

Table 7.36A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2011

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ILLCIT DRUGS^{1,2}	2,656 ^b	2,627 ^b	2,784 ^a	2,908	2,785 ^a	2,672 ^b	2,905	3,136	2,982	3,083
Marijuana and Hashish	2,196 ^b	1,973 ^b	2,142 ^b	2,114 ^b	2,061 ^b	2,089 ^b	2,224 ^b	2,379	2,439	2,617
Cocaine	1,032 ^b	986 ^b	998 ^b	872 ^b	977 ^b	906 ^b	724	623	642	670
Crack	337 ^b	269 ^b	215 ^b	230 ^b	243 ^b	353 ^b	209 ^b	95	83	76
Heroin	117	92 ^b	118	108 ^a	90 ^b	106 ^a	116	187	142	178
Hallucinogens	1,152	886 ^b	934 ^a	953 ^a	1,118	1,061	1,132	1,276	1,240	1,137
LSD	338	200 ^b	235 ^b	243 ^b	265 ^a	271 ^a	400	341	381	358
PCP	123 ^b	105 ^b	106 ^b	77	70	58	53	45	46	48
Ecstasy	1,206 ^b	642 ^b	607 ^b	615 ^b	863	777	892	1,118 ^a	949	922
Inhalants	849 ^a	871 ^a	857 ^a	877 ^a	783	777	738	822	800	719
Nonmedical Use of										
Psychotherapeutics ^{2,3}	2,552	2,583	2,836 ^b	2,526	2,584	2,542	2,529	2,583	2,428	2,346
Pain Relievers	2,320 ^b	2,456 ^b	2,422 ^b	2,193 ^a	2,155	2,159	2,189 ^a	2,193 ^a	2,013	1,888
OxyContin [®]	--	--	615	526	535	557	483	588	600	483
Tranquilizers	1,184	1,071	1,180	1,286	1,118	1,231	1,134	1,234	1,244	1,204
Stimulants ²	783	715	793	647	846	640	602	710	626	670
Sedatives	209	194	240	247	267 ^a	198	183	186	253	159
ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA^{1,2}	2,569	2,523	2,664	2,768	2,722	2,567	2,711	2,825	2,667	2,553
CIGARETTES	1,940 ^b	1,983 ^b	2,122 ^a	2,282	2,456	2,231	2,453	2,545	2,403	2,394
Daily Cigarette Use ⁴	1,016	1,064 ^a	1,101 ^b	965	1,049 ^a	983	945	1,136 ^b	962	878
SMOKELESS TOBACCO⁵	951 ^b	928 ^b	999 ^b	1,134	1,335	1,299	1,413	1,468	1,425	1,297
CIGARS	2,858	2,736	3,058	3,349 ^b	3,061	3,078	2,918	3,146	2,950	2,800
ALCOHOL	3,942 ^b	4,082 ^b	4,396	4,274 ^b	4,378	4,551	4,466	4,561	4,675	4,699

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

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Table 7.36B Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Percentages, 2002-2011

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ILLICIT DRUGS^{1,2}	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1 ^a	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Marijuana and Hashish	0.9	0.8 ^b	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.8 ^b	0.8 ^b	0.9 ^a	0.9	1.0	1.0
Cocaine	0.4 ^b	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3					
Crack	0.1 ^b	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Heroin	0.0	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hallucinogens	0.5	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
LSD	0.1	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
PCP	0.1 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^b	0.0 ^a	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ecstasy	0.5 ^b	0.3 ^b	0.3 ^b	0.3 ^b	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4 ^a	0.4	0.4
Inhalants	0.4 ^b	0.4 ^b	0.4 ^b	0.4 ^b	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nonmedical Use of										
Psychotherapeutics ^{2,3}	1.1 ^b	1.1 ^b	1.2 ^b	1.0	1.1 ^a	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Pain Relievers	1.0 ^b	1.0 ^b	1.0 ^b	0.9 ^b	0.9 ^b	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.9 ^a	0.8	0.7
OxyContin [®]	--	--	0.3 ^a	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Tranquilizers	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Stimulants ²	0.3 ^a	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3 ^a	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Sedatives	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
ILLICIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA^{1,2}	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1 ^a	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1 ^a	1.1	1.0
CIGARETTES	0.8 ^a	0.8 ^a	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Daily Cigarette Use ⁴	0.4 ^b	0.4 ^b	0.5 ^b	0.4	0.4 ^b	0.4	0.4	0.5 ^b	0.4	0.3
SMOKELESS TOBACCO⁵	0.4 ^b	0.4 ^b	0.4 ^a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6 ^a	0.6	0.5
CIGARS	1.2	1.2	1.3 ^a	1.4 ^b	1.2 ^a	1.2 ^a	1.2	1.2 ^a	1.2	1.1
ALCOHOL	1.7 ^a	1.7	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, 2002-2011

