

**Table 7.41A Illicit Drug Dependence in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Age First Used Marijuana and Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008**

Demographic Characteristic	Total		AGE FIRST USED MARIJUANA						Never Used Marijuana	
			14 or Younger		15-17		18 or Older			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	4,107	4,227	1,611	1,781	1,474	1,557	825	740	198	150
AGE										
18-25	1,781	1,853	806	881	721	739	206	189	48	45
26-34	866 <sup>a</sup>	1,123	281	360	321	469	237	246	27	49
35-49	1,079	1,026	468	521	331	261	242	216	37	28
50 or Older	381	225	*	19	100	88	139	89	86	29
GENDER										
Male	2,672	2,483	1,112	1,082	905	846	570	455	85	100
Female	1,435 <sup>a</sup>	1,744	499 <sup>a</sup>	699	569	711	255	285	113	49
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE										
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,623	3,698	1,397	1,545	1,289	1,396	763	649	173	108
White	2,739	2,871	1,095	1,245	998	1,084	564	497	82	45
Black or African American	737	673	245	253	244	255	174	129	74	36
Other or Two or More Races	146	153	57	47	47	57	25	23	17	27
Hispanic or Latino	484	529	214	236	185	161	61	91	25	42
EDUCATION										
< High School	1,081	862	545	510	383 <sup>a</sup>	237	98	68	55	48
High School Graduate	1,345	1,580	595	675	415 <sup>a</sup>	586	272	254	64	65
Some College	1,222	1,224	400	394	467	524	289	275	65	31
College Graduate	459	561	71 <sup>b</sup>	201	209	210	166	143	14	7

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically, based on data from original questions not including methamphetamine items added in 2005 and 2006.

NOTE: Dependence is based on the definition found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

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

**Table 7.41B Illicit Drug Dependence in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Age First Used Marijuana and Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008**

Demographic Characteristic	Total <sup>1</sup>		AGE FIRST USED MARIJUANA						Never Used Marijuana	
			14 or Younger		15-17		18 or Older			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	1.8	1.9	9.7	10.1	4.0	4.2	1.9	1.7	0.2	0.1
<b>AGE</b>										
18-25	5.4	5.6	17.3	18.8	9.5	9.9	4.8	4.2	0.3	0.3
26-34	2.5	3.2	8.9	10.7	4.5	6.3	3.2	3.3	0.2	0.3
35-49	1.7	1.6	6.3	6.5	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.8	0.1	0.1
50 or Older	0.4	0.2	*	1.2	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0
<b>GENDER</b>										
Male	2.5	2.3	11.6	10.7	4.5	4.2	2.5	2.0	0.2	0.2
Female	1.2	1.5	7.2 <sup>a</sup>	9.4	3.4	4.3	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.1
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>										
Not Hispanic or Latino	1.9	1.9	9.4	10.0	3.8	4.2	1.9	1.6	0.2	0.1
White	1.8	1.9	8.8	9.7	3.5	3.9	1.7	1.5	0.1	0.1
Black or African American	2.9	2.6	14.7	13.0	6.6	6.2	3.4	2.4	0.5	0.3
Other or Two or More Races	1.1	1.1	8.9	6.7	3.6	5.0	1.5	1.1	0.2	0.3
Hispanic or Latino	1.6	1.7	11.9	11.5	5.7	4.4	1.8	2.7	0.1	0.2
<b>EDUCATION</b>										
< High School	3.0	2.5	17.1	15.3	8.1	5.5	2.9	2.0	0.2	0.2
High School Graduate	2.0	2.3	10.4	11.7	3.7 <sup>a</sup>	5.1	2.4	2.1	0.2	0.2
Some College	2.1	2.1	8.4	8.1	4.0	4.6	2.4	2.2	0.2	0.1
College Graduate	0.8	0.9	2.4 <sup>a</sup>	5.6	2.3	2.2	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.0

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Illicit Drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically, based on data from original questions not including methamphetamine items added in 2005 and 2006.

NOTE: Dependence is based on the definition found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).

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<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

<sup>1</sup> Percentages in the Total column are among all persons aged 18 or older, regardless of whether they ever used an illicit drug.

