

Table 4.12A Past Year Initiation of Substance Use among Persons Aged 12 to 49, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Substance	Total (2007)	Total (2008)	Male (2007)	Male (2008)	Female (2007)	Female (2008)
ILLCIT DRUGS^{1,2}	2,595	2,816	1,212	1,298	1,383	1,518
Marijuana and Hashish	2,077	2,204	1,024	1,058	1,053	1,146
Cocaine	906 ^a	722	538 ^a	413	368	308
Crack	288	205	189	113	99	92
Heroin	106	114	72	78	34	36
Hallucinogens	1,054	1,127	609	682	445	445
LSD	270 ^b	394	182 ^b	283	89	111
PCP	58	53	37	26	22	28
Ecstasy	781	885	446	486	336	399
Inhalants	774	727	428	397	346	330
Nonmedical Use of Psychotherapeutics ^{2,3}	2,381	2,410	1,083	1,036	1,298	1,374
Pain Relievers	2,052	2,087	981	983	1,071	1,104
OxyContin [®]	523	476	259	256	264	219
Tranquilizers	1,164	1,092	484	441	680	651
Stimulants ²	642	599	218	254	423	345
Sedatives	198	161	79	51	120	109
ILLCIT DRUGS OTHER THAN MARIJUANA^{1,2}	2,477	2,604	1,222	1,244	1,255	1,360
CIGARETTES	2,231	2,418	1,100	1,205	1,131	1,213
Daily Cigarette Use ⁴	984	937	525	471	459	466
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	1,288	1,343	962	1,005	326	338
CIGARS	3,034 ^a	2,768	1,673	1,544	1,362	1,224
ALCOHOL	4,546	4,404	2,188	2,151	2,359	2,252

*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.

^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 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.

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

³ 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.

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

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