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Table 19 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in California, by Age Group: Estimated Numbers (in Thousands), Annual Averages Based on 2018-2019 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	5,034	314	1,204	3,516	4,720
Past Year Marijuana Use	6,641	477	1,687	4,476	6,163
Past Month Marijuana Use	4,459	267	1,106	3,086	4,192
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	8,543	637	509	7,397	7,906
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	482	176	187	119	306
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	1,329	77	292	960	1,253
Past Year Cocaine Use	909	16	322	572	894
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	22,248	1,598	2,531	18,119	20,651
Past Year Heroin Use	74	0	8	65	74
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	27,657	1,861	3,430	22,366	25,796
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	315	3	34	278	312
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ²	1,193	81	224	889	1,113
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	16,475	268	2,275	13,932	16,207
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁵	7,739	143	1,420	6,176	7,596
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	16,136	1,349	1,764	13,023	14,787
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁶ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	800	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{5,6} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	471	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁷	4,669	77	711	3,880	4,591
Past Month Cigarette Use	3,786	37	553	3,196	3,748
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	25,257	2,024	3,024	20,210	23,234
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	1,204	110	356	737	1,093
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,8}	192	11	25	157	181
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁸	2,079	54	439	1,586	2,025
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	2,915	137	673	2,105	2,778
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,9}	1,132	107	347	678	1,025
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁹	2,008	52	425	1,531	1,957
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,9}	2,769	132	637	2,000	2,637
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Any Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	1,112	4,752	5,864
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	297	1,067	1,364
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	540	3,397	3,937
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,12}	--	459	547	1,612	2,160
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹³	--	--	430	939	1,370
Made Any Suicide Plans ¹⁴	--	--	118	249	367
Attempted Suicide ¹⁴	--	--	63	83	146

-- Not available.

NOTE: Estimates are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach.

NOTE: Estimated numbers appearing as 0 in this table mean that the estimate is greater than 0 but less than 500 because estimated numbers are shown in thousands.

¹ Illicit Drug Use includes the misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics or the use of marijuana, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine. Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana includes the misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics or the use of cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or methamphetamine. Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana excludes respondents who used only marijuana but includes those who used marijuana in addition to other illicit drugs.

² Misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics is defined as use in any way not directed by a doctor, including use without a prescription of one's own; use in greater amounts, more often, or longer than told; or use in any other way not directed by a doctor. Prescription psychotherapeutics do not include over-the-counter drugs.

³ First Use of Marijuana is defined as follows: *Average annual number of marijuana initiates* = $X_1 \div 2$, where X_1 is the number of marijuana initiates in the past 24 months.

⁴ For details, see Section B of the "2018-2019 NSDUH: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology" at <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.

⁵ Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks (for males) or four or more drinks (for females) on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days.

⁶ Underage drinking is defined for individuals aged 12 to 20; therefore, the "12+" estimate reflects that age group and not individuals aged 12 or older.

⁷ Tobacco Products include cigarettes, smokeless tobacco (i.e., snuff, dip, chewing tobacco, or snus), cigars, or pipe tobacco.

⁸ Substance Use Disorder is defined as meeting criteria for illicit drug or alcohol dependence or abuse. Dependence or abuse is based on definitions found in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV).

⁹ Respondents were classified as needing substance use treatment if they met the criteria for illicit drug or alcohol use disorder as defined in the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV) or received treatment for illicit drug or alcohol use at a specialty facility (i.e., drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility [inpatient or outpatient], hospital [inpatient only], or mental health center). Needing But Not Receiving Substance Use Treatment refers to respondents who are classified as needing illicit drug or alcohol treatment, but who did not receive illicit drug or alcohol treatment at a specialty facility.

¹⁰ Mental illness is defined as having a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder, other than a developmental or substance use disorder, assessed by the Mental Health Surveillance Study (MHSS) *Structured Clinical Interview for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders—Fourth Edition—Research Version—Axis I Disorders* (MHSS-SCID), which is based on the 4th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV). Any mental illness (AMI) includes adults with any mental disorder regardless of whether their disorder resulted in functional impairment. Serious mental illness (SMI) includes adults with any mental disorder that resulted in serious functional impairment. As such, these estimates are based on indicators of AMI and SMI rather than direct measures of diagnostic status.

¹¹ Mental health services are defined as having received inpatient treatment/counseling or outpatient treatment/counseling or having used prescription medication for problems with emotions, nerves, or mental health. Respondents were not to include treatment for drug or alcohol use.

¹² Major depressive episode (MDE) is defined as in the 5th edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5), which specifies a period of at least 2 weeks when an individual experienced a depressed mood or loss of interest or pleasure in daily activities and had a majority of specified depression symptoms. There are minor wording differences in the questions in the adult and adolescent MDE modules. Therefore, data from youths aged 12 to 17 were not combined with data from adults aged 18 or older to produce an estimate for those aged 12 or older.

¹³ Respondents were asked, "At any time in the past 12 months, did you seriously think about trying to kill yourself?" If they answered "Yes," they were categorized as having serious thoughts of suicide in the past year.

¹⁴ Respondents were asked whether they made any suicide plans or attempted suicide in the past 12 months only if they had serious thoughts of suicide in the past 12 months. Respondents who had no suicide thoughts were categorized as not making any suicide plans and not attempting suicide in the past 12 months.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2018 and 2019.

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Table 20 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in California, by Age Group: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2018-2019 NSDUHS

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	15.20	10.41	28.83	13.57	15.68
Past Year Marijuana Use	20.06	15.82	40.40	17.27	20.48
Past Month Marijuana Use	13.47	8.85	26.48	11.91	13.93
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	25.79	21.09	12.20	28.54	26.26
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	2.66	6.83	8.93	0.84	1.94
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	4.02	2.54	7.01	3.71	4.16
Past Year Cocaine Use	2.75	0.52	7.71	2.21	2.97
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	67.21	52.94	60.63	69.91	68.62
Past Year Heroin Use	0.22	0.01	0.20	0.25	0.24
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	83.56	61.67	82.15	86.30	85.72
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	0.95	0.10	0.82	1.07	1.04
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ²	3.60	2.67	5.36	3.43	3.70
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	49.76	8.87	54.50	53.75	53.86
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁵	23.37	4.74	34.01	23.83	25.24
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	48.73	44.70	42.26	50.25	49.14
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁶ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	17.64	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{5,6} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	10.38	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁷	14.10	2.56	17.04	14.97	15.26
Past Month Cigarette Use	11.43	1.23	13.24	12.33	12.46
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	76.29	67.07	72.42	77.98	77.21
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	3.63	3.65	8.53	2.85	3.63
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,8}	0.58	0.36	0.59	0.60	0.60
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁸	6.28	1.80	10.51	6.12	6.73
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,8}	8.80	4.55	16.12	8.12	9.23
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,9}	3.42	3.56	8.31	2.62	3.41
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ⁹	6.07	1.72	10.19	5.91	6.50
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,9}	8.36	4.36	15.26	7.72	8.76
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Any Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	26.63	18.34	19.49
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,10}	--	--	7.11	4.12	4.53
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	12.94	13.11	13.08
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,12}	--	15.22	13.11	6.22	7.17
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹³	--	--	10.30	3.62	4.55
Made Any Suicide Plans ¹⁴	--	--	2.83	0.96	1.22
Attempted Suicide ¹⁴	--	--	1.52	0.32	0.49

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