

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, 2002-2011

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	15,493 ^b	15,899 ^b	16,871 ^b	17,158 ^b	17,292 ^b	17,177 ^b	17,148 ^b	15,929 ^b	15,706 ^b	16,327
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 ^a	6,758
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 ^a	10,986
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	12,296 ^b	12,628 ^b	12,320 ^b	12,151 ^b	12,193 ^b	12,234 ^b	12,061 ^a	11,817	11,679	11,712
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,463 ^b	19,835 ^b	19,842 ^b	19,894 ^b	19,754 ^b	19,530 ^b	19,348 ^a	18,894	18,649 ^b	19,035
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	14,211 ^b	14,400 ^b	14,077 ^a	13,994	14,163 ^b	13,984	13,946	13,565	13,559	13,729
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
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
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 ^a	16,577
Alcohol										
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,288 ^b	15,277 ^b	15,468 ^b	16,028	16,259	16,265	16,203	15,611 ^a	15,584 ^a	15,973
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	9,379 ^b	9,528 ^b	9,514 ^b	9,636 ^a	9,868	9,797	9,879	9,620 ^a	9,717	10,026
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 ^a	11,516	11,544
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 ^a	4,178
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
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	2,542
LSD	4,562 ^b	4,154 ^b	4,035 ^b	3,732 ^b	3,310 ^b	3,377 ^b	3,199 ^b	3,079 ^a	2,925	2,851
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 ^a	3,418	3,531	3,474	3,438

*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 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.

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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, 2002-2011.

Table 7.35B Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2002-2011

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	63.1 ^b	64.2 ^b	67.5 ^a	68.3 ^b	68.7 ^b	68.8 ^b	69.5 ^b	65.5	65.3	66.2
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
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
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	50.5 ^b	51.4 ^b	49.6 ^a	48.8	49.0	49.6 ^a	49.4	49.2	49.1	48.1
Use Once or Twice a Week	79.8 ^b	80.7 ^b	79.8 ^b	79.9 ^b	79.2 ^a	78.9	79.1	78.4	78.3	78.1
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	58.5 ^b	58.8 ^b	57.0	56.5	57.2	56.9	57.4	56.7	57.4	56.6
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.5 ^b	82.6 ^b	81.4 ^b	81.8 ^b	81.2 ^b	81.0 ^a	81.3 ^b	80.9 ^a	80.4	79.7
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
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 ^a	71.3	70.4
Alcohol										
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.2 ^b	61.6 ^b	61.8 ^b	63.8	64.5	65.1	65.6	64.1	64.7	64.8
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	38.2 ^b	38.5 ^b	38.1 ^b	38.4 ^b	39.3 ^a	39.3 ^a	40.0	39.6	40.4	40.7
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
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
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
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 ^a	10.7
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	12.2
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	13.8	14.4	14.3	13.8

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