

Table 4.1B Past Year Initiation of Illicit Drug Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Illicit Drug Use, and Past Year Illicit Drug Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s)		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	2,670	2,885	1.1	1.2	2.0	2.1	7.5	8.1
AGE								
12-25	2,344	2,466	4.0	4.3	6.7	7.0	15.0	15.7
12-17	1,471	1,492	5.8	6.0	7.3	7.5	31.1	31.6
12-13	244	266	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.8	38.4	40.0
14-15	556	523	6.5	6.2	8.0	7.6	35.9	34.9
16-17	671	702	7.8	8.1	11.4	11.7	26.4	27.4
18-25	874	975	2.7	3.0	5.9	6.4	8.0	8.8
18-20	646	652	4.9	4.9	9.3	9.3	13.6	13.6
21-25	228 ^a	322	1.2 ^a	1.6	2.9 ^a	3.9	3.7 ^a	5.2
26 or Older	326	419	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.6	2.1
GENDER								
Male	1,225	1,302	1.0	1.1	2.0	2.2	5.9	6.6
Female	1,445	1,583	1.1	1.2	1.9	2.1	9.8	10.1
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	736	715	5.7	5.6	7.3	7.1	29.5	29.6
Female 12-17	734	776	5.9	6.4	7.4	8.0	33.0	33.7

*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.

NOTE: Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. These estimates do not include data from methamphetamine initiation items added in 2007 or methamphetamine use items added in 2005 and 2006.

^a Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ At Risk for Initiation is defined as persons who did not use the substance(s) in their lifetime or used the substance(s) for the first time in the past year.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 4.2B Past Year Initiation of Marijuana Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Marijuana Use, and Past Year Marijuana Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s)		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	2,090	2,208	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.5	8.3	8.6
AGE								
12-25	1,955	2,049	3.4	3.5	5.0	5.2	16.1	16.6
12-17	1,167	1,241	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.6	37.1	38.3
12-13	91	121	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.6	56.3	61.9
14-15	425	462	5.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	44.6	47.2
16-17	651	658	7.6	7.6	9.9	9.9	32.0	31.9
18-25	789	809	2.4	2.5	4.7	4.7	8.8	8.9
18-20	630	561	4.8	4.2	8.0	7.2	15.7	13.7
21-25	159 ^b	248	0.8 ^b	1.3	1.8 ^a	2.7	3.2 ^b	5.0
26 or Older	134	159	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.2
GENDER								
Male	1,037	1,062	0.9	0.9	1.5	1.6	6.6	7.0
Female	1,053	1,146	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.4	11.1	10.7
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	595	607	4.6	4.8	5.3	5.5	34.0	35.2
Female 12-17	572	634	4.6	5.2	5.2	5.8	40.9	41.9

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^b Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 4.3B Past Year Initiation of Cigarette Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Cigarette Use, and Past Year Cigarette Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s)		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	2,231	2,418	0.9	1.0	2.5	2.7	3.2	3.5
AGE								
12-25	2,186	2,330	3.8	4.0	6.6	7.0	11.7	12.6
12-17	1,197	1,268	4.7	5.1	5.9	6.2	30.3 ^a	34.1
12-13	162	159	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	49.3	49.5
14-15	443	492	5.2	5.8	6.3	6.9	36.0 ^a	42.6
16-17	592	616	6.9	7.1	10.3	10.3	24.7	27.4
18-25	989	1,062	3.0	3.2	7.9	8.3	6.7	7.2
18-20	784	815	5.9	6.2	12.4	12.9	13.8	14.0
21-25	205	247	1.1	1.3	3.3	3.8	2.3	2.7
26 or Older	45	89	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
GENDER								
Male	1,100	1,205	0.9	1.0	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.2
Female	1,131	1,213	0.9	0.9	2.2	2.3	3.5	3.7
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	592	592	4.6	4.7	5.7	5.7	28.6	31.5
Female 12-17	606	676	4.9	5.5	6.0	6.7	32.1 ^a	36.6

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^b Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 4.4B Past Year Initiation of Alcohol Use among Persons Aged 12 or Older, Persons Aged 12 or Older At Risk for Initiation of Alcohol Use, and Past Year Alcohol Users Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands and Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	NUMBER OF PAST YEAR INITIATES (1,000s)		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG TOTAL POPULATION		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PERSONS AT RISK FOR INITIATION ¹		PERCENTAGE OF PAST YEAR INITIATES AMONG PAST YEAR USERS	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	4,559	4,466	1.8	1.8	9.4	9.1	2.8	2.7
AGE								
12-25	4,446	4,274	7.7	7.4	18.1	17.5	13.3	12.8
12-17	2,689	2,544	10.7	10.2	15.0	14.2	33.6	33.2
12-13	369	330	4.5	4.2	5.0	4.7	46.6	44.9
14-15	1,152	1,066	13.5	12.6	18.3	17.0	42.9	41.2
16-17	1,168	1,147	13.6	13.3	26.9	24.9	25.7	26.4
18-25	1,757	1,730	5.4	5.3	26.6	26.7	6.9	6.7
18-20	1,173	1,182	8.9	8.9	29.4	29.2	12.6	12.8
21-25	584	548	3.0	2.8	22.3	22.6	3.6	3.3
26 or Older	112	193	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.1
GENDER								
Male	2,200	2,151	1.8	1.8	11.2	11.0	2.6	2.5
Female	2,359	2,315	1.8	1.8	8.2	7.9	3.0	2.9
GENDER/AGE								
Male 12-17	1,293	1,232	10.0	9.7	14.3	13.5	31.9	32.8
Female 12-17	1,397	1,312	11.3	10.8	15.7	15.0	35.3	33.6

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