

Table 4.4D Past Year Initiation of Substance Use: Among People Aged 12 or Older, among People Aged 12 or Older at Risk for Initiation of Substance Use, and among Past Year Substance Users Aged 12 or Older; Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands and Standard Errors of Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People Aged 12 or Older		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People at Risk for Initiation		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Past Year Users	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	130	<i>178</i>	0.05	<i>0.06</i>	0.09	<i>0.12</i>	0.26	<i>0.35</i>
Cocaine	56	<i>59</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.99	<i>1.17</i>
Crack	27	<i>23</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	3.41	*
Heroin	18	<i>58</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	2.37	*
Hallucinogens	82	<i>133</i>	0.03	<i>0.05</i>	0.04	<i>0.06</i>	1.21	<i>1.65</i>
LSD	70	<i>104</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	2.28	<i>3.27</i>
PCP	9	<i>27</i>	0.00	<i>0.01</i>	0.00	<i>0.01</i>	*	*
Ecstasy	56	<i>84</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	1.88	<i>2.88</i>
Inhalants	54	<i>79</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	2.28	<i>3.11</i>
Methamphetamine	33	<i>41</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	1.63	<i>1.60</i>
Misuse of Prescription								
Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	113	<i>136</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	nr	nr	1.06	<i>1.42</i>
Stimulants	63	<i>112</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	nr	nr	1.16	<i>2.14</i>
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	78	<i>149</i>	0.03	<i>0.05</i>	nr	nr	1.41	<i>2.52</i>
Sedatives	49	<i>108</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	nr	nr	3.97	*
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	79	<i>110</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.06	<i>0.08</i>	0.15	<i>0.22</i>
Daily Cigarette Use	51	<i>78</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	--	--
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	68	<i>95</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.59	<i>1.04</i>
CIGARS	100	<i>132</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	0.05	<i>0.07</i>	0.45	<i>0.68</i>
ALCOHOL	136	<i>202</i>	0.05	<i>0.07</i>	0.24	<i>0.34</i>	0.08	<i>0.11</i>

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Table 4.5D Past Year Initiation of Substance Use: Among People Aged 12 to 17, among People Aged 12 to 17 at Risk for Initiation of Substance Use, and among Past Year Substance Users Aged 12 to 17; Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands and Standard Errors of Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People Aged 12 to 17		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People at Risk for Initiation		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Past Year Users	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	58	89	0.23	0.35	0.26	0.39	1.37	2.81
Cocaine	14	26	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.10	*	*
Crack	7	2	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01	*	*
Heroin	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hallucinogens	26	41	0.11	0.16	0.11	0.16	3.80	*
LSD	23	34	0.09	0.14	0.09	0.14	4.47	*
PCP	7	*	0.03	*	0.03	*	*	*
Ecstasy	19	19	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	*	*
Inhalants	28	57	0.11	0.23	0.12	0.25	2.88	5.91
Methamphetamine	7	4	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	*	*
Misuse of Prescription								
Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	26	33	0.10	0.13	nr	nr	3.38	*
Stimulants	26	26	0.11	0.10	nr	nr	4.18	*
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	22	33	0.09	0.13	nr	nr	4.39	*
Sedatives	7	8	0.03	0.03	nr	nr	*	*
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	38	54	0.15	0.22	0.16	0.23	2.24	4.55
Daily Cigarette Use	12	14	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	--	--
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	29	29	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	3.20	*
CIGARS	34	58	0.14	0.23	0.14	0.24	2.77	5.05
ALCOHOL	73	117	0.29	0.47	0.35	0.56	1.10	2.08

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Table 4.6D Past Year Initiation of Substance Use: Among People Aged 18 or Older, among People Aged 18 or Older at Risk for Initiation of Substance Use, and among Past Year Substance Users Aged 18 or Older; Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands and Standard Errors of Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People Aged 18 or Older		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People at Risk for Initiation		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Past Year Users	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	116	<i>154</i>	0.05	<i>0.06</i>	0.09	<i>0.12</i>	0.25	<i>0.32</i>
Cocaine	53	<i>51</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.03	<i>0.02</i>	0.97	<i>1.04</i>
Crack	27	<i>23</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	3.36	*
Heroin	18	<i>58</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	2.37	*
Hallucinogens	77	<i>127</i>	0.03	<i>0.05</i>	0.04	<i>0.06</i>	1.27	<i>1.71</i>
LSD	65	<i>98</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	2.46	<i>3.44</i>
PCP	6	<i>27</i>	0.00	<i>0.01</i>	0.00	<i>0.01</i>	*	*
Ecstasy	55	<i>82</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	1.95	<i>2.90</i>
Inhalants	44	<i>56</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	2.88	<i>3.14</i>
Methamphetamine	33	<i>41</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	1.63	<i>1.60</i>
Misuse of Prescription								
Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	109	<i>129</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	nr	nr	1.09	<i>1.41</i>
Stimulants	57	<i>107</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	nr	nr	1.17	<i>2.18</i>
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	75	<i>146</i>	0.03	<i>0.06</i>	nr	nr	1.46	<i>2.57</i>
Sedatives	49	<i>108</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	nr	nr	4.24	*
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	67	<i>98</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.06	<i>0.09</i>	0.12	<i>0.20</i>
Daily Cigarette Use	50	<i>78</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.03	<i>0.05</i>	--	--
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	62	<i>91</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.56	<i>1.03</i>
CIGARS	93	<i>119</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	0.06	<i>0.07</i>	0.44	<i>0.63</i>
ALCOHOL	105	<i>160</i>	0.04	<i>0.06</i>	0.28	<i>0.41</i>	0.06	<i>0.09</i>

