

**Table 4.13B Mean Age at First Use among Past Year Initiates of Substance Use Aged 12 or Older, by Gender: 2009 and 2010**

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Total (2009)</b>	<b>Total (2010)</b>	<b>Male (2009)</b>	<b>Male (2010)</b>	<b>Female (2009)</b>	<b>Female (2010)</b>
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS<sup>1,2</sup></b>	20.7	20.6	19.5	19.1	21.8	21.9
Marijuana and Hashish	17.0 <sup>b</sup>	19.3	16.6 <sup>a</sup>	17.9	17.4 <sup>a</sup>	20.6
Cocaine	20.0	21.2	19.4	21.6	20.7	20.5
Crack	20.6	24.8	21.1	22.8	20.1	26.1
Heroin	25.5 <sup>a</sup>	21.3	22.5	22.3	28.8 <sup>b</sup>	19.9
Hallucinogens	18.9	18.3	19.2	18.3	18.5	18.3
LSD	18.4	19.1	18.4	18.7	18.3	19.5
PCP	16.8	17.6	16.4 <sup>b</sup>	18.1	17.2	16.7
Ecstasy	20.2	19.6	20.7	19.6	19.6	19.6
Inhalants	16.9	17.2	18.1	18.3	15.5	16.3
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics <sup>2,3</sup>	24.9	24.5	23.5	24.1	25.9	24.8
Pain Relievers	22.5	22.8	22.3	22.4	22.7	23.2
OxyContin <sup>®</sup>	24.5	24.9	26.4	23.3	21.8	26.6
Tranquilizers	28.0	26.7	26.3	24.7	29.4	28.1
Stimulants <sup>2</sup>	21.5	21.2	20.2	20.1	22.5	22.2
Sedatives	23.1	30.9	20.9	34.1	26.1	28.3
<b>ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA<sup>1,2</sup></b>	22.9	21.6	21.3	20.7	24.3	22.4
<b>CIGARETTES</b>	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.1	17.8	17.7
Daily Cigarette Use <sup>4</sup>	21.3 <sup>a</sup>	19.1	19.8	18.5	22.7 <sup>a</sup>	19.8
<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO</b>	19.3	20.4	19.2	20.6	19.3	19.9
<b>CIGARS</b>	22.4	22.5	20.3	20.6	25.2	24.6
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	17.1	18.0	16.6	18.7	17.5	17.4

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Past Year Initiates are defined as persons who used the substance(s) for the first time in the 12 months prior to date of interview.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</sup> Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana include cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates in these designated rows do not include data from new methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or new methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics includes the nonmedical use of pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives and does not include over-the-counter drugs.

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

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.