

Table 3.1A Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2010 and 2011

| Risk/Availability | Total (2010) | Total (2011) | Aged 12-17 (2010) | Aged 12-17 (2011) | Aged 18-25 (2010) | Aged 18-25 (2011) | Aged 26+ (2010) | Aged 26+ (2011) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Cigarettes | | | | | | | | |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day | 179,806 ^a | 182,546 | 15,706 ^b | 16,327 | 22,245 | 22,501 | 141,855 | 143,718 |
| Marijuana | | | | | | | | |
| Smoke Once a Month | 80,919 | 80,875 | 7,078 ^a | 6,758 | 6,259 | 6,142 | 67,581 | 67,975 |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week | 107,617 | 107,133 | 11,314 ^a | 10,986 | 9,140 ^a | 8,736 | 87,164 | 87,410 |
| Cocaine | | | | | | | | |
| Use Once a Month | 175,021 | 175,835 | 11,679 | 11,712 | 20,847 | 21,041 | 142,495 | 143,082 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week | 219,569 ^b | 221,840 | 18,649 ^b | 19,035 | 28,475 | 28,774 | 172,445 ^a | 174,031 |
| Heroin | | | | | | | | |
| Try Once or Twice | 203,667 ^b | 207,554 | 13,559 | 13,729 | 25,860 ^b | 26,458 | 164,249 ^b | 167,368 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week | 232,912 ^b | 236,448 | 19,035 ^a | 19,357 | 31,176 ^a | 31,427 | 182,701 ^b | 185,663 |
| LSD | | | | | | | | |
| Try Once or Twice | 172,951 ^b | 176,281 | 10,897 | 11,060 | 19,737 | 20,106 | 142,317 ^a | 145,114 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week | 213,198 ^b | 215,905 | 16,274 ^a | 16,577 | 26,877 | 26,942 | 170,048 ^b | 172,386 |
| Alcohol | | | | | | | | |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day | 173,467 | 174,163 | 15,584 ^a | 15,973 | 21,026 | 21,165 | 136,857 | 137,025 |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week | 108,077 | 107,573 | 9,717 | 10,026 | 11,422 | 11,801 | 86,938 | 85,746 |
| PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY² | | | | | | | | |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³ | | | | | | | | |
| Marijuana | 138,341 ^b | 141,832 | 11,516 | 11,544 | 25,425 | 25,353 | 101,400 ^b | 104,935 |
| Cocaine | 63,475 | 64,021 | 4,420 ^a | 4,178 | 11,230 ^b | 10,513 | 47,825 | 49,330 |
| Crack | 57,920 | 57,296 | 4,653 ^b | 4,331 | 8,260 ^b | 7,722 | 45,007 | 45,243 |
| Heroin | 36,992 | 38,213 | 2,679 | 2,542 | 5,528 ^b | 5,042 | 28,785 ^a | 30,629 |
| LSD | 35,762 | 35,635 | 2,925 | 2,851 | 6,072 | 5,851 | 26,766 | 26,932 |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 18,854 | 18,240 | 3,474 | 3,438 | 6,490 | 6,182 | 8,889 | 8,621 |

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Some 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section B.3 in Appendix B of the *Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings*).

^a Difference between estimate and 2011 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2011 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, 2010 and 2011.

Table 3.1B Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Percentages, 2010 and 2011

| Risk/Availability | Total (2010) | Total (2011) | Aged 12-17 (2010) | Aged 12-17 (2011) | Aged 18-25 (2010) | Aged 18-25 (2011) | Aged 26+ (2010) | Aged 26+ (2011) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹ | | | | | | | | |
| Cigarettes | | | | | | | | |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day | 71.4 | 71.3 | 65.3 | 66.2 | 65.5 | 65.9 | 73.2 | 72.8 |
| Marijuana | | | | | | | | |
| Smoke Once a Month | 32.5 | 31.9 | 29.6 ^b | 27.6 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 35.4 | 34.9 |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week | 43.2 | 42.3 | 47.2 ^b | 44.8 | 27.0 ^a | 25.6 | 45.6 | 44.9 |
| Cocaine | | | | | | | | |
| Use Once a Month | 70.2 | 69.4 | 49.1 | 48.1 | 61.9 | 62.0 | 74.3 | 73.4 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week | 88.0 | 87.5 | 78.3 | 78.1 | 84.5 | 84.8 | 89.8 | 89.2 |
| Heroin | | | | | | | | |
| Try Once or Twice | 81.8 | 82.0 | 57.4 | 56.6 | 76.8 ^a | 78.0 | 85.7 | 85.9 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week | 93.4 | 93.4 | 80.4 | 79.7 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 95.2 |
| LSD | | | | | | | | |
| Try Once or Twice | 70.1 | 70.3 | 47.8 | 47.0 | 59.3 | 60.1 | 74.6 | 74.9 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week | 86.3 | 86.1 | 71.3 | 70.4 | 80.6 | 80.4 | 89.1 | 89.0 |
| Alcohol | | | | | | | | |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day | 69.0 | 68.2 | 64.7 | 64.8 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 70.7 | 69.7 |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week | 43.0 | 42.1 | 40.4 | 40.7 | 33.7 | 34.5 | 44.9 | 43.6 |
| PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY² | | | | | | | | |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³ | | | | | | | | |
| Marijuana | 57.1 | 57.5 | 48.9 | 47.7 | 75.7 | 75.0 | 54.8 | 55.6 |
| Cocaine | 26.7 | 26.5 | 19.1 ^b | 17.5 | 34.0 ^b | 31.7 | 26.3 | 26.7 |
| Crack | 24.4 | 23.7 | 20.1 ^b | 18.2 | 25.2 ^b | 23.4 | 24.8 | 24.5 |
| Heroin | 15.6 | 15.9 | 11.6 ^a | 10.7 | 16.9 ^b | 15.3 | 15.9 | 16.6 |
| LSD | 15.2 | 14.9 | 13.0 | 12.2 | 18.6 | 17.9 | 14.8 | 14.7 |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 7.4 | 7.1 | 14.3 | 13.8 | 19.1 ^a | 18.0 | 4.6 | 4.4 |

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