

**Table 7.36A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2012**

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	2,656	2,627	2,784	2,908	2,785	2,672	2,905	3,136	2,982	3,083	2,883
Marijuana and Hashish	2,196	1,973 <sup>b</sup>	2,142 <sup>a</sup>	2,114	2,061 <sup>b</sup>	2,089 <sup>a</sup>	2,224	2,379	2,439	2,617	2,398
Cocaine	1,032 <sup>b</sup>	986 <sup>b</sup>	998 <sup>b</sup>	872 <sup>b</sup>	977 <sup>b</sup>	906 <sup>b</sup>	724	623	642	670	639
Crack	337 <sup>b</sup>	269 <sup>b</sup>	215 <sup>b</sup>	230 <sup>b</sup>	243 <sup>b</sup>	353 <sup>b</sup>	209 <sup>b</sup>	95	83	76	84
Heroin	117	92 <sup>a</sup>	118	108	90 <sup>a</sup>	106	116	187	142	178	156
Hallucinogens	1,152	886 <sup>a</sup>	934	953	1,118	1,061	1,132	1,276 <sup>a</sup>	1,240 <sup>a</sup>	1,137	1,073
LSD	338	200 <sup>b</sup>	235 <sup>b</sup>	243 <sup>b</sup>	265 <sup>b</sup>	271 <sup>b</sup>	400	341	381	358	421
PCP	123	105	106	77	70	58	53	45 <sup>a</sup>	46	48	90
Ecstasy	1,206 <sup>b</sup>	642 <sup>b</sup>	607 <sup>b</sup>	615 <sup>b</sup>	863	777	892	1,118 <sup>b</sup>	949	922	869
Inhalants	849 <sup>b</sup>	871 <sup>b</sup>	857 <sup>b</sup>	877 <sup>b</sup>	783 <sup>b</sup>	777 <sup>b</sup>	738 <sup>b</sup>	822 <sup>b</sup>	800 <sup>b</sup>	719 <sup>a</sup>	584
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,3</sup>	2,552	2,583	2,836 <sup>a</sup>	2,526	2,584	2,542	2,529	2,583	2,428	2,346	2,449
Pain Relievers	2,320 <sup>b</sup>	2,456 <sup>b</sup>	2,422 <sup>b</sup>	2,193 <sup>a</sup>	2,155 <sup>a</sup>	2,159	2,189 <sup>a</sup>	2,193 <sup>a</sup>	2,013	1,888	1,880
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	615 <sup>b</sup>	526 <sup>a</sup>	535 <sup>a</sup>	557 <sup>b</sup>	483 <sup>a</sup>	588 <sup>b</sup>	600 <sup>b</sup>	483	372
Tranquilizers	1,184	1,071 <sup>b</sup>	1,180	1,286	1,118 <sup>a</sup>	1,231	1,134 <sup>a</sup>	1,234	1,244	1,204	1,427
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	783	715	793	647	846	640	602	710	626	670	676
Sedatives	209	194	240	247	267	198	183	186	253	159	166
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1,2</sup></b>	2,569	2,523	2,664	2,768	2,722	2,567	2,711	2,825	2,667	2,553	2,538
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	1,940 <sup>b</sup>	1,983 <sup>b</sup>	2,122	2,282	2,456	2,231	2,453	2,545	2,403	2,394	2,336
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>4</sup>	1,016 <sup>b</sup>	1,064 <sup>b</sup>	1,101 <sup>b</sup>	965 <sup>a</sup>	1,049 <sup>b</sup>	983 <sup>b</sup>	945 <sup>a</sup>	1,136 <sup>b</sup>	962 <sup>a</sup>	878	778
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO<sup>5</sup></b>	951	928	999	1,134	1,335 <sup>b</sup>	1,299 <sup>b</sup>	1,413 <sup>b</sup>	1,468 <sup>b</sup>	1,425 <sup>b</sup>	1,297 <sup>b</sup>	997
<b>CIGARS</b>	2,858	2,736	3,058 <sup>a</sup>	3,349 <sup>b</sup>	3,061 <sup>b</sup>	3,078 <sup>b</sup>	2,918	3,146 <sup>b</sup>	2,950	2,800	2,664
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	3,942 <sup>b</sup>	4,082 <sup>b</sup>	4,396	4,274	4,378	4,551	4,466	4,561	4,675	4,699	4,589

