

**Table 7.33A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015                 | 2016                 | 2017                 | 2018    |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Cigarettes  |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 193,285              | 194,489              | 193,606              | 195,014 |
| Marijuana   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 76,562 <sup>a</sup>  | 73,444 <sup>a</sup>  | 69,813 <sup>a</sup>  | 67,271  |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 95,366 <sup>a</sup>  | 90,113 <sup>a</sup>  | 85,335 <sup>a</sup>  | 82,311  |
| Cocaine   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 189,188 <sup>a</sup> | 190,192              | 190,719              | 191,507 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 229,610 <sup>a</sup> | 230,804 <sup>a</sup> | 232,451              | 232,872 |
| Heroin  |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 223,992 <sup>a</sup> | 226,853 <sup>a</sup> | 230,901              | 231,827 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 247,604 <sup>a</sup> | 249,351 <sup>a</sup> | 252,940              | 253,644 |
| LSD   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 183,645 <sup>a</sup> | 182,328 <sup>a</sup> | 180,615              | 178,852 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 220,754 <sup>a</sup> | 220,221 <sup>a</sup> | 219,168 <sup>a</sup> | 217,280 |
| Alcohol   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 117,026 <sup>a</sup> | 118,453 <sup>a</sup> | 120,217              | 121,787 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 182,100 <sup>a</sup> | 182,227 <sup>a</sup> | 185,738              | 185,462 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Marijuana   | 150,310 <sup>a</sup> | 152,878 <sup>a</sup> | 159,365 <sup>a</sup> | 162,424 |
| Cocaine   | 56,826               | 57,454               | 57,401               | 56,897  |
| Crack   | 49,721 <sup>a</sup>  | 48,894 <sup>a</sup>  | 47,848               | 46,820  |
| Heroin  | 40,516 <sup>a</sup>  | 44,333               | 43,678               | 42,862  |
| LSD   | 33,403 <sup>a</sup>  | 35,354               | 35,493               | 36,560  |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 15,938               | 15,213               | 15,468               | 15,613  |

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

<sup>1</sup> Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded from the respective analyses.

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| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015              | 2016              | 2017              | 2018 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Cigarettes  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 72.8 <sup>a</sup> | 72.8 <sup>a</sup> | 71.6              | 71.8 |
| Marijuana   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 29.1 <sup>a</sup> | 27.7 <sup>a</sup> | 26.1 <sup>a</sup> | 25.0 |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 36.3 <sup>a</sup> | 34.0 <sup>a</sup> | 31.9 <sup>a</sup> | 30.6 |
| Cocaine   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 72.0 <sup>a</sup> | 71.8              | 71.3              | 71.2 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 87.4 <sup>a</sup> | 87.1 <sup>a</sup> | 86.8              | 86.5 |
| Heroin  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 85.2 <sup>a</sup> | 85.6 <sup>a</sup> | 86.4              | 86.2 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 94.2              | 94.1              | 94.5              | 94.3 |
| LSD   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 70.4 <sup>a</sup> | 69.5 <sup>a</sup> | 68.2 <sup>a</sup> | 67.1 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 84.7 <sup>a</sup> | 83.9 <sup>a</sup> | 82.7 <sup>a</sup> | 81.5 |
| Alcohol   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 44.2              | 44.4              | 44.6              | 45.0 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 68.7              | 68.3              | 68.9              | 68.5 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Marijuana   | 58.6 <sup>a</sup> | 59.1 <sup>a</sup> | 61.0              | 61.7 |
| Cocaine   | 22.5              | 22.6              | 22.4              | 22.0 |
| Crack   | 19.8 <sup>a</sup> | 19.3 <sup>a</sup> | 18.7              | 18.2 |
| Heroin  | 16.1              | 17.5 <sup>a</sup> | 17.1              | 16.6 |
| LSD   | 13.3 <sup>a</sup> | 14.0              | 13.9              | 14.2 |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 6.0               | 5.7               | 5.7               | 5.7  |

