

Table 3.1A Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012

Risk/Availability	Total (2011)	Total (2012)	Aged 12-17 (2011)	Aged 12-17 (2012)	Aged 18-25 (2011)	Aged 18-25 (2012)	Aged 26+ (2011)	Aged 26+ (2012)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	182,546 ^a	185,136	16,327	16,173	22,501 ^a	22,958	143,718 ^a	146,005
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	80,875	78,874	6,758 ^a	6,471	6,142 ^a	5,741	67,975	66,662
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	107,133 ^b	103,277	10,986	10,682	8,736 ^b	8,062	87,410 ^a	84,534
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	175,835 ^b	180,470	11,712 ^b	12,235	21,041 ^b	21,727	143,082 ^b	146,508
Use Once or Twice a Week	221,840 ^b	225,252	19,035	19,215	28,774 ^b	29,259	174,031 ^b	176,778
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	207,554 ^b	211,215	13,729	13,826	26,458 ^b	27,007	167,368 ^b	170,382
Use Once or Twice a Week	236,448 ^b	239,203	19,357	19,336	31,427 ^b	31,893	185,663 ^b	187,974
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	176,281	177,840	11,060	11,026	20,106	20,007	145,114	146,807
Use Once or Twice a Week	215,905 ^a	218,024	16,577	16,532	26,942	27,105	172,386 ^a	174,387
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	174,163	176,417	15,973	15,762	21,165	21,135	137,025 ^a	139,520
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	107,573	109,323	10,026	9,777	11,801	11,874	85,746	87,672
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	141,832	142,880	11,544	11,463	25,353	25,674	104,935	105,743
Cocaine	64,021	62,263	4,178 ^b	3,782	10,513 ^a	10,071	49,330	48,410
Crack	57,296	55,482	4,331 ^b	3,938	7,722 ^a	7,314	45,243	44,231
Heroin	38,213	38,332	2,542 ^a	2,320	5,042	5,211	30,629	30,801
LSD	35,635	35,264	2,851 ^a	2,646	5,851	5,795	26,932	26,822
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	18,240	18,542	3,438	3,272	6,182 ^a	6,535	8,621	8,735

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ Response categories for the Perception of Risk questions include "No risk," "Slight risk," "Moderate risk," and "Great risk." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "Great risk." Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded.

² Respondents with unknown Perceived Availability data were excluded.

³ Response categories for the Perceived Availability questions pertaining to the listed illicit drugs include "Probably impossible," "Very difficult," "Fairly difficult," "Fairly easy," and "Very easy." The estimates in this table correspond to persons reporting "Fairly easy" or "Very easy."

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

Table 3.1B Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Percentages, 2011 and 2012

Risk/Availability	Total (2011)	Total (2012)	Aged 12-17 (2011)	Aged 12-17 (2012)	Aged 18-25 (2011)	Aged 18-25 (2012)	Aged 26+ (2011)	Aged 26+ (2012)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	71.3	71.6	66.2	65.7	65.9	66.6	72.8	73.2
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	31.9 ^a	30.8	27.6	26.5	18.0 ^a	16.7	34.9	33.8
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	42.3 ^b	40.3	44.8	43.6	25.6 ^b	23.5	44.9 ^b	42.9
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	69.4 ^a	70.5	48.1 ^b	50.4	62.0 ^a	63.5	73.4	74.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.5	87.9	78.1	78.9	84.8	85.5	89.2	89.4
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	82.0	82.6	56.6	57.3	78.0	79.0	85.9	86.3
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.4	93.4	79.7	80.0	92.6	93.2	95.2	95.1
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	70.3	70.1	47.0	47.2	60.1	59.1	74.9	74.8
Use Once or Twice a Week	86.1	85.9	70.4	70.6	80.4	80.0	89.0	88.7
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.2	68.3	64.8	63.9	62.0	61.4	69.7	70.1
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.1	42.4	40.7	39.7	34.5	34.5	43.6	44.1
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	57.5	57.5	47.7	47.8	75.0	75.2	55.6	55.5
Cocaine	26.5 ^a	25.5	17.5 ^b	16.0	31.7 ^b	30.1	26.7	25.9
Crack	23.7 ^a	22.7	18.2 ^b	16.7	23.4 ^b	22.0	24.5	23.6
Heroin	15.9	15.8	10.7 ^a	9.9	15.3	15.7	16.6	16.5
LSD	14.9	14.6	12.2	11.5	17.9	17.5	14.7	14.4
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7.1	7.1	13.8	13.2	18.0	18.9	4.4	4.4

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