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**Table 7.36B Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Percentages, 2002-2012**

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>ILLICIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2 <sup>a</sup>	1.2	1.2	1.1
Marijuana and Hashish	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
Cocaine	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2					
Crack	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hallucinogens	0.5 <sup>a</sup>	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.5 <sup>a</sup>	0.4	0.4
LSD	0.1	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2				
PCP	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 <sup>a</sup>	0.3 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 <sup>b</sup>	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4	0.4	0.3
Inhalants	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.3 <sup>a</sup>	0.2					
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,3</sup>	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Pain Relievers	1.0 <sup>b</sup>	1.0 <sup>b</sup>	1.0 <sup>b</sup>	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.9 <sup>a</sup>	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.9 <sup>b</sup>	0.8	0.7	0.7
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	0.3 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.2	0.1
Tranquilizers	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	0.3 <sup>a</sup>	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3 <sup>a</sup>	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Sedatives	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>ILLICIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1,2</sup></b>	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.1	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.1 <sup>b</sup>	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.0	1.1	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.1	1.0	1.0
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.9	1.0	1.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.9	0.9	0.9
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>4</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.3	0.3
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO<sup>5</sup></b>	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	0.6 <sup>b</sup>	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.4
<b>CIGARS</b>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>a</sup>	1.3 <sup>b</sup>	1.4 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>a</sup>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>a</sup>	1.1	1.0
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8

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**Table 7.37A Past Year Initiation of Illicit Drugs and First Drug Initiated in the Past Year among Persons Aged 12 or Older Who Initiated Illicit Drug Use in the Past Year: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2012**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>PAST YEAR INITIATION OF ILLICIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	2,656	2,627	2,784	2,908	2,785	2,672	2,905	3,136	2,982	3,083	2,883
<b>FIRST DRUG INITIATED<sup>3</sup></b>											
Marijuana and Hashish	1,555 <sup>b</sup>	1,463 <sup>b</sup>	1,516 <sup>b</sup>	1,586 <sup>a</sup>	1,508 <sup>b</sup>	1,502 <sup>b</sup>	1,649 <sup>a</sup>	1,856	1,848	2,080	1,890
Cocaine	29 <sup>a</sup>	21 <sup>a</sup>	43	29 <sup>b</sup>	34 <sup>b</sup>	16 <sup>a</sup>	24 <sup>a</sup>	8	4	6	4
Crack	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heroin	1	1	1	*	0	*	4	3	2	2	2
Hallucinogens	88	63	56	67	92	55	92	66	90	86	57
LSD	1	5	1	2	6	4	2	1	2	3	2
PCP	2	1	1	1	9	*	1	0	2	3	5
Ecstasy	52 <sup>a</sup>	37	26	23	46	15	28	30	41	42	20
Inhalants	246 <sup>a</sup>	340 <sup>b</sup>	305 <sup>b</sup>	331 <sup>b</sup>	276 <sup>b</sup>	288 <sup>b</sup>	282 <sup>b</sup>	309 <sup>b</sup>	268 <sup>b</sup>	232	182
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,4</sup>											
Pain Relievers	525	520	635 <sup>a</sup>	596	618	508	652 <sup>a</sup>	535	514	432	489
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	1 <sup>a</sup>	8	1 <sup>a</sup>	2	6	24	15	29	10
Tranquilizers	64 <sup>a</sup>	87	109	179	112	173	93	268 <sup>a</sup>	136	130	118
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	92	102	99	73	114	108	88	61	73	80	104
Sedatives	61	34	27	52	35	28	24	30	57	36	38
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana <sup>1,2</sup>	1,104	1,164	1,269 <sup>b</sup>	1,328 <sup>b</sup>	1,282 <sup>b</sup>	1,176 <sup>a</sup>	1,258 <sup>b</sup>	1,281 <sup>a</sup>	1,141	1,004	993

