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.0
Methamphetamine	15.3	15.2	15.4	15.4	15.2	15.0
Sedatives	14.8	14.3	15.1	14.5	14.4	14.1
ILLCIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA¹	14.8	14.8	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.7
CIGARETTES	14.9	14.9	15.0	15.1	14.7	14.7
Daily Cigarette Use ³	15.4	15.5	15.4	15.7	15.4	15.3
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.2	15.4	15.1
CIGARS	15.3	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.3	15.4
ALCOHOL	14.7	14.7	14.9	14.8	14.6	14.7

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Table 4.36B Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 or Older Who Initiated Use Prior to the Age of 21, by Gender: 2003 and 2004

Substance	MEAN AGE					
	Total		Male		Female	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
ILLCIT DRUG¹	15.6	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.6	15.8
Marijuana and Hashish	15.9	16.0	15.9	15.9	15.9	16.1
Cocaine	17.2	17.3	17.6	17.5	16.8	17.1
Crack	17.0	17.2	17.5	17.6	16.4	16.8
Heroin	16.8	17.1	17.2	17.1	16.2	17.1
Hallucinogens	16.6	16.4	17.1	16.7	16.2	16.1
LSD	16.4	16.5	16.9	16.6	15.7	16.3
PCP	16.4	16.3	16.8	16.8	16.0	15.7
Ecstasy	17.0	16.8	17.3	17.3	16.8 ^a	16.3
Inhalants	15.1	15.1	15.4	15.1	14.8	15.0
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ²	16.4	16.3	16.5	16.4	16.3	16.2
Pain Relievers	16.3	16.2	16.5	16.5	16.2	16.0
OxyContin [®]	--	17.3	--	17.4	--	17.0
Tranquilizers	16.9	16.7	17.1	16.8	16.7	16.6
Stimulants	16.3	16.7	16.6	16.8	16.1	16.7
Methamphetamine	16.5	16.4	17.0	16.8	15.8	16.2
Sedatives	15.6	15.4	15.9	15.8	15.3	15.1
ILLCIT DRUG OTHER THAN MARIJUANA¹	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.8	15.8
CIGARETTES	15.7	15.8	15.8	16.0	15.6	15.6
Daily Cigarette Use ³	16.5	16.8	16.6 ^a	17.0	16.5	16.5
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	16.2 ^a	16.5	16.1 ^a	16.5	16.6	16.5
CIGARS	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.5
ALCOHOL	15.6	15.6	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.6

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