

Table 3.1A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Age Group: Numbers in Thousands, 2017 and 2018

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	Aged 12+ (2017)	Aged 12+ (2018)	Aged 12-17 (2017)	Aged 12-17 (2018)	Aged 18+ (2017)	Aged 18+ (2018)	Aged 18-25 (2017)	Aged 18-25 (2018)	Aged 26+ (2017)	Aged 26+ (2018)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	193,606	195,014	16,502 ^a	15,974	177,104	179,039	22,701	22,827	154,403	156,212
Marijuana										
Smoke Once a Month	69,813 ^a	67,271	5,956 ^a	5,533	63,856	61,738	4,180	4,038	59,676	57,699
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	85,335 ^a	82,311	9,201 ^a	8,486	76,134	73,826	5,233	5,185	70,902 ^a	68,641
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	190,719	191,507	13,467 ^a	13,094	177,252	178,414	21,346	21,046	155,906	157,367
Use Once or Twice a Week	232,451	232,872	19,421	19,263	213,029	213,609	28,242 ^a	27,763	184,787	185,845
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	230,901	231,827	15,986 ^a	15,538	214,915	216,289	27,951	27,723	186,964 ^a	188,566
Use Once or Twice a Week	252,940	253,644	20,290 ^a	20,003	232,651 ^a	233,641	31,805 ^a	31,332	200,846 ^a	202,309
LSD										
Try Once or Twice	180,615	178,852	11,622 ^a	11,071	168,994	167,781	17,380 ^a	16,644	151,614	151,137
Use Once or Twice a Week	219,168 ^a	217,280	16,507 ^a	15,956	202,661	201,324	24,030 ^a	23,323	178,631	178,000
Alcohol										
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	120,217	121,787	10,656	10,550	109,561	111,237	12,934	12,645	96,627	98,593
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	185,738	185,462	15,981	15,723	169,757	169,738	21,553	21,403	148,204	148,335
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²										
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain										
Marijuana	159,365 ^a	162,424	11,107	11,086	148,259 ^a	151,338	25,153	24,875	123,106 ^a	126,463
Cocaine	57,401	56,897	3,034 ^a	2,790	54,367	54,107	8,893	8,866	45,474	45,241
Crack	47,848	46,820	2,677	2,512	45,171	44,309	5,214	5,081	39,957	39,228
Heroin	43,678	42,862	1,995	1,921	41,683	40,941	5,107 ^a	4,777	36,576	36,164
LSD	35,493	36,560	2,891	2,767	32,603	33,793	6,679	6,899	25,923	26,894
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	15,468	15,613	2,704	2,546	12,765	13,067	4,876 ^a	4,499	7,889	8,568

* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

^a The difference between this estimate and the 2018 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level. Rounding may make the estimates appear identical.

¹ Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded from the respective analyses.

² Respondents with unknown Perceived Availability data were excluded from the respective analyses.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2017 and 2018.

Table 3.1B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Age Group: Percentages, 2017 and 2018

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	Aged 12+ (2017)	Aged 12+ (2018)	Aged 12-17 (2017)	Aged 12-17 (2018)	Aged 18+ (2017)	Aged 18+ (2018)	Aged 18-25 (2017)	Aged 18-25 (2018)	Aged 26+ (2017)	Aged 26+ (2018)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	71.6	71.8	67.2 ^a	65.3	72.1	72.5	66.6	67.5	73.0	73.2
Marijuana										
Smoke Once a Month	26.1 ^a	25.0	24.4 ^a	22.8	26.3 ^a	25.2	12.3	12.0	28.5 ^a	27.3
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	31.9 ^a	30.6	37.7 ^a	34.9	31.4 ^a	30.2	15.4	15.4	34.0 ^a	32.5
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	71.3	71.2	55.6 ^a	54.2	72.9	72.9	63.0	62.7	74.5	74.5
Use Once or Twice a Week	86.8	86.5	80.1	79.6	87.5	87.2	83.3	82.6	88.2	87.9
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	86.4	86.2	66.3 ^a	64.5	88.3	88.4	82.6	82.5	89.3	89.3
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.5	94.3	84.0	83.0	95.6	95.4	93.9	93.3	95.8	95.7
LSD										
Try Once or Twice	68.2 ^a	67.1	49.6 ^a	47.5	70.0 ^a	69.0	51.8 ^a	49.9	72.9 ^a	72.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.7 ^a	81.5	70.4 ^a	68.4	83.9 ^a	82.8	71.7 ^a	70.0	85.9 ^a	84.8
Alcohol										
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.6	45.0	43.6	43.2	44.7	45.1	37.9	37.5	45.8	46.4
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.9	68.5	65.2	64.4	69.2	68.9	63.2	63.4	70.2	69.7
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²										
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain										
Marijuana	61.0	61.7	46.1	46.0	62.5	63.3	74.6	74.2	60.5	61.5
Cocaine	22.4	22.0	12.8 ^a	11.7	23.4	23.0	26.8	26.8	22.8	22.4
Crack	18.7	18.2	11.3	10.6	19.5	18.9	15.8	15.4	20.1	19.5
Heroin	17.1	16.6	8.4	8.1	18.0	17.5	15.4	14.5	18.4	18.0
LSD	13.9	14.2	12.4	11.9	14.1	14.5	20.2	20.9	13.1	13.4
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5.7	5.7	10.9	10.3	5.2	5.3	14.2 ^a	13.2	3.7	4.0

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