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>PAST YEAR INITIATION OF ILLICIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>FIRST DRUG INITIATED<sup>3</sup></b>											
Marijuana and Hashish	58.6 <sup>b</sup>	55.7 <sup>b</sup>	54.5 <sup>b</sup>	54.5 <sup>b</sup>	54.1 <sup>b</sup>	56.2 <sup>b</sup>	56.7 <sup>b</sup>	59.2 <sup>a</sup>	62.0	67.5	65.6
Cocaine	1.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.8 <sup>a</sup>	1.5	1.0 <sup>b</sup>	1.2 <sup>b</sup>	0.6 <sup>a</sup>	0.8 <sup>a</sup>	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
Crack	*	*	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hallucinogens	3.3	2.4	2.0	2.3	3.3	2.1	3.2	2.1	3.0	2.8	2.0
LSD	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
PCP	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	*	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Ecstasy	1.9 <sup>b</sup>	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.7	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.4	0.7
Inhalants	9.3 <sup>b</sup>	12.9 <sup>b</sup>	10.9 <sup>b</sup>	11.4 <sup>b</sup>	9.9 <sup>b</sup>	10.8 <sup>b</sup>	9.7 <sup>b</sup>	9.9 <sup>b</sup>	9.0 <sup>b</sup>	7.5	6.3
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,4</sup>											
Pain Relievers	19.8	19.8	22.8 <sup>b</sup>	20.5	22.2 <sup>a</sup>	19.0	22.5 <sup>a</sup>	17.1	17.2	14.0	17.0
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.3	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.3
Tranquilizers	2.4	3.3	3.9	6.2	4.0	6.5	3.2	8.5 <sup>a</sup>	4.6	4.2	4.1
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	3.5	3.9	3.5	2.5	4.1	4.0	3.0	2.0 <sup>a</sup>	2.5	2.6	3.6
Sedatives	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.8	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.9	1.2	1.3
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana <sup>1,2</sup>	41.6 <sup>b</sup>	44.3 <sup>b</sup>	45.6 <sup>b</sup>	45.7 <sup>b</sup>	46.0 <sup>b</sup>	44.0 <sup>b</sup>	43.3 <sup>b</sup>	40.9 <sup>a</sup>	38.3	32.6	34.5

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**Table 7.38B Past Year Initiation of Nonmedical Methamphetamine Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older and Those at Risk for Initiation and Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates Aged 12 or Older Who Used Methamphetamine Nonmedically, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2002-2012**

Estimate Type/Demographic Characteristic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s)</b>											
<b>Total</b>	299 <sup>b</sup>	260 <sup>b</sup>	318 <sup>b</sup>	192	259 <sup>a</sup>	157	97	155	107	133	133
<b>Gender</b>											
Male	141 <sup>a</sup>	130	142 <sup>a</sup>	97	90	54	42	73	48	53	70
Female	158 <sup>b</sup>	129 <sup>a</sup>	176 <sup>b</sup>	95	169 <sup>a</sup>	103	55	82	59	80	63
<b>PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION</b>											
<b>Total</b>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>Gender</b>											
Male	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Female	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION<sup>1</sup></b>											
<b>Total</b>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>Gender</b>											
Male	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Female	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>MEAN AGE AT FIRST USE AMONG PAST YEAR INITIATES</b>											
<b>Total</b>	18.9	20.4	22.1	18.6	22.2	19.4	19.3	19.3	18.8	17.8	19.7
Age 12-49	18.9	20.4	20.6	18.6	22.2	19.4	19.3	19.3	18.8	17.8	19.7
<b>Gender/Age</b>											
Male	19.0	19.9	20.8	19.1	19.8	20.1	19.8	19.7	18.4	18.8	19.5
12-49	19.0	19.9	20.8	19.1	19.8	20.1	19.8	19.7	18.4	18.8	19.5
Female	18.8	20.8	23.1	18.1	23.5	19.1	18.9	19.0	19.1	17.2	20.0
12-49	18.8	20.8	20.4	18.1	23.5	19.1	18.9	19.0	19.1	17.2	20.0

\*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*).

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.

NOTE: Estimates in this table do not include data from new methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or new methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</sup> 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, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2012.