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**Table 7.34A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 12 to 17:  
Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

| <b>Specific Substance Risk/Availability</b>           | <b>2015</b>         | <b>2016</b>         | <b>2017</b>         | <b>2018</b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Cigarettes  |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 16,723 <sup>a</sup> | 16,972 <sup>a</sup> | 16,502 <sup>a</sup> | 15,974      |
| Marijuana   |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 6,639 <sup>a</sup>  | 6,591 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,956 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,533       |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 9,892 <sup>a</sup>  | 9,760 <sup>a</sup>  | 9,201 <sup>a</sup>  | 8,486       |
| Cocaine   |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 13,729 <sup>a</sup> | 13,642 <sup>a</sup> | 13,467 <sup>a</sup> | 13,094      |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 19,450              | 19,565 <sup>a</sup> | 19,421              | 19,263      |
| Heroin  |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 15,731              | 15,789              | 15,986 <sup>a</sup> | 15,538      |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 20,015              | 20,139              | 20,290 <sup>a</sup> | 20,003      |
| LSD   |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 12,061 <sup>a</sup> | 11,782 <sup>a</sup> | 11,622 <sup>a</sup> | 11,071      |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 16,738 <sup>a</sup> | 16,522 <sup>a</sup> | 16,507 <sup>a</sup> | 15,956      |
| Alcohol   |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 10,410              | 10,792              | 10,656              | 10,550      |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 15,729              | 16,051              | 15,981              | 15,723      |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                     |                     |                     |             |
| Marijuana   | 11,054              | 10,733 <sup>a</sup> | 11,107              | 11,086      |
| Cocaine   | 2,968               | 2,992               | 3,034 <sup>a</sup>  | 2,790       |
| Crack   | 2,787 <sup>a</sup>  | 2,719               | 2,677               | 2,512       |
| Heroin  | 1,922               | 2,051               | 1,995               | 1,921       |
| LSD   | 2,663               | 2,788               | 2,891               | 2,767       |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 2,790 <sup>a</sup>  | 2,728               | 2,704               | 2,546       |

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| <b>Specific Substance Risk/Availability</b>           | <b>2015</b>       | <b>2016</b>       | <b>2017</b>       | <b>2018</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Cigarettes  |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 68.2 <sup>a</sup> | 69.3 <sup>a</sup> | 67.2 <sup>a</sup> | 65.3        |
| Marijuana   |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 27.3 <sup>a</sup> | 27.1 <sup>a</sup> | 24.4 <sup>a</sup> | 22.8        |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 40.6 <sup>a</sup> | 40.0 <sup>a</sup> | 37.7 <sup>a</sup> | 34.9        |
| Cocaine   |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 56.7 <sup>a</sup> | 56.4 <sup>a</sup> | 55.6 <sup>a</sup> | 54.2        |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 80.2              | 80.6              | 80.1              | 79.6        |
| Heroin  |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 65.3              | 65.6              | 66.3 <sup>a</sup> | 64.5        |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 82.9              | 83.4              | 84.0              | 83.0        |
| LSD   |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 51.6 <sup>a</sup> | 50.4 <sup>a</sup> | 49.6 <sup>a</sup> | 47.5        |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 71.5 <sup>a</sup> | 70.5 <sup>a</sup> | 70.4 <sup>a</sup> | 68.4        |
| Alcohol   |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 42.5              | 44.1              | 43.6              | 43.2        |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 64.1              | 65.5              | 65.2              | 64.4        |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                   |                   |                   |             |
| Marijuana   | 46.0              | 44.7              | 46.1              | 46.0        |
| Cocaine   | 12.5              | 12.6              | 12.8 <sup>a</sup> | 11.7        |
| Crack   | 11.8 <sup>a</sup> | 11.5              | 11.3              | 10.6        |
| Heroin  | 8.1               | 8.7               | 8.4               | 8.1         |
| LSD   | 11.5              | 12.0              | 12.4              | 11.9        |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 11.2 <sup>a</sup> | 11.0              | 10.9              | 10.3        |

