

Table 4.9C Past Year Initiation of Substance Use: Among People Aged 12 or Older Who Initiated Use Prior to Age 18, Prior to Age 21, and at Age 21 or Older; Standard Errors of Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Substance	People Who Initiated Use Prior to Age 18		People Who Initiated Use Prior to Age 21		People Who Initiated Use at Age 21 or Older	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
ILLCIT DRUGS	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>
Marijuana	68	92	87	<i>128</i>	104	<i>125</i>
Cocaine	17	28	38	<i>44</i>	42	<i>40</i>
Crack	7	2	8	<i>12</i>	26	<i>20</i>
Heroin	*	*	4	7	17	58
Hallucinogens	27	43	52	95	58	93
LSD	24	38	41	70	54	73
PCP	7	5	8	23	*	15
Ecstasy	20	20	35	45	44	70
Inhalants	29	59	35	63	40	50
Methamphetamine	7	4	13	15	30	38
Misuse of Prescription						
Psychotherapeutics	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>
Pain Relievers	28	*	39	*	108	<i>126</i>
Stimulants	28	*	42	*	49	98
Tranquilizers or Sedatives	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>
Tranquilizers	24	*	36	*	67	<i>141</i>
Sedatives	*	*	*	*	48	<i>107</i>
Benzodiazepines	--	--	--	--	--	--
Opioids	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>
Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana ¹	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>	nr	<i>nr</i>
CIGARETTES	42	57	69	90	38	64
Daily Cigarette Use	13	18	23	36	46	74
SMOKELESS TOBACCO	31	30	43	84	55	46
CIGARS	39	61	73	86	74	106
ALCOHOL	88	129	118	167	69	114

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

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.

NOTE: Methodological limitations preclude the estimation of past year initiates for aggregate substance use categories having at least one prescription psychotherapeutic, including categories for overall illicit drugs, misuse of prescription psychotherapeutics, tranquilizers or sedatives, opioids, and illicit drugs other than marijuana (see Chapter 3 of the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions*).

¹ Illicit Drugs Other Than Marijuana excludes respondents who used only marijuana but includes those who used marijuana in addition to other illicit drugs.

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.