

Table 7.33A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 12 or Older; Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	193,285	194,489	193,606	195,014	194,258	<i>193,070</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	76,562	73,444	69,813	67,271	64,313	<i>58,604</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	95,366	90,113	85,335	82,311	78,832	<i>74,440</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	189,188	190,192	190,719	191,507	189,015	<i>182,220</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	229,610	230,804	232,451	232,872	231,560	<i>229,932</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	223,992	226,853	230,901	231,827	230,338	<i>225,613</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	247,604	249,351	252,940	253,644	253,771	<i>253,113</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	183,645	182,328	180,615	178,852	174,001	<i>163,681</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	220,754	220,221	219,168	217,280	212,969	<i>207,517</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	117,026	118,453	120,217	121,787	121,662	<i>117,788</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	182,100	182,227	185,738	185,462	184,925	<i>187,502</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	150,310	152,878	159,365	162,424	167,323	<i>172,659</i>
Cocaine	56,826	57,454	57,401	56,897	56,865	<i>53,625</i>
Crack	49,721	48,894	47,848	46,820	45,889	<i>44,299</i>
Heroin	40,516	44,333	43,678	42,862	41,699	<i>38,784</i>
LSD	33,403	35,354	35,493	36,560	36,821	<i>34,921</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	15,938	15,213	15,468	15,613	14,767	<i>11,885</i>

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PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	72.8	72.8	71.6	71.8	71.2	<i>70.7</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	29.1	27.7	26.1	25.0	23.8	<i>21.6</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	36.3	34.0	31.9	30.6	29.2	<i>27.4</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	72.0	71.8	71.3	71.2	70.0	<i>67.2</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.4	87.1	86.8	86.5	85.7	<i>84.7</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	85.2	85.6	86.4	86.2	85.2	<i>83.1</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.2	94.1	94.5	94.3	93.8	<i>93.2</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	70.4	69.5	68.2	67.1	65.0	<i>60.8</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	84.7	83.9	82.7	81.5	79.6	<i>77.0</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.2	44.4	44.6	45.0	44.7	<i>43.2</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	68.7	68.3	68.9	68.5	67.9	<i>68.7</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	58.6	59.1	61.0	61.7	63.2	<i>64.4</i>
Cocaine	22.5	22.6	22.4	22.0	21.9	<i>20.3</i>
Crack	19.8	19.3	18.7	18.2	17.7	<i>16.8</i>
Heroin	16.1	17.5	17.1	16.6	16.1	<i>14.7</i>
LSD	13.3	14.0	13.9	14.2	14.3	<i>13.3</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	<i>4.3</i>

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Table 7.34A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 12 to 17; Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	16,723	16,972	16,502	15,974	15,867	<i>16,543</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	6,639	6,591	5,956	5,533	5,482	<i>5,652</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	9,892	9,760	9,201	8,486	8,406	<i>9,181</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	13,729	13,642	13,467	13,094	12,995	<i>12,839</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	19,450	19,565	19,421	19,263	19,024	<i>19,802</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	15,731	15,789	15,986	15,538	15,137	<i>14,847</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	20,015	20,139	20,290	20,003	19,785	<i>20,215</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	12,061	11,782	11,622	11,071	10,584	<i>10,808</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	16,738	16,522	16,507	15,956	15,578	<i>16,116</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	10,410	10,792	10,656	10,550	10,505	<i>10,594</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	15,729	16,051	15,981	15,723	15,516	<i>16,463</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	11,054	10,733	11,107	11,086	10,669	<i>9,956</i>
Cocaine	2,968	2,992	3,034	2,790	2,669	<i>2,238</i>
Crack	2,787	2,719	2,677	2,512	2,356	<i>2,111</i>
Heroin	1,922	2,051	1,995	1,921	1,665	<i>1,410</i>
LSD	2,663	2,788	2,891	2,767	2,816	<i>2,496</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	2,790	2,728	2,704	2,546	2,472	<i>1,492</i>

