

Table 7.38A Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse 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	5,758	5,841	2,141	2,374	2,116	2,181	1,182	981	318	305
AGE										
18-25	2,592	2,563	1,141	1,154	1,026	1,027	328	308	97	74
26-34	1,236	1,502	367	508	504	621	291	292	74	80
35-49	1,400	1,425	576	684	441	401	345	274	37	66
50 or Older	530	351	*	27	145	133	218	106	111	85
GENDER										
Male	3,952	3,550	1,557	1,513	1,399	1,242	813	606	183	189
Female	1,806 ^b	2,291	584 ^b	861	718 ^a	939	369	375	135	116
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE										
Not Hispanic or Latino	5,082	5,044	1,863	2,067	1,868	1,896	1,095	861	256	219
White	3,864	3,918	1,494	1,664	1,440	1,474	798	654	133	126
Black or African American	957	914	292	333	322	358	257	176	85	48
Other or Two or More Races	261	212	77	71	106	64	41	32	38	45
Hispanic or Latino	675	797	278	306	248	285	87	120	62	86
EDUCATION										
< High School	1,493	1,301	715	683	506	393	163	95	109	130
High School Graduate	1,880	2,159	755	887	666	828	364	327	96	117
Some College	1,706	1,638	539	539	679	663	399	392	89	44
College Graduate	679	743	133 ^a	265	266	297	257	167	24	15

*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 or abuse is based on definitions found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).

^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.

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

Table 7.38B Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse 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 ¹		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	2.6	2.6	12.9	13.5	5.8	6.0	2.7	2.2	0.3	0.2
AGE										
18-25	7.9	7.8	24.4	24.6	13.4	13.8	7.6	6.9	0.6	0.5
26-34	3.5	4.2	11.6	15.2	7.0	8.4	3.9	3.9	0.4	0.5
35-49	2.2	2.2	7.7	8.6	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.3	0.1	0.2
50 or Older	0.6	0.4	*	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.1
GENDER										
Male	3.7	3.3	16.2	14.9	7.0	6.1	3.6	2.7	0.3	0.3
Female	1.6 ^b	2.0	8.4 ^b	11.6	4.3 ^a	5.7	1.8	1.7	0.2	0.2
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE										
Not Hispanic or Latino	2.6	2.6	12.6	13.3	5.6	5.7	2.8	2.1	0.2	0.2
White	2.5	2.5	12.0	12.9	5.1	5.3	2.4	2.0	0.2	0.2
Black or African American	3.8	3.5	17.5	17.1	8.7	8.7	5.0	3.2	0.6	0.3
Other or Two or More Races	1.9	1.5	12.0	10.1	8.1	5.7	2.4	1.6	0.4	0.4
Hispanic or Latino	2.3	2.6	15.5	14.9	7.6	7.8	2.5	3.6	0.3	0.4
EDUCATION										
< High School	4.1	3.7	22.5	20.5	10.6	9.1	4.8	2.8	0.4	0.5
High School Graduate	2.8	3.1	13.2	15.4	5.9	7.1	3.2	2.7	0.2	0.3
Some College	3.0	2.9	11.3	11.0	5.8	5.9	3.3	3.1	0.3	0.2
College Graduate	1.1	1.2	4.5	7.4	2.9	3.1	1.6	1.0	0.1	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 or abuse is based on definitions found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).

^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 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 7.39A Alcohol Dependence or Abuse 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
TOTAL	17,273	17,119	6,209	6,541	7,850	7,297	3,214	3,282
AGE								
18-25	5,506	5,670	2,154	2,331	2,654	2,572	699	767
26-34	3,779	4,104	1,388	1,490	1,733	1,769	658	845
35-49	5,051	4,623	1,978	2,036	2,064	1,794	1,009	793
50 or Older	2,937	2,723	689	683	1,399	1,162	848	877
GENDER								
Male	12,048	11,173	4,393	4,268	5,394	4,810	2,260	2,095
Female	5,225 ^a	5,947	1,816 ^b	2,273	2,456	2,487	954	1,187
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE								
Not Hispanic or Latino	15,127	14,544	5,518	5,551	6,907	6,298	2,702	2,694
White	12,555	11,941	4,871	4,809	5,760	5,283	1,924	1,849
Black or African American	1,754	1,880	462	559	774	735	518	586
Other or Two or More Races	818	723	185	183	374	280	260	259
Hispanic or Latino	2,146 ^a	2,576	691 ^a	989	943	999	512	587
EDUCATION								
< High School	2,767	2,574	1,250	1,096	1,012	1,054	506	424
High School Graduate	5,294	5,448	1,799	2,022	2,563	2,266	932	1,159
Some College	5,041	5,149	1,804	1,968	2,368	2,330	869	850
College Graduate	4,170	3,949	1,355	1,454	1,907	1,647	908	849