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
PAST YEAR INITIATION OF ILLICIT DRUGS^{1,2}	2,656 ^b	2,627 ^b	2,784	2,908	2,785 ^a	2,672 ^b	2,905	3,136	2,982	3,083
FIRST DRUG INITIATED³										
Marijuana and Hashish	1,555 ^b	1,463 ^b	1,516 ^b	1,586 ^b	1,508 ^b	1,502 ^b	1,649 ^b	1,856 ^a	1,848 ^a	2,080
Cocaine	29 ^a	21	43	29 ^b	34 ^a	16	24	8	4	6
Crack	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heroin	1	1	1	*	0	*	4	3	2	2
Hallucinogens	88	63	56	67	92	55	92	66	90	86
LSD	1	5	1	2	6	4	2	1	2	3
PCP	2	1	1	1	9	*	1	0	2	3
Ecstasy	52	37	26	23	46	15	28	30	41	42
Inhalants	246	340 ^b	305 ^a	331 ^b	276	288	282	309 ^a	268	232
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ^{2,4}	742	742	869 ^a	900 ^a	878 ^a	817	857	895	777	679
Pain Relievers	525	520	635 ^b	596 ^a	618 ^a	508	652 ^b	535	514	432
OxyContin [®]	--	--	1	8	1	2	6	24	15	29
Tranquilizers	64 ^a	87	109	179	112	173	93	268	136	130
Stimulants ²	92	102	99	73	114	108	88	61	73	80
Sedatives	61	34	27	52	35	28	24	30	57	36
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	1,104	1,164	1,269 ^a	1,328 ^b	1,282 ^b	1,176	1,258 ^a	1,281 ^a	1,141	1,004

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³ First Drug Initiated is based on imputation-revised month and year and imputed day of first use for each drug. Respondents may be counted in more than one drug category if they reported initiating multiple drugs on the same day the first time they used drugs. Also, several drugs listed are subcategories of other drugs, and will have the same start date.

Therefore, the sum of the estimates for the first drug or drugs initiated may not equal the total estimates for past year initiates.

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PAST YEAR INITIATION OF ILLICIT DRUGS^{1,2}	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FIRST DRUG INITIATED³										
Marijuana and Hashish	58.6 ^b	55.7 ^b	54.5 ^b	54.5 ^b	54.1 ^b	56.2 ^b	56.7 ^b	59.2 ^b	62.0 ^a	67.5
Cocaine	1.1 ^a	0.8	1.5	1.0 ^b	1.2 ^a	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2
Crack	*	*	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heroin	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	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
LSD	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
PCP	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	*	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Ecstasy	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.7	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.4
Inhalants	9.3	12.9 ^b	10.9 ^b	11.4 ^b	9.9 ^a	10.8 ^b	9.7 ^a	9.9 ^a	9.0	7.5
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ^{2,4}	28.0 ^a	28.2 ^a	31.2 ^b	31.0 ^b	31.5 ^b	30.6 ^b	29.5 ^b	28.5 ^a	26.1	22.0
Pain Relievers	19.8 ^b	19.8 ^a	22.8 ^b	20.5 ^b	22.2 ^b	19.0 ^a	22.5 ^b	17.1	17.2	14.0
OxyContin [®]	--	--	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.5	1.0
Tranquilizers	2.4	3.3	3.9	6.2	4.0	6.5	3.2	8.5	4.6	4.2
Stimulants ²	3.5	3.9	3.5	2.5	4.1	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.6
Sedatives	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.8	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.9	1.2
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	41.6 ^b	44.3 ^b	45.6 ^b	45.7 ^b	46.0 ^b	44.0 ^b	43.3 ^b	40.9 ^b	38.3 ^a	32.6

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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, 2002-2011

