

Table 3.1A Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2012 and 2013

Risk/Availability	Total (2012)	Total (2013)	Aged 12-17 (2012)	Aged 12-17 (2013)	Aged 18-25 (2012)	Aged 18-25 (2013)	Aged 26+ (2012)	Aged 26+ (2013)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	185,136	184,585	16,173 ^b	15,759	22,958	22,859	146,005	145,967
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	78,874 ^b	72,547	6,471 ^b	5,899	5,741 ^b	5,147	66,662 ^b	61,502
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	103,277 ^b	95,410	10,682 ^b	9,645	8,062 ^b	7,257	84,534 ^b	78,509
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	180,470 ^a	178,108	12,235 ^a	11,901	21,727	21,609	146,508	144,598
Use Once or Twice a Week	225,252	224,860	19,215	19,005	29,259	28,990	176,778	176,865
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	211,215	211,257	13,826	13,984	27,007	27,206	170,382	170,067
Use Once or Twice a Week	239,203	240,078	19,336	19,185	31,893	31,930	187,974	188,963
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	177,840 ^a	174,818	11,026	10,928	20,007	19,690	146,807 ^a	144,200
Use Once or Twice a Week	218,024	216,427	16,532 ^a	16,199	27,105 ^b	26,380	174,387	173,848
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	176,417	174,033	15,762 ^b	15,318	21,135 ^a	20,690	139,520	138,025
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	109,323	107,350	9,777	9,546	11,874	11,494	87,672	86,310
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	142,880 ^b	146,638	11,463	11,659	25,674	25,751	105,743 ^b	109,228
Cocaine	62,263 ^b	58,931	3,782 ^b	3,397	10,071 ^b	9,324	48,410 ^a	46,210
Crack	55,482 ^b	51,867	3,938 ^b	3,517	7,314 ^b	6,571	44,231 ^a	41,779
Heroin	38,332	37,097	2,320	2,132	5,211	5,003	30,801	29,962
LSD	35,264	33,951	2,646	2,603	5,795	5,621	26,822	25,726
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	18,542	17,650	3,272	3,087	6,535 ^b	5,656	8,735	8,906

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2013 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2013 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, 2012 and 2013.

Table 3.1B Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Percentages, 2012 and 2013

Risk/Availability	Total (2012)	Total (2013)	Aged 12-17 (2012)	Aged 12-17 (2013)	Aged 18-25 (2012)	Aged 18-25 (2013)	Aged 26+ (2012)	Aged 26+ (2013)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	71.6	70.9	65.7 ^a	64.3	66.6	66.0	73.2	72.5
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	30.8 ^b	28.2	26.5 ^b	24.2	16.7 ^b	14.9	33.8 ^b	31.0
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	40.3 ^b	37.1	43.6 ^b	39.5	23.5 ^b	21.0	42.9 ^b	39.6
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	70.5 ^b	69.2	50.4	49.3	63.5	62.8	74.2 ^a	72.8
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.9	87.3	78.9	78.4	85.5 ^b	84.3	89.4	89.0
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	82.6	82.2	57.3	58.2	79.0	79.2	86.3	85.7
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.4	93.3	80.0	79.8	93.2	92.9	95.1	95.1
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	70.1 ^b	68.7	47.2	47.1	59.1	57.9	74.8 ^b	73.1
Use Once or Twice a Week	85.9 ^a	85.0	70.6	69.7	80.0 ^b	77.5	88.7	88.1
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.3 ^b	66.9	63.9 ^a	62.5	61.4 ^a	59.8	70.1 ^a	68.7
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.4 ^a	41.3	39.7	39.0	34.5 ^a	33.2	44.1	43.0
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	57.5 ^a	58.6	47.8	48.6	75.2	75.3	55.5 ^a	56.9
Cocaine	25.5 ^b	24.0	16.0 ^b	14.4	30.1 ^b	27.9	25.9 ^a	24.5
Crack	22.7 ^b	21.2	16.7 ^b	14.9	22.0 ^b	19.7	23.6 ^b	22.2
Heroin	15.8	15.2	9.9	9.1	15.7	15.1	16.5	15.9
LSD	14.6	14.0	11.5	11.3	17.5	16.9	14.4	13.7
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7.1	6.7	13.2	12.4	18.9 ^b	16.3	4.4	4.4

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