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

**Table 7.42A Alcohol Dependence in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Age First Used Alcohol and Demographic Characteristics:  
Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008**

Demographic Characteristic	Total		AGE FIRST USED ALCOHOL					
			14 or Younger		15-17		18 or Older	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,897	8,286	3,168	3,248	3,383	3,435	1,346	1,603
<b>AGE</b>								
18-25	2,373	2,377	1,011	1,089	1,072	1,021	290	267
26-34	1,637	1,918	623	805	725	773	289	340
35-49	2,562	2,507	1,145	1,053	947	987	470	467
50 or Older	1,324	1,484	389	301	639	654	296	529
<b>GENDER</b>								
Male	5,365	5,362	2,152	2,031	2,241	2,236	972	1,095
Female	2,532	2,924	1,016	1,217	1,142	1,199	374	508
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>								
Not Hispanic or Latino	6,920	7,008	2,794	2,799	2,945	2,907	1,181	1,302
White	5,566	5,515	2,413	2,415	2,344	2,362	810	738
Black or African American	962	1,120	278	291	424	424	260	406
Other or Two or More Races	392	372	103	93	177	121	112	158
Hispanic or Latino	977	1,279	374	449	438	529	165 <sup>a</sup>	301
<b>EDUCATION</b>								
< High School	1,397	1,398	783	569	458	597	155	232
High School Graduate	2,643	2,816	893	1,083	1,244	1,107	506	626
Some College	2,319	2,413	948	925	1,005	1,099	366	389
College Graduate	1,538	1,659	543	671	676	632	319	357

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**Table 7.42B Alcohol Dependence in the Past Year among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Age First Used Alcohol and Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008**

Demographic Characteristic	Total <sup>1</sup>		AGE FIRST USED ALCOHOL					
			14 or Younger		15-17		18 or Older	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	3.5	3.7	8.1	8.2	4.7	4.7	1.6	1.9
<b>AGE</b>								
18-25	7.3	7.2	14.1	14.9	8.6	8.2	3.5	3.2
26-34	4.6	5.4	8.4 <sup>a</sup>	11.2	6.2	6.4	2.3	2.7
35-49	4.0	3.9	7.8	7.1	4.0	4.3	2.3	2.3
50 or Older	1.5	1.6	3.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	0.7	1.3
<b>GENDER</b>								
Male	5.0	4.9	9.0	8.3	5.6	5.6	2.9	3.1
Female	2.2	2.5	6.7	8.0	3.6	3.6	0.8	1.1
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE</b>								
Not Hispanic or Latino	3.6	3.6	8.1	7.9	4.6	4.5	1.6	1.8
White	3.6	3.6	8.0	8.0	4.3	4.2	1.4	1.3
Black or African American	3.8	4.3	9.3	9.0	6.0	6.5	2.5	3.7
Other or Two or More Races	2.9	2.6	7.6	5.3	6.3	4.6	1.9	2.7
Hispanic or Latino	3.3	4.2	8.5	10.0	5.6	6.6	1.6	2.6
<b>EDUCATION</b>								
< High School	3.8	4.0	13.7	9.9	4.7 <sup>a</sup>	6.9	1.3	2.0
High School Graduate	3.9	4.0	8.2	9.9	5.6	4.8	2.0	2.4
Some College	4.0	4.2	8.5	8.4	5.0	5.5	1.7	1.8
College Graduate	2.5	2.7	4.8	5.6	3.3	3.0	1.3	1.4

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<sup>1</sup> Percentages in the Total column are among all persons aged 18 or older, regardless of whether they ever used alcohol.

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

**Table 7.43A Alcohol Dependence in the Past Year among Persons Aged 21 or Older, by Age First Used Alcohol and Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008**

Age Group	Total		AGE FIRST USED ALCOHOL							
			14 or Younger		15-17		18-20		21 or Older	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>21 OR OLDER</b>	7,051	7,402	2,782	2,797	2,984	3,042	988	995	297	568
21 to 25	1,528	1,494	625	639	673	628	197	190	33	36
26 or Older	5,523	5,909	2,157	2,159	2,311	2,414	791	805	265	531
26 to 49	4,199	4,424	1,768	1,857	1,672	1,760	500	577	259	230
26 to 34	1,637	1,918	623	805	725	773	209	265	79	75
35 to 49	2,562	2,507	1,145	1,053	947	987	290	312	180	155
50 or Older	1,324	1,484	389	301	639	654	291	227	5 <sup>b</sup>	302

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**Table 7.43B Alcohol Dependence in the Past Year among Persons Aged 21 or Older, by Age First Used Alcohol and Age Group: Percentages, 2007 and 2008**

Age Group	Total <sup>1</sup>		AGE FIRST USED ALCOHOL							
			14 or Younger		15-17		18-20		21 or Older	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>21 OR OLDER</b>	3.4	3.5	7.7	7.6	4.5	4.5	2.0	2.1	0.9	1.7
21 to 25	7.8	7.6	14.6	14.8	9.6	8.8	4.7	4.4	1.7	1.8
26 or Older	2.9	3.1	6.8	6.7	3.9	4.0	1.8	1.9	0.9	1.7
26 to 49	4.2	4.4	8.0	8.4	4.7	5.0	2.5	3.0	2.1	1.7
26 to 34	4.6	5.4	8.4 <sup>a</sup>	11.2	6.2	6.4	2.8	3.6	1.6	1.4
35 to 49	4.0	3.9	7.8	7.1	4.0	4.3	2.3	2.6	2.4	1.9
50 or Older	1.5	1.6	3.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	1.2	1.0	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	1.6

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