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Table 4.7D Past Year Initiation of Substance Use: Among People Aged 18 to 25, among People Aged 18 to 25 at Risk for Initiation of Substance Use, and among Past Year Substance Users Aged 18 to 25; Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands and Standard Errors of Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People Aged 18 to 25		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People at Risk for Initiation		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Past Year Users	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	65	<i>104</i>	0.19	<i>0.31</i>	0.37	<i>0.58</i>	0.52	<i>0.86</i>
Cocaine	42	47	0.12	<i>0.14</i>	0.14	<i>0.15</i>	2.12	<i>2.99</i>
Crack	6	<i>14</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	*	*
Heroin	8	8	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	*	*
Hallucinogens	54	<i>103</i>	0.16	<i>0.31</i>	0.19	<i>0.35</i>	1.93	<i>3.29</i>
LSD	46	<i>81</i>	0.14	<i>0.24</i>	0.15	<i>0.26</i>	3.01	<i>4.76</i>
PCP	6	27	0.02	<i>0.08</i>	0.02	<i>0.08</i>	*	*
Ecstasy	41	<i>54</i>	0.12	<i>0.16</i>	0.13	<i>0.18</i>	2.84	<i>5.27</i>
Inhalants	30	38	0.09	<i>0.11</i>	0.10	<i>0.12</i>	3.87	*
Methamphetamine	14	<i>17</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	4.44	*
Misuse of Prescription								
Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	34	<i>50</i>	0.10	<i>0.15</i>	nr	nr	1.66	<i>3.35</i>
Stimulants	37	<i>50</i>	0.11	<i>0.15</i>	nr	nr	1.58	<i>2.79</i>
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	38	<i>55</i>	0.11	<i>0.16</i>	nr	nr	2.42	<i>4.18</i>
Sedatives	11	23	0.03	<i>0.07</i>	nr	nr	*	*
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	56	<i>84</i>	0.17	<i>0.25</i>	0.28	<i>0.40</i>	0.64	<i>1.11</i>
Daily Cigarette Use	25	<i>48</i>	0.08	<i>0.14</i>	0.09	<i>0.16</i>	--	--
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	37	<i>84</i>	0.11	<i>0.25</i>	0.13	<i>0.29</i>	1.36	<i>3.58</i>
CIGARS	64	72	0.19	<i>0.22</i>	0.26	<i>0.29</i>	1.04	<i>1.63</i>
ALCOHOL	88	<i>136</i>	0.26	<i>0.41</i>	0.85	<i>1.31</i>	0.35	<i>0.57</i>

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Table 4.8D Past Year Initiation of Substance Use: Among People Aged 26 or Older, among People Aged 26 or Older at Risk for Initiation of Substance Use, and among Past Year Substance Users Aged 26 or Older; Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands and Standard Errors of Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Substance	Number of Past Year Initiates (1,000s)		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People Aged 26 or Older		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among People at Risk for Initiation		Percentage of Past Year Initiates among Past Year Users	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ILLICIT DRUGS	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Marijuana	94	<i>111</i>	0.04	<i>0.05</i>	0.08	<i>0.10</i>	0.28	<i>0.31</i>
Cocaine	32	<i>23</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	0.02	<i>0.01</i>	0.88	<i>0.63</i>
Crack	26	<i>18</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	0.01	<i>0.01</i>	*	*
Heroin	16	<i>57</i>	0.01	<i>0.03</i>	0.01	<i>0.03</i>	2.40	*
Hallucinogens	47	<i>74</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	1.43	<i>1.69</i>
LSD	44	<i>45</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	3.90	<i>3.58</i>
PCP	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ecstasy	36	<i>60</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	2.53	<i>3.29</i>
Inhalants	30	<i>42</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	3.54	<i>3.28</i>
Methamphetamine	29	<i>37</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	1.69	<i>1.56</i>
Misuse of Prescription								
Psychotherapeutics	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Pain Relievers	105	<i>117</i>	0.05	<i>0.05</i>	nr	nr	1.31	<i>1.51</i>
Stimulants	45	<i>94</i>	0.02	<i>0.04</i>	nr	nr	1.68	<i>2.93</i>
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Tranquilizers	64	<i>136</i>	0.03	<i>0.06</i>	nr	nr	1.73	<i>3.05</i>
Sedatives	47	<i>106</i>	0.02	<i>0.05</i>	nr	nr	4.92	*
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
CIGARETTES	25	<i>45</i>	0.01	<i>0.02</i>	0.03	<i>0.05</i>	0.05	<i>0.11</i>
Daily Cigarette Use	43	<i>64</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.03	<i>0.05</i>	--	--
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	50	<i>35</i>	0.02	<i>0.02</i>	0.03	<i>0.02</i>	0.59	<i>0.51</i>
CIGARS	69	<i>94</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>	0.05	<i>0.06</i>	0.43	<i>0.62</i>
ALCOHOL	40	<i>56</i>	0.02	<i>0.03</i>	0.14	<i>0.19</i>	0.03	<i>0.04</i>

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