

Table 3.1A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	194,258	<i>193,070</i>	15,867	<i>16,543</i>	178,392	<i>176,528</i>	22,174	<i>21,941</i>	156,218	<i>154,587</i>
Marijuana										
Smoke Once a Month	64,313	<i>58,604</i>	5,482	<i>5,652</i>	58,831	<i>52,952</i>	3,928	<i>3,900</i>	54,903	<i>49,052</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	78,832	<i>74,440</i>	8,406	<i>9,181</i>	70,426	<i>65,259</i>	4,992	<i>4,868</i>	65,434	<i>60,391</i>
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	189,015	<i>182,220</i>	12,995	<i>12,839</i>	176,019	<i>169,381</i>	20,786	<i>19,445</i>	155,233	<i>149,936</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	231,560	<i>229,932</i>	19,024	<i>19,802</i>	212,535	<i>210,130</i>	27,447	<i>26,990</i>	185,088	<i>183,140</i>
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	230,338	<i>225,613</i>	15,137	<i>14,847</i>	215,202	<i>210,766</i>	27,392	<i>26,271</i>	187,810	<i>184,495</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	253,771	<i>253,113</i>	19,785	<i>20,215</i>	233,987	<i>232,898</i>	31,039	<i>30,631</i>	202,948	<i>202,267</i>
LSD										
Try Once or Twice	174,001	<i>163,681</i>	10,584	<i>10,808</i>	163,417	<i>152,873</i>	15,707	<i>14,642</i>	147,711	<i>138,231</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	212,969	<i>207,517</i>	15,578	<i>16,116</i>	197,391	<i>191,401</i>	22,225	<i>21,377</i>	175,166	<i>170,024</i>
Alcohol										
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	121,662	<i>117,788</i>	10,505	<i>10,594</i>	111,157	<i>107,195</i>	12,897	<i>12,103</i>	98,260	<i>95,092</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	184,925	<i>187,502</i>	15,516	<i>16,463</i>	169,408	<i>171,039</i>	20,866	<i>21,283</i>	148,542	<i>149,756</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²										
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain										
Marijuana	167,323	<i>172,659</i>	10,669	<i>9,956</i>	156,655	<i>162,703</i>	24,568	<i>24,539</i>	132,087	<i>138,165</i>
Cocaine	56,865	<i>53,625</i>	2,669	<i>2,238</i>	54,196	<i>51,387</i>	8,679	<i>7,981</i>	45,517	<i>43,407</i>
Crack	45,889	<i>44,299</i>	2,356	<i>2,111</i>	43,533	<i>42,187</i>	4,985	<i>4,668</i>	38,548	<i>37,519</i>
Heroin	41,699	<i>38,784</i>	1,665	<i>1,410</i>	40,034	<i>37,375</i>	4,575	<i>4,027</i>	35,459	<i>33,348</i>
LSD	36,821	<i>34,921</i>	2,816	<i>2,496</i>	34,005	<i>32,425</i>	7,177	<i>6,735</i>	26,829	<i>25,690</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	14,767	<i>11,885</i>	2,472	<i>1,492</i>	12,295	<i>10,393</i>	3,936	<i>3,093</i>	8,358	<i>7,300</i>

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NOTE: Estimates in the 2020 column are italicized to indicate caution should be used when comparing estimates between 2020 and prior years because of methodological changes for 2020. Due to these changes, significance testing between 2020 and prior years was not performed. See the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions* for details.

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, 2019 and Quarters 1 and 4, 2020.

Table 3.1B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹										
Cigarettes										
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	71.2	70.7	65.0	67.3	71.8	71.1	66.2	66.5	72.7	71.8
Marijuana										
Smoke Once a Month	23.8	21.6	22.6	23.1	23.9	21.4	11.8	11.8	25.8	22.9
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	29.2	27.4	34.6	37.4	28.6	26.4	15.0	14.8	30.8	28.2
Cocaine										
Use Once a Month	70.0	67.2	53.9	52.7	71.6	68.6	62.6	59.3	73.0	70.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	85.7	84.7	78.7	81.2	86.4	85.0	82.6	82.2	86.9	85.5
Heroin										
Try Once or Twice	85.2	83.1	62.9	61.2	87.4	85.3	82.4	80.1	88.2	86.0
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.8	93.2	82.1	83.1	95.0	94.2	93.3	93.3	95.2	94.3
LSD										
Try Once or Twice	65.0	60.8	45.4	45.7	66.9	62.3	47.7	44.9	69.9	64.9
Use Once or Twice a Week	79.6	77.0	66.8	67.8	80.8	77.9	67.5	65.6	82.9	79.8
Alcohol										
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.7	43.2	43.0	43.0	44.9	43.2	38.6	36.7	45.8	44.2
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	67.9	68.7	63.5	66.7	68.3	68.9	62.4	64.6	69.3	69.5
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²										
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain										
Marijuana	63.2	64.4	44.3	41.0	65.1	66.7	74.2	75.1	63.6	65.4
Cocaine	21.9	20.3	11.2	9.3	23.0	21.4	26.6	24.7	22.4	20.9
Crack	17.7	16.8	9.9	8.8	18.5	17.6	15.3	14.5	19.0	18.0
Heroin	16.1	14.7	7.0	5.9	17.0	15.6	14.0	12.5	17.5	16.1
LSD	14.3	13.3	12.1	10.5	14.5	13.5	22.1	20.9	13.3	12.4
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5.4	4.3	10.0	6.0	4.9	4.2	11.7	9.3	3.9	3.4

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