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|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Cigarettes  |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 176,561 <sup>a</sup> | 177,517              | 177,104              | 179,039 |
| Marijuana   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 69,922 <sup>a</sup>  | 66,853 <sup>a</sup>  | 63,856               | 61,738  |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 85,474 <sup>a</sup>  | 80,353 <sup>a</sup>  | 76,134               | 73,826  |
| Cocaine   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 175,459 <sup>a</sup> | 176,551              | 177,252              | 178,414 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 210,160 <sup>a</sup> | 211,240 <sup>a</sup> | 213,029              | 213,609 |
| Heroin  |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 208,261 <sup>a</sup> | 211,064 <sup>a</sup> | 214,915              | 216,289 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 227,589 <sup>a</sup> | 229,212 <sup>a</sup> | 232,651 <sup>a</sup> | 233,641 |
| LSD   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 171,585 <sup>a</sup> | 170,546 <sup>a</sup> | 168,994              | 167,781 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 204,016 <sup>a</sup> | 203,699 <sup>a</sup> | 202,661              | 201,324 |
| Alcohol   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 106,616 <sup>a</sup> | 107,661 <sup>a</sup> | 109,561              | 111,237 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 166,371 <sup>a</sup> | 166,176 <sup>a</sup> | 169,757              | 169,738 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Marijuana   | 139,256 <sup>a</sup> | 142,145 <sup>a</sup> | 148,259 <sup>a</sup> | 151,338 |
| Cocaine   | 53,857               | 54,462               | 54,367               | 54,107  |
| Crack   | 46,933 <sup>a</sup>  | 46,174 <sup>a</sup>  | 45,171               | 44,309  |
| Heroin  | 38,594 <sup>a</sup>  | 42,282               | 41,683               | 40,941  |
| LSD   | 30,739 <sup>a</sup>  | 32,566               | 32,603               | 33,793  |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 13,149               | 12,485               | 12,765               | 13,067  |

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| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015              | 2016              | 2017              | 2018 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Cigarettes  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 73.3 <sup>a</sup> | 73.1              | 72.1              | 72.5 |
| Marijuana   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 29.3 <sup>a</sup> | 27.8 <sup>a</sup> | 26.3 <sup>a</sup> | 25.2 |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 35.8 <sup>a</sup> | 33.4 <sup>a</sup> | 31.4 <sup>a</sup> | 30.2 |
| Cocaine   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 73.6              | 73.3              | 72.9              | 72.9 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 88.1 <sup>a</sup> | 87.7              | 87.5              | 87.2 |
| Heroin  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 87.3 <sup>a</sup> | 87.6 <sup>a</sup> | 88.3              | 88.4 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 95.3              | 95.1              | 95.6              | 95.4 |
| LSD   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 72.3 <sup>a</sup> | 71.4 <sup>a</sup> | 70.0 <sup>a</sup> | 69.0 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 86.0 <sup>a</sup> | 85.2 <sup>a</sup> | 83.9 <sup>a</sup> | 82.8 |
| Alcohol   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 44.4              | 44.4              | 44.7              | 45.1 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 69.2              | 68.5              | 69.2              | 68.9 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Marijuana   | 59.9 <sup>a</sup> | 60.5 <sup>a</sup> | 62.5              | 63.3 |
| Cocaine   | 23.6              | 23.6              | 23.4              | 23.0 |
| Crack   | 20.6 <sup>a</sup> | 20.1 <sup>a</sup> | 19.5              | 18.9 |
| Heroin  | 16.9              | 18.4 <sup>a</sup> | 18.0              | 17.5 |
| LSD   | 13.5 <sup>a</sup> | 14.2              | 14.1              | 14.5 |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 5.4               | 5.1               | 5.2               | 5.3  |

