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Table 31 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Average Annual Marijuana Initiates, Past Year Substance Dependence or Abuse, Needing But Not Receiving Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in Georgia, by Age Group: Estimated Numbers (in Thousands), Annual Averages Based on 2013-2014 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLCIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ¹	794	70	218	506	724
Past Year Marijuana Use	963	94	308	561	869
Past Month Marijuana Use	636	51	195	390	585
Past Month Use of Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	284	31	60	194	253
Past Year Cocaine Use	118	4	33	81	114
Past Year Nonmedical Pain Reliever Use	353	44	88	221	309
Perception of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	2,587	222	193	2,171	2,365
Average Annual Number of Marijuana Initiates ^{2,3}	84	38	39	7	46
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	3,980	89	596	3,295	3,891
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁴	1,709	45	359	1,304	1,663
Perception of Great Risk from Drinking Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	3,716	370	427	2,918	3,346
Past Month Alcohol Use (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	253 ⁵	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use (Individuals Aged 12 to 20) ⁴	151 ⁵	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁶	2,103	58	398	1,647	2,045
Past Month Cigarette Use	1,689	36	302	1,352	1,653
Perception of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	5,944	559	757	4,628	5,385
PAST YEAR DEPENDENCE, ABUSE, AND TREATMENT⁷					
Illicit Drug Dependence ¹	165	16	53	96	149
Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse ¹	238	28	80	131	211
Alcohol Dependence	253	8	65	180	245
Alcohol Dependence or Abuse	506	20	131	355	486
Alcohol or Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse ¹	629	40	169	420	589
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,8}	208	27	72	109	181
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁸	482	18	121	343	464
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Major Depressive Episode ^{3,9}	--	82	92	400	491
Serious Mental Illness ^{3,10}	--	--	45	262	306
Any Mental Illness ^{3,10}	--	--	206	1,159	1,365
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹¹	--	--	75	218	293

-- Not available.

NOTE: Estimates are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach.

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. These estimates include data from original methamphetamine questions but do not include new methamphetamine items added in 2005 and 2006.

² Average annual number of marijuana initiates = $X_1 \div 2$, where X_1 is the number of marijuana initiates in the past 24 months.

³ For details, see Section B of the "2011-2012 NSDUH: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology" at <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.

⁴ Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Tobacco Products include cigarettes, smokeless tobacco (i.e., chewing tobacco or snuff), cigars, or pipe tobacco.

⁷ Dependence or abuse is based on definitions found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).

⁸ Needing But Not Receiving Treatment refers to respondents classified as needing treatment for illicit drugs (or alcohol), but not receiving treatment for an illicit drug (or alcohol) problem at a specialty facility (i.e., drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities [inpatient or outpatient], hospitals [inpatient only], or mental health centers).

⁹ Major depressive episode (MDE) is defined as in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV), 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.

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). Three categories of mental illness severity are defined based on the level of functional impairment: mild mental illness, moderate mental illness, and serious mental illness (SMI). Any mental illness (AMI) includes individuals in any of the three categories.

¹¹ 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.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2013 and 2014.

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Table 32 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Average Annual Incidence Estimates of First Use of Marijuana, Past Year Substance Dependence or Abuse, Needing But Not Receiving Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in Georgia, by Age Group: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2013-2014 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLCIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ¹	9.70	8.37	19.70	8.10	9.85
Past Year Marijuana Use	11.75	11.19	27.78	8.99	11.82
Past Month Marijuana Use	7.76	6.06	17.64	6.24	7.96
Past Month Use of Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	3.47	3.67	5.37	3.10	3.44
Past Year Cocaine Use	1.44	0.47	2.96	1.30	1.55
Past Year Nonmedical Pain Reliever Use	4.31	5.24	7.94	3.55	4.21
Perception of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	31.58	26.54	17.44	34.79	32.16
Average Annual Incidence Estimates of First Use of Marijuana ^{2,3}	1.74	4.95	6.52	0.20	1.15
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	48.62	10.60	53.79	52.80	52.95
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁴	20.87	5.40	32.39	20.90	22.63
Perception of Great Risk from Drinking Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	45.39	44.19	38.55	46.76	45.52
Past Month Alcohol Use (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	20.25 ⁵	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use (Individuals Aged 12 to 20) ⁴	12.06 ⁵	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁶	25.69	6.94	35.94	26.39	27.82
Past Month Cigarette Use	20.63	4.27	27.22	21.66	22.49
Perception of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	72.61	66.67	68.34	74.16	73.28
PAST YEAR DEPENDENCE, ABUSE, AND TREATMENT⁷					
Illicit Drug Dependence ¹	2.01	1.89	4.75	1.54	2.03
Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse ¹	2.91	3.29	7.19	2.10	2.86
Alcohol Dependence	3.09	0.95	5.88	2.88	3.33
Alcohol Dependence or Abuse	6.17	2.33	11.80	5.69	6.61
Alcohol or Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse ¹	7.68	4.76	15.24	6.73	8.01
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,8}	2.54	3.27	6.48	1.75	2.46
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁸	5.89	2.17	10.94	5.49	6.31
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Major Depressive Episode ^{3,9}	--	9.80	8.28	6.40	6.68
Serious Mental Illness ^{3,10}	--	--	4.02	4.19	4.17
Any Mental Illness ^{3,10}	--	--	18.55	18.58	18.57
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹¹	--	--	6.78	3.49	3.99

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² Average annual initiation of marijuana (%) = $100 * \{ [X_1 \div (0.5 * X_1 + X_2)] \div 2 \}$, where X_1 is the number of marijuana initiates in the past 24 months and X_2 is the number of individuals who never used marijuana (with the at-risk population defined as $0.5 * X_1 + X_2$). Both of the computation components, X_1 and X_2 , are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach. The age group shown is based on a respondent's age at the time of the interview, not his or her age at first use.

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