**Table 7.39B Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 to 49: 2002-2012**

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	17.9	17.5 <sup>b</sup>	18.1	18.7	19.0	18.0	18.8	17.6 <sup>b</sup>	19.1	18.1	18.7
Marijuana and Hashish	17.0 <sup>a</sup>	16.8 <sup>b</sup>	17.1 <sup>a</sup>	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.0 <sup>a</sup>	18.4	17.5	17.9
Cocaine	19.8	19.8	20.0	19.7	20.3	20.2	19.8	19.9	21.2	20.1	20.0
Crack	25.0 <sup>b</sup>	21.8	21.9	23.4	22.8	29.6 <sup>b</sup>	27.1 <sup>b</sup>	20.6	24.8	20.8	20.5
Heroin	21.0	20.9	24.4	22.2	20.7	21.8	23.5	25.3	21.4	22.1	23.0
Hallucinogens	18.5	17.9 <sup>b</sup>	18.7	18.7	19.7	19.1	18.6	18.9	18.3 <sup>a</sup>	18.7	19.1
LSD	17.4 <sup>a</sup>	17.2 <sup>b</sup>	18.4	18.3	19.4	18.2	18.4	18.3	19.0	18.6	19.0
PCP	16.0	17.4	18.9	16.5	16.3	16.4	15.9	16.8	17.6	17.8	16.6
Ecstasy	21.2	19.7	19.5	20.7	20.6	20.3	20.3	20.2	19.4	19.6	20.3
Inhalants	15.9 <sup>b</sup>	16.0 <sup>a</sup>	16.0	16.1	15.7 <sup>b</sup>	17.1	15.9 <sup>a</sup>	16.9	16.3	16.4	16.9
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,3</sup>	21.3 <sup>a</sup>	21.6	21.7	22.2	22.9	21.8	22.0	21.0 <sup>b</sup>	22.4	22.4	22.9
Pain Relievers	20.8	21.1	20.9	21.2	22.0	21.2	21.2	20.8 <sup>a</sup>	21.0	21.8	22.3
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	--	--	22.9	23.2	22.6	24.0	21.7	22.3	22.8	22.8	22.0
Tranquilizers	23.8	22.7	24.4	25.7 <sup>a</sup>	24.0	24.5	24.4	22.4	24.6	24.6	23.6
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	19.2 <sup>a</sup>	21.5	20.0	20.1	23.0	21.9	21.3	21.5	21.2	22.2	22.1
Sedatives	26.6	21.2	23.5	22.9	26.5	24.3	21.6	19.7 <sup>b</sup>	23.5	22.0	26.2
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1,2</sup></b>	19.7 <sup>a</sup>	19.5 <sup>b</sup>	19.9 <sup>a</sup>	20.5	20.7	20.0	20.4	19.3 <sup>b</sup>	20.2	20.1	21.2
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	16.9 <sup>a</sup>	16.9 <sup>b</sup>	16.7 <sup>b</sup>	17.3	17.1 <sup>a</sup>	16.9 <sup>b</sup>	17.4	17.5	17.3	17.2 <sup>a</sup>	17.8
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>4</sup>	19.9	19.8	18.8	19.7	18.9	19.2	20.1	20.7	19.1	19.1	19.9
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO<sup>5</sup></b>	19.1	18.1	18.8	18.3	19.0	18.0	18.9	18.9	19.3	19.8	18.8
<b>CIGARS</b>	21.8 <sup>a</sup>	20.3	20.2	21.2	19.9	20.5	20.0	20.7	20.5	19.6	20.5
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	16.6 <sup>b</sup>	16.4 <sup>b</sup>	16.4 <sup>b</sup>	16.4 <sup>b</sup>	16.6 <sup>b</sup>	16.8 <sup>a</sup>	17.0	16.9 <sup>a</sup>	17.1	17.1	17.4

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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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.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates in these designated rows do not include data from new methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or new methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics includes the nonmedical use of pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives and does not include over-the-counter drugs.

<sup>4</sup> Daily Cigarette Use is defined as ever smoking every day for at least 30 days.

<sup>5</sup> Smokeless Tobacco includes chewing tobacco or snuff.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2012.