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| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015                | 2016                | 2017                | 2018   |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Cigarettes  |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 23,616 <sup>a</sup> | 23,567 <sup>a</sup> | 22,701              | 22,827 |
| Marijuana   |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 5,248 <sup>a</sup>  | 4,623 <sup>a</sup>  | 4,180               | 4,038  |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 6,606 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,880 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,233               | 5,185  |
| Cocaine   |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 22,546 <sup>a</sup> | 22,170 <sup>a</sup> | 21,346              | 21,046 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 29,136 <sup>a</sup> | 28,571 <sup>a</sup> | 28,242 <sup>a</sup> | 27,763 |
| Heroin  |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 28,516 <sup>a</sup> | 28,360 <sup>a</sup> | 27,951              | 27,723 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 32,468 <sup>a</sup> | 31,987 <sup>a</sup> | 31,805 <sup>a</sup> | 31,332 |
| LSD   |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 19,508 <sup>a</sup> | 18,442 <sup>a</sup> | 17,380 <sup>a</sup> | 16,644 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 26,239 <sup>a</sup> | 25,176 <sup>a</sup> | 24,030 <sup>a</sup> | 23,323 |
| Alcohol   |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 12,737              | 12,758              | 12,934              | 12,645 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 21,568              | 21,422              | 21,553              | 21,403 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                     |                     |                     |        |
| Marijuana   | 24,936              | 25,131              | 25,153              | 24,875 |
| Cocaine   | 9,030               | 8,915               | 8,893               | 8,866  |
| Crack   | 5,916 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,417               | 5,214               | 5,081  |
| Heroin  | 5,202 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,291 <sup>a</sup>  | 5,107 <sup>a</sup>  | 4,777  |
| LSD   | 5,918 <sup>a</sup>  | 6,480 <sup>a</sup>  | 6,679               | 6,899  |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 5,198 <sup>a</sup>  | 4,601               | 4,876 <sup>a</sup>  | 4,499  |

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| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015              | 2016              | 2017              | 2018 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Cigarettes  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 68.0              | 68.6              | 66.6              | 67.5 |
| Marijuana   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 15.2 <sup>a</sup> | 13.5 <sup>a</sup> | 12.3              | 12.0 |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 19.1 <sup>a</sup> | 17.2 <sup>a</sup> | 15.4              | 15.4 |
| Cocaine   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 65.3 <sup>a</sup> | 64.8 <sup>a</sup> | 63.0              | 62.7 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 84.3 <sup>a</sup> | 83.6              | 83.3              | 82.6 |
| Heroin  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 82.6              | 83.0              | 82.6              | 82.5 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 94.0 <sup>a</sup> | 93.5              | 93.9              | 93.3 |
| LSD   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 57.0 <sup>a</sup> | 54.5 <sup>a</sup> | 51.8 <sup>a</sup> | 49.9 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 76.7 <sup>a</sup> | 74.4 <sup>a</sup> | 71.7 <sup>a</sup> | 70.0 |
| Alcohol   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 36.7              | 37.1              | 37.9              | 37.5 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 62.1              | 62.3              | 63.2              | 63.4 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Marijuana   | 72.6 <sup>a</sup> | 74.0              | 74.6              | 74.2 |
| Cocaine   | 26.6              | 26.6              | 26.8              | 26.8 |
| Crack   | 17.5 <sup>a</sup> | 16.3              | 15.8              | 15.4 |
| Heroin  | 15.4              | 15.9 <sup>a</sup> | 15.4              | 14.5 |
| LSD   | 17.6 <sup>a</sup> | 19.5 <sup>a</sup> | 20.2              | 20.9 |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 14.9 <sup>a</sup> | 13.3              | 14.2 <sup>a</sup> | 13.2 |

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded from the respective analyses.

<sup>2</sup> 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, 2015-2018.