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Table 7.39B Alcohol Dependence or Abuse 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 ¹		AGE FIRST USED ALCOHOL					
			14 or Younger		15-17		18 or Older	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
TOTAL	7.8	7.6	15.9	16.5	10.9	10.0	3.9	3.9
AGE								
18-25	16.8	17.2	30.0	31.8	21.3	20.6	8.5	9.1
26-34	10.7	11.5	18.6	20.8	14.7	14.6	5.3	6.6
35-49	7.8	7.2	13.6	13.7	8.8	7.8	5.0	3.9
50 or Older	3.3	3.0	7.0	6.6	5.7	4.6	2.0	2.1
GENDER								
Male	11.2 ^a	10.3	18.4	17.5	13.5	12.1	6.7	6.0
Female	4.5 ^a	5.1	12.0 ^b	14.9	7.6	7.5	1.9	2.5
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE								
Not Hispanic or Latino	7.8	7.5	15.9	15.8	10.7	9.7	3.7	3.8
White	8.2	7.7	16.1	15.9	10.6	9.5	3.4	3.4
Black or African American	6.9	7.3	15.4	17.2	11.0	11.2	4.9	5.3
Other or Two or More Races	6.0	5.1	13.7	10.4	13.4	10.6	4.5	4.4
Hispanic or Latino	7.3	8.5	15.7 ^a	22.0	12.1	12.4	4.8	5.1
EDUCATION								
< High School	7.6	7.3	21.8	19.2	10.5	12.2	4.3	3.7
High School Graduate	7.8	7.8	16.4	18.5	11.6	9.7	3.7	4.5
Some College	8.8	9.0	16.1	17.8	11.8	11.6	4.1	4.0
College Graduate	6.9	6.3	12.1	12.1	9.4	7.9	3.7	3.4

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

Table 7.40A Alcohol Dependence or Abuse 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
21 OR OLDER	15,200	14,971	5,309	5,554	6,822	6,291	2,359	2,247	710	879
21 to 25	3,433	3,521	1,254	1,344	1,625	1,567	458	522	96	89
26 or Older	11,767	11,449	4,055	4,210	5,197	4,725	1,901	1,725	614	790
26 to 49	8,830	8,726	3,365	3,526	3,797	3,563	1,217	1,171	450	467
26 to 34	3,779	4,104	1,388	1,490	1,733	1,769	518	643	140	202
35 to 49	5,051	4,623	1,978	2,036	2,064	1,794	699	528	310	265
50 or Older	2,937	2,723	689	683	1,399	1,162	684	554	164	324

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

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Table 7.40B Alcohol Dependence or Abuse 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 ¹		AGE FIRST USED ALCOHOL							
			14 or Younger		15-17		18-20		21 or Older	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
21 OR OLDER	7.3	7.1	14.7	15.1	10.2	9.3	4.9	4.7	2.2	2.6
21 to 25	17.6	17.9	29.3	31.1	23.2	22.0	10.9	12.0	4.9	4.3
26 or Older	6.2	6.0	12.7	13.0	8.7	7.8	4.3	4.0	2.0	2.5
26 to 49	8.8	8.7	15.3	16.0	10.8	10.2	6.0	6.0	3.6	3.5
26 to 34	10.7	11.5	18.6	20.8	14.7	14.6	7.0	8.7	2.8	3.7
35 to 49	7.8	7.2	13.6	13.7	8.8	7.8	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.3
50 or Older	3.3	3.0	7.0	6.6	5.7	4.6	2.8	2.3	0.9	1.8

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