

Table 7.35A Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2010

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹									
Cigarettes									
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	15,493	15,899	16,871 ^b	17,158 ^b	17,290 ^b	17,186 ^b	17,198 ^b	15,982	15,754
Marijuana									
Smoke Once a Month	7,918 ^b	8,614 ^b	8,699 ^b	8,487 ^b	8,667 ^b	8,575 ^b	8,320 ^b	7,433	7,191
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	12,614 ^b	13,449 ^b	13,637 ^b	13,777 ^b	13,606 ^b	13,634 ^b	13,037 ^b	11,939 ^b	11,379
Cocaine									
Use Once a Month	12,296 ^b	12,628 ^b	12,320 ^b	12,151 ^a	12,196 ^b	12,256 ^b	12,142 ^a	11,895	11,766
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,463 ^b	19,835 ^b	19,842 ^b	19,894 ^b	19,754 ^b	19,543 ^b	19,372 ^b	18,917	18,675
Heroin									
Try Once or Twice	14,211 ^b	14,400 ^b	14,077 ^b	13,994 ^a	14,164 ^b	14,006 ^a	14,021 ^a	13,637	13,638
Use Once or Twice a Week	20,073 ^b	20,244 ^b	20,150 ^b	20,276 ^b	20,129 ^b	19,956 ^b	19,769 ^b	19,411 ^b	19,056
LSD									
Try Once or Twice	12,499 ^b	12,805 ^b	12,692 ^b	12,445 ^b	12,424 ^b	12,134 ^b	11,925 ^b	11,271	10,989
Use Once or Twice a Week	18,156 ^b	18,475 ^b	18,470 ^b	18,361 ^b	18,020 ^b	17,639 ^b	17,477 ^b	16,763 ^b	16,319
Alcohol									
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,288 ^a	15,277 ^a	15,468	16,028 ^a	16,265 ^b	16,277 ^b	16,279 ^b	15,665	15,641
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	9,379 ^b	9,528	9,514 ^a	9,636	9,887	9,834	10,002	9,702	9,812
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²									
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³									
Marijuana	13,299 ^b	13,084 ^b	12,843 ^b	12,601 ^b	12,397 ^b	12,034 ^b	11,905 ^b	11,903 ^b	11,456
Cocaine	5,981 ^b	6,010 ^b	5,917 ^b	6,073 ^b	6,323 ^b	5,905 ^b	5,279 ^b	4,917 ^b	4,403
Crack	6,324 ^b	6,286 ^b	6,069 ^b	6,149 ^b	6,377 ^b	6,104 ^b	5,537 ^b	5,208 ^b	4,628
Heroin	3,765 ^b	3,649 ^b	3,373 ^b	3,384 ^b	3,479 ^b	3,390 ^b	3,083 ^b	3,009 ^b	2,668
LSD	4,562 ^b	4,154 ^b	4,035 ^b	3,732 ^b	3,310 ^b	3,376 ^b	3,221 ^b	3,106	2,918
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	4,121 ^b	4,013 ^b	4,103 ^b	3,926 ^b	3,879 ^b	3,659	3,402	3,511	3,465

*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, 2002-2010.

Table 7.35B Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17: Percentages, 2002-2010

Risk/Availability	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹									
Cigarettes									
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	63.1 ^b	64.2 ^a	67.5 ^b	68.3 ^b	68.7 ^b	68.8 ^b	69.7 ^b	65.8	65.5
Marijuana									
Smoke Once a Month	32.4 ^b	34.9 ^b	35.0 ^b	34.0 ^b	34.7 ^b	34.5 ^b	33.9 ^b	30.7	30.1
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	51.5 ^b	54.4 ^b	54.7 ^b	55.0 ^b	54.2 ^b	54.7 ^b	53.1 ^b	49.3 ^b	47.5
Cocaine									
Use Once a Month	50.5	51.4 ^b	49.6	48.8	49.0	49.6	49.7	49.5	49.5
Use Once or Twice a Week	79.8 ^b	80.7 ^b	79.8 ^a	79.9 ^b	79.2	78.9	79.2	78.5	78.4
Heroin									
Try Once or Twice	58.5	58.8	57.0	56.5 ^a	57.2	57.0	57.7	57.0	57.7
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.5 ^b	82.6 ^b	81.4	81.8 ^a	81.2	81.0	81.3	81.0	80.5
LSD									
Try Once or Twice	52.6 ^b	53.4 ^b	52.6 ^b	51.7 ^b	51.6 ^b	51.2 ^b	50.5 ^b	48.4	48.2
Use Once or Twice a Week	76.2 ^b	76.9 ^b	76.4 ^b	76.1 ^b	74.7 ^b	74.2 ^b	73.9 ^b	71.8	71.5
Alcohol									
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.2 ^b	61.6 ^b	61.8 ^b	63.8	64.6	65.2	65.9	64.3	65.0
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	38.2 ^b	38.5 ^b	38.1 ^b	38.4 ^b	39.4 ^a	39.4 ^a	40.5	39.9	40.8
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	49.1	49.2	49.9	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	19.0
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	20.0
Heroin	15.8 ^b	15.3 ^b	14.0 ^b	14.0 ^b	14.4 ^b	14.1 ^b	13.0 ^b	12.9 ^b	11.6
LSD	19.4 ^b	17.6 ^b	16.9 ^b	15.7 ^b	14.0 ^a	14.4 ^b	13.8 ^a	13.5	12.9
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	16.7 ^b	16.1 ^b	16.3 ^b	15.5 ^b	15.3 ^a	14.5	13.7	14.3	14.3

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