**Table 7.37A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 26 or Older: Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2018**

| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015                 | 2016                 | 2017                 | 2018    |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Cigarettes  |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 152,946 <sup>a</sup> | 153,950 <sup>a</sup> | 154,403              | 156,212 |
| Marijuana   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 64,674 <sup>a</sup>  | 62,231 <sup>a</sup>  | 59,676               | 57,699  |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 78,868 <sup>a</sup>  | 74,473 <sup>a</sup>  | 70,902 <sup>a</sup>  | 68,641  |
| Cocaine   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 152,913 <sup>a</sup> | 154,381 <sup>a</sup> | 155,906              | 157,367 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 181,024 <sup>a</sup> | 182,669 <sup>a</sup> | 184,787              | 185,845 |
| Heroin  |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 179,745 <sup>a</sup> | 182,704 <sup>a</sup> | 186,964 <sup>a</sup> | 188,566 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 195,121 <sup>a</sup> | 197,225 <sup>a</sup> | 200,846 <sup>a</sup> | 202,309 |
| LSD   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 152,076              | 152,104              | 151,614              | 151,137 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 177,777              | 178,523              | 178,631              | 178,000 |
| Alcohol   |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 93,879 <sup>a</sup>  | 94,903 <sup>a</sup>  | 96,627               | 98,593  |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 144,803 <sup>a</sup> | 144,754 <sup>a</sup> | 148,204              | 148,335 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                      |                      |                      |         |
| Marijuana   | 114,320 <sup>a</sup> | 117,014 <sup>a</sup> | 123,106 <sup>a</sup> | 126,463 |
| Cocaine   | 44,828               | 45,547               | 45,474               | 45,241  |
| Crack   | 41,017               | 40,757               | 39,957               | 39,228  |
| Heroin  | 33,392 <sup>a</sup>  | 36,990               | 36,576               | 36,164  |
| LSD   | 24,821 <sup>a</sup>  | 26,086               | 25,923               | 26,894  |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 7,950                | 7,884                | 7,889                | 8,568   |

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

<sup>1</sup> Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded from the respective analyses.

<sup>2</sup> 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, 2015-2018.

**Table 7.37B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances among Persons Aged 26 or Older: Percentages, 2015-2018**

| Specific Substance Risk/Availability                  | 2015              | 2016              | 2017              | 2018 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| <b>PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK<sup>1</sup></b>          |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Cigarettes  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke One or More Packs Per Day                       | 74.2 <sup>a</sup> | 73.9              | 73.0              | 73.2 |
| Marijuana   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Smoke Once a Month                                    | 31.7 <sup>a</sup> | 30.2 <sup>a</sup> | 28.5 <sup>a</sup> | 27.3 |
| Smoke Once or Twice a Week                            | 38.7 <sup>a</sup> | 36.1 <sup>a</sup> | 34.0 <sup>a</sup> | 32.5 |
| Cocaine   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Use Once a Month                                      | 75.0              | 74.7              | 74.5              | 74.5 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 88.8 <sup>a</sup> | 88.4              | 88.2              | 87.9 |
| Heroin  |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 88.0 <sup>a</sup> | 88.4 <sup>a</sup> | 89.3              | 89.3 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 95.5              | 95.4              | 95.8              | 95.7 |
| LSD   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Try Once or Twice                                     | 74.8 <sup>a</sup> | 74.2 <sup>a</sup> | 72.9 <sup>a</sup> | 72.0 |
| Use Once or Twice a Week                              | 87.5 <sup>a</sup> | 87.0 <sup>a</sup> | 85.9 <sup>a</sup> | 84.8 |
| Alcohol   |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week         | 45.7              | 45.6              | 45.8              | 46.4 |
| Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day             | 70.4              | 69.6              | 70.2              | 69.7 |
| <b>PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY<sup>2</sup></b>             |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain                         |                   |                   |                   |      |
| Marijuana   | 57.7 <sup>a</sup> | 58.3 <sup>a</sup> | 60.5              | 61.5 |
| Cocaine   | 23.0              | 23.1              | 22.8              | 22.4 |
| Crack   | 21.1 <sup>a</sup> | 20.8 <sup>a</sup> | 20.1              | 19.5 |
| Heroin  | 17.2              | 18.9 <sup>a</sup> | 18.4              | 18.0 |
| LSD   | 12.8              | 13.3              | 13.1              | 13.4 |
| Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs | 3.8               | 3.8               | 3.7               | 4.0  |

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

<sup>1</sup> Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded from the respective analyses.

<sup>2</sup> Respondents with unknown Perceived Availability data were excluded from the respective analyses.

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015-2018.