

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, 2002-2013

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹												
Cigarettes												
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	15,493	15,899	16,871 ^b	17,158 ^b	17,292 ^b	17,177 ^b	17,148 ^b	15,929	15,706	16,327 ^b	16,173 ^b	15,759
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 ^b	6,758 ^b	6,471 ^b	5,899
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 ^b	10,986 ^b	10,682 ^b	9,645
Cocaine												
Use Once a Month	12,296 ^b	12,628 ^b	12,320 ^b	12,151	12,193	12,234 ^a	12,061	11,817	11,679	11,712	12,235 ^a	11,901
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	19,215	19,005
Heroin												
Try Once or Twice	14,211	14,400 ^b	14,077	13,994	14,163	13,984	13,946	13,565 ^b	13,559 ^b	13,729	13,826	13,984
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	19,357	19,336	19,185
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	11,026	10,928
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 ^b	16,274	16,577 ^a	16,532 ^a	16,199
Alcohol												
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,288	15,277	15,468	16,028 ^b	16,259 ^b	16,265 ^b	16,203 ^b	15,611 ^a	15,584	15,973 ^b	15,762 ^b	15,318
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	9,379	9,528	9,514	9,636	9,868 ^a	9,797	9,879 ^a	9,620	9,717	10,026 ^b	9,777	9,546
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 ^a	11,953	11,941	11,516	11,544	11,463	11,659
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 ^b	4,178 ^b	3,782 ^b	3,397
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 ^b	3,938 ^b	3,517
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 ^b	2,542 ^b	2,320	2,132
LSD	4,562 ^b	4,154 ^b	4,035 ^b	3,732 ^b	3,310 ^b	3,377 ^b	3,199 ^b	3,079 ^b	2,925 ^b	2,851 ^a	2,646	2,603
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 ^b	3,418 ^b	3,531 ^b	3,474 ^b	3,438 ^b	3,272	3,087

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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^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, 2002-2013.

Table 7.35B Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2002-2013

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹												
Cigarettes												
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	63.1	64.2	67.5 ^b	68.3 ^b	68.7 ^b	68.8 ^b	69.5 ^b	65.5 ^a	65.3	66.2 ^b	65.7 ^a	64.3
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 ^b	26.5 ^b	24.2
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 ^b	43.6 ^b	39.5
Cocaine												
Use Once a Month	50.5	51.4 ^b	49.6	48.8	49.0	49.6	49.4	49.2	49.1	48.1	50.4	49.3
Use Once or Twice a Week	79.8 ^b	80.7 ^b	79.8 ^a	79.9 ^b	79.2	78.9	79.1	78.4	78.3	78.1	78.9	78.4
Heroin												
Try Once or Twice	58.5	58.8	57.0 ^a	56.5 ^b	57.2	56.9	57.4	56.7 ^a	57.4	56.6 ^b	57.3	58.2
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	80.0	79.8
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	47.2	47.1
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 ^b	71.3 ^a	70.4	70.6	69.7
Alcohol												
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.2	61.6	61.8	63.8 ^a	64.5 ^b	65.1 ^b	65.6 ^b	64.1 ^b	64.7 ^b	64.8 ^b	63.9 ^a	62.5
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	38.2	38.5	38.1	38.4	39.3	39.3	40.0	39.6	40.4 ^a	40.7 ^b	39.7	39.0
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²												
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³												
Marijuana	55.0 ^b	53.6 ^b	52.2 ^b	51.0 ^b	50.1 ^a	49.2	49.4	50.0 ^a	48.9	47.7	47.8	48.6
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 ^b	16.0 ^b	14.4
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 ^b	16.7 ^b	14.9
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 ^b	10.7 ^b	9.9	9.1
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 ^b	12.2 ^a	11.5	11.3
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 ^b	13.8 ^b	14.4 ^b	14.3 ^b	13.8 ^b	13.2	12.4

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