Estimate Type/Demographic Characteristic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s)										
Total	299 ^b	260 ^b	318 ^b	192 ^a	259 ^b	157	97	155	107	133
Gender										
Male	141 ^b	130 ^b	142 ^b	97 ^a	90	54	42	73	48	53
Female	158 ^b	129	176 ^b	95	169 ^a	103	55	82	59	80
PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION										
Total	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^b	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Gender										
Male	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Female	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^b	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION¹										
Total	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^b	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Gender										
Male	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Female	0.1 ^b	0.1 ^a	0.1 ^b	0.1	0.1 ^a	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
MEAN AGE AT FIRST USE AMONG PAST YEAR INITIATES										
Total	18.9	20.4	22.1 ^a	18.6	22.2	19.4	19.3	19.3	18.8	17.8
Age 12-49	18.9	20.4	20.6 ^a	18.6	22.2	19.4	19.3	19.3	18.8	17.8
Gender/Age										
Male										
12-49	19.0	19.9	20.8	19.1	19.8	20.1	19.8	19.7	18.4	18.8
12-49	19.0	19.9	20.8	19.1	19.8	20.1	19.8	19.7	18.4	18.8
Female										
12-49	18.8	20.8 ^a	23.1 ^a	18.1	23.5 ^a	19.1	18.9	19.0	19.1	17.2
12-49	18.8	20.8 ^a	20.4	18.1	23.5 ^a	19.1	18.9	19.0	19.1	17.2

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Table 7.39B Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 to 49: 2002-2011

Substance	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
ILLCIT DRUGS^{1,2}	17.9	17.5	18.1	18.7	19.0	18.0	18.8	17.6	19.1	18.1
Marijuana and Hashish	17.0 ^a	16.8 ^b	17.1	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.0 ^a	18.4	17.5
Cocaine	19.8	19.8	20.0	19.7	20.3	20.2	19.8	19.9	21.2	20.1
Crack	25.0 ^a	21.8	21.9	23.4	22.8	29.6 ^b	27.1 ^b	20.6	24.8	20.8
Heroin	21.0	20.9	24.4	22.2	20.7	21.8	23.5	25.3	21.4	22.1
Hallucinogens	18.5	17.9	18.7	18.7	19.7	19.1	18.6	18.9	18.3	18.7
LSD	17.4 ^a	17.2 ^b	18.4	18.3	19.4	18.2	18.4	18.3	19.0	18.6
PCP	16.0	17.4	18.9	16.5	16.3	16.4	15.9	16.8	17.6	17.8
Ecstasy	21.2 ^a	19.7	19.5	20.7	20.6	20.3	20.3	20.2	19.4	19.6
Inhalants	15.9	16.0	16.0	16.1	15.7	17.1	15.9	16.9	16.3	16.4
Nonmedical Use of										
Psychotherapeutics ^{2,3}	21.3	21.6	21.7	22.2	22.9	21.8	22.0	21.0	22.4	22.4
Pain Relievers	20.8	21.1	20.9	21.2	22.0	21.2	21.2	20.8	21.0	21.8
OxyContin [®]	--	--	22.9	23.2	22.6	24.0	21.7	22.3	22.8	22.8
Tranquilizers	23.8	22.7	24.4	25.7	24.0	24.5	24.4	22.4 ^a	24.6	24.6
Stimulants ²	19.2 ^b	21.5	20.0 ^a	20.1	23.0	21.9	21.3	21.5	21.2	22.2
Sedatives	26.6	21.2	23.5	22.9	26.5	24.3	21.6	19.7	23.5	22.0
ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA^{1,2}	19.7	19.5	19.9	20.5	20.7	20.0	20.4	19.3	20.2	20.1
CIGARETTES	16.9	16.9	16.7	17.3	17.1	16.9	17.4	17.5	17.3	17.2
Daily Cigarette Use ⁴	19.9	19.8	18.8	19.7	18.9	19.2	20.1	20.7	19.1	19.1
SMOKELESS TOBACCO⁵	19.1	18.1 ^a	18.8	18.3 ^a	19.0	18.0 ^b	18.9	18.9	19.3	19.8
CIGARS	21.8 ^b	20.3	20.2	21.2 ^b	19.9	20.5	20.0	20.7	20.5	19.6
ALCOHOL	16.6 ^a	16.4 ^b	16.4 ^b	16.4 ^b	16.6 ^b	16.8	17.0	16.9	17.1	17.1

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