

Table 7.35A Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2012

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹											
Cigarettes											
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	15,493 ^b	15,899	16,871 ^b	17,158 ^b	17,292 ^b	17,177 ^b	17,148 ^b	15,929	15,706 ^b	16,327	16,173
Marijuana											
Smoke Once a Month	7,918 ^b	8,614 ^b	8,699 ^b	8,487 ^b	8,664 ^b	8,549 ^b	8,206 ^b	7,329 ^b	7,078 ^b	6,758 ^a	6,471
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	12,614 ^b	13,449 ^b	13,637 ^b	13,777 ^b	13,598 ^b	13,613 ^b	12,963 ^b	11,880 ^b	11,314 ^b	10,986	10,682
Cocaine											
Use Once a Month	12,296	12,628 ^a	12,320	12,151	12,193	12,234	12,061	11,817 ^b	11,679 ^b	11,712 ^b	12,235
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,463	19,835 ^b	19,842 ^b	19,894 ^b	19,754 ^b	19,530 ^a	19,348	18,894 ^a	18,649 ^b	19,035	19,215
Heroin											
Try Once or Twice	14,211 ^a	14,400 ^b	14,077	13,994	14,163 ^a	13,984	13,946	13,565	13,559	13,729	13,826
Use Once or Twice a Week	20,073 ^b	20,244 ^b	20,150 ^b	20,276 ^b	20,128 ^b	19,942 ^b	19,752 ^b	19,386	19,035 ^a	19,357	19,336
LSD											
Try Once or Twice	12,499 ^b	12,805 ^b	12,692 ^b	12,445 ^b	12,418 ^b	12,093 ^b	11,840 ^b	11,200	10,897	11,060	11,026
Use Once or Twice a Week	18,156 ^b	18,475 ^b	18,470 ^b	18,361 ^b	18,018 ^b	17,618 ^b	17,447 ^b	16,746	16,274	16,577	16,532
Alcohol											
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,288 ^b	15,277 ^b	15,468	16,028	16,259 ^b	16,265 ^b	16,203 ^b	15,611	15,584	15,973	15,762
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	9,379 ^b	9,528	9,514	9,636	9,868	9,797	9,879	9,620	9,717	10,026	9,777
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²											
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³											
Marijuana	13,299 ^b	13,084 ^b	12,843 ^b	12,601 ^b	12,404 ^b	12,053 ^b	11,953 ^b	11,941 ^b	11,516	11,544	11,463
Cocaine	5,981 ^b	6,010 ^b	5,917 ^b	6,073 ^b	6,325 ^b	5,909 ^b	5,269 ^b	4,909 ^b	4,420 ^b	4,178 ^b	3,782
Crack	6,324 ^b	6,286 ^b	6,069 ^b	6,149 ^b	6,376 ^b	6,111 ^b	5,533 ^b	5,205 ^b	4,653 ^b	4,331 ^b	3,938
Heroin	3,765 ^b	3,649 ^b	3,373 ^b	3,384 ^b	3,477 ^b	3,395 ^b	3,055 ^b	2,991 ^b	2,679 ^b	2,542 ^a	2,320
LSD	4,562 ^b	4,154 ^b	4,035 ^b	3,732 ^b	3,310 ^b	3,377 ^b	3,199 ^b	3,079 ^b	2,925 ^b	2,851 ^a	2,646
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	4,121 ^b	4,013 ^b	4,103 ^b	3,926 ^b	3,885 ^b	3,667 ^b	3,418	3,531 ^a	3,474	3,438	3,272

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Some 2006 to 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section B.3 in Appendix B of the *Results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings*).

^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, 2002-2012.

Table 7.35B Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2002-2012

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹											
Cigarettes											
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	63.1 ^b	64.2 ^a	67.5 ^b	68.3 ^b	68.7 ^b	68.8 ^b	69.5 ^b	65.5	65.3	66.2	65.7
Marijuana											
Smoke Once a Month	32.4 ^b	34.9 ^b	35.0 ^b	34.0 ^b	34.6 ^b	34.4 ^b	33.4 ^b	30.3 ^b	29.6 ^b	27.6	26.5
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	51.5 ^b	54.4 ^b	54.7 ^b	55.0 ^b	54.2 ^b	54.6 ^b	52.8 ^b	49.0 ^b	47.2 ^b	44.8	43.6
Cocaine											
Use Once a Month	50.5	51.4	49.6	48.8 ^a	49.0 ^a	49.6	49.4	49.2	49.1 ^a	48.1 ^b	50.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	79.8	80.7 ^b	79.8	79.9	79.2	78.9	79.1	78.4	78.3	78.1	78.9
Heroin											
Try Once or Twice	58.5	58.8 ^a	57.0	56.5	57.2	56.9	57.4	56.7	57.4	56.6	57.3
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.5 ^b	82.6 ^b	81.4 ^b	81.8 ^b	81.2 ^a	81.0 ^a	81.3 ^a	80.9	80.4	79.7	80.0
LSD											
Try Once or Twice	52.6 ^b	53.4 ^b	52.6 ^b	51.7 ^b	51.6 ^b	51.0 ^b	50.2 ^b	48.1	47.8	47.0	47.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	76.2 ^b	76.9 ^b	76.4 ^b	76.1 ^b	74.7 ^b	74.1 ^b	73.8 ^b	71.7	71.3	70.4	70.6
Alcohol											
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.2 ^b	61.6 ^b	61.8 ^b	63.8	64.5	65.1 ^a	65.6 ^b	64.1	64.7	64.8	63.9
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	38.2 ^a	38.5 ^a	38.1 ^b	38.4 ^a	39.3	39.3	40.0	39.6	40.4	40.7	39.7
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²											
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³											
Marijuana	55.0 ^b	53.6 ^b	52.2 ^b	51.0 ^b	50.1 ^b	49.2 ^a	49.4 ^a	50.0 ^b	48.9	47.7	47.8
Cocaine	25.0 ^b	25.0 ^b	24.4 ^b	24.9 ^b	25.9 ^b	24.5 ^b	22.1 ^b	20.9 ^b	19.1 ^b	17.5 ^b	16.0
Crack	26.5 ^b	26.2 ^b	25.0 ^b	25.3 ^b	26.2 ^b	25.3 ^b	23.2 ^b	22.1 ^b	20.1 ^b	18.2 ^b	16.7
Heroin	15.8 ^b	15.3 ^b	14.0 ^b	14.0 ^b	14.4 ^b	14.2 ^b	12.9 ^b	12.8 ^b	11.6 ^b	10.7 ^a	9.9
LSD	19.4 ^b	17.6 ^b	16.9 ^b	15.7 ^b	14.0 ^b	14.4 ^b	13.7 ^b	13.4 ^b	13.0 ^b	12.2	11.5
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	16.7 ^b	16.1 ^b	16.3 ^b	15.5 ^b	15.3 ^b	14.5 ^b	13.8	14.4 ^b	14.3 ^b	13.8	13.2

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