

Table 3.1A Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2009 and 2010

Risk/Availability	Total (2009)	Total (2010)	Aged 12-17 (2009)	Aged 12-17 (2010)	Aged 18-25 (2009)	Aged 18-25 (2010)	Aged 26+ (2009)	Aged 26+ (2010)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	177,705 ^a	180,033	15,982	15,754	21,702 ^b	22,281	140,020	141,999
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	86,072 ^b	81,496	7,433	7,191	6,810 ^a	6,400	71,829 ^b	67,904
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	113,571 ^b	108,086	11,939 ^b	11,379	9,701 ^a	9,255	91,931 ^b	87,453
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	174,523	175,300	11,895	11,766	20,323 ^a	20,894	142,305	142,640
Use Once or Twice a Week	217,859 ^a	219,613	18,917	18,675	28,028 ^b	28,450	170,914 ^a	172,488
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	202,830	203,863	13,637	13,638	25,522	25,880	163,671	164,345
Use Once or Twice a Week	231,910	232,921	19,411 ^b	19,056	30,792 ^b	31,149	181,708	182,716
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	174,486	173,234	11,271	10,989	19,786	19,799	143,430	142,445
Use Once or Twice a Week	213,654	213,236	16,763 ^b	16,319	26,845	26,875	170,046	170,041
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	171,223 ^a	173,616	15,665	15,641	20,685	21,001	134,873	136,975
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	105,781 ^a	108,416	9,702	9,812	11,158	11,454	84,921	87,150
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	135,364	137,907	11,903 ^b	11,456	25,204	25,393	98,257 ^a	101,058
Cocaine	67,283 ^b	63,391	4,917 ^b	4,403	11,773 ^a	11,305	50,594 ^b	47,683
Crack	60,802 ^a	57,830	5,208 ^b	4,628	8,953 ^b	8,328	46,641	44,875
Heroin	39,267 ^a	36,943	3,009 ^b	2,668	5,543	5,590	30,715 ^a	28,685
LSD	36,780	35,770	3,106	2,918	6,094	6,159	27,581	26,693
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	18,296	18,803	3,511	3,465	6,171	6,447	8,614	8,892

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2010 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 (formerly the Office of Applied Studies), National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2009 and 2010.

Table 3.1B Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Percentages, 2009 and 2010

Risk/Availability	Total (2009)	Total (2010)	Aged 12-17 (2009)	Aged 12-17 (2010)	Aged 18-25 (2009)	Aged 18-25 (2010)	Aged 26+ (2009)	Aged 26+ (2010)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹								
Cigarettes								
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	71.1	71.5	65.8	65.5	64.9	65.6	72.8	73.3
Marijuana								
Smoke Once a Month	34.8 ^b	32.8	30.7	30.1	20.4 ^b	18.9	37.8 ^b	35.6
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	45.9 ^b	43.4	49.3 ^b	47.5	29.1 ^b	27.4	48.4 ^b	45.8
Cocaine								
Use Once a Month	70.5	70.3	49.5	49.5	61.1	62.0	74.8	74.4
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.9	88.0	78.5	78.4	84.3	84.4	89.7	89.9
Heroin								
Try Once or Twice	81.9	81.9	57.0	57.7	76.9	76.9	85.9	85.7
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.7	93.4	81.0	80.5	92.7	92.5	95.4	95.2
LSD								
Try Once or Twice	71.1	70.2	48.4	48.2	60.2	59.4	75.8	74.7
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.0	86.3	71.8	71.5	81.6 ^a	80.6	89.8	89.1
Alcohol								
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.5	69.0	64.3	65.0	61.8	61.9	70.2	70.8
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.3	43.1	39.9	40.8	33.4	33.8	44.2	45.0
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²								
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³								
Marijuana	56.1	56.9	49.9	48.6	76.1	75.6	53.3	54.6
Cocaine	28.3 ^b	26.6	20.9 ^b	19.0	36.2 ^b	34.3	27.8 ^b	26.2
Crack	25.6 ^b	24.3	22.1 ^b	20.0	27.7 ^b	25.4	25.7	24.7
Heroin	16.6 ^a	15.6	12.9 ^b	11.6	17.2	17.1	17.0 ^a	15.8
LSD	15.6	15.2	13.5	12.9	18.9	18.9	15.3	14.8
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7.3	7.4	14.3	14.3	18.4	18.9	4.5	4.6

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^a Difference between estimate and 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

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