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Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	68.2	69.3	67.2	65.3	65.0	<i>67.3</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	27.3	27.1	24.4	22.8	22.6	<i>23.1</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	40.6	40.0	37.7	34.9	34.6	<i>37.4</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	56.7	56.4	55.6	54.2	53.9	<i>52.7</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	80.2	80.6	80.1	79.6	78.7	<i>81.2</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	65.3	65.6	66.3	64.5	62.9	<i>61.2</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	82.9	83.4	84.0	83.0	82.1	<i>83.1</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	51.6	50.4	49.6	47.5	45.4	<i>45.7</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	71.5	70.5	70.4	68.4	66.8	<i>67.8</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	42.5	44.1	43.6	43.2	43.0	<i>43.0</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	64.1	65.5	65.2	64.4	63.5	<i>66.7</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	46.0	44.7	46.1	46.0	44.3	<i>41.0</i>
Cocaine	12.5	12.6	12.8	11.7	11.2	<i>9.3</i>
Crack	11.8	11.5	11.3	10.6	9.9	<i>8.8</i>
Heroin	8.1	8.7	8.4	8.1	7.0	<i>5.9</i>
LSD	11.5	12.0	12.4	11.9	12.1	<i>10.5</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.3	10.0	<i>6.0</i>

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Table 7.35A Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 18 or Older; Numbers in Thousands, 2015-2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	176,561	177,517	177,104	179,039	178,392	<i>176,528</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	69,922	66,853	63,856	61,738	58,831	<i>52,952</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	85,474	80,353	76,134	73,826	70,426	<i>65,259</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	175,459	176,551	177,252	178,414	176,019	<i>169,381</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	210,160	211,240	213,029	213,609	212,535	<i>210,130</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	208,261	211,064	214,915	216,289	215,202	<i>210,766</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	227,589	229,212	232,651	233,641	233,987	<i>232,898</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	171,585	170,546	168,994	167,781	163,417	<i>152,873</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	204,016	203,699	202,661	201,324	197,391	<i>191,401</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	106,616	107,661	109,561	111,237	111,157	<i>107,195</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	166,371	166,176	169,757	169,738	169,408	<i>171,039</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	139,256	142,145	148,259	151,338	156,655	<i>162,703</i>
Cocaine	53,857	54,462	54,367	54,107	54,196	<i>51,387</i>
Crack	46,933	46,174	45,171	44,309	43,533	<i>42,187</i>
Heroin	38,594	42,282	41,683	40,941	40,034	<i>37,375</i>
LSD	30,739	32,566	32,603	33,793	34,005	<i>32,425</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	13,149	12,485	12,765	13,067	12,295	<i>10,393</i>

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Table 7.35B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 18 or Older; Percentages, 2015-2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	73.3	73.1	72.1	72.5	71.8	<i>71.1</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	29.3	27.8	26.3	25.2	23.9	<i>21.4</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	35.8	33.4	31.4	30.2	28.6	<i>26.4</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	73.6	73.3	72.9	72.9	71.6	<i>68.6</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.1	87.7	87.5	87.2	86.4	<i>85.0</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	87.3	87.6	88.3	88.4	87.4	<i>85.3</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	95.3	95.1	95.6	95.4	95.0	<i>94.2</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	72.3	71.4	70.0	69.0	66.9	<i>62.3</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	86.0	85.2	83.9	82.8	80.8	<i>77.9</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	44.4	44.4	44.7	45.1	44.9	<i>43.2</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	69.2	68.5	69.2	68.9	68.3	<i>68.9</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	59.9	60.5	62.5	63.3	65.1	<i>66.7</i>
Cocaine	23.6	23.6	23.4	23.0	23.0	<i>21.4</i>
Crack	20.6	20.1	19.5	18.9	18.5	<i>17.6</i>
Heroin	16.9	18.4	18.0	17.5	17.0	<i>15.6</i>
LSD	13.5	14.2	14.1	14.5	14.5	<i>13.5</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5.4	5.1	5.2	5.3	4.9	<i>4.2</i>

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Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	23,616	23,567	22,701	22,827	22,174	<i>21,941</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	5,248	4,623	4,180	4,038	3,928	<i>3,900</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	6,606	5,880	5,233	5,185	4,992	<i>4,868</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	22,546	22,170	21,346	21,046	20,786	<i>19,445</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	29,136	28,571	28,242	27,763	27,447	<i>26,990</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	28,516	28,360	27,951	27,723	27,392	<i>26,271</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	32,468	31,987	31,805	31,332	31,039	<i>30,631</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	19,508	18,442	17,380	16,644	15,707	<i>14,642</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	26,239	25,176	24,030	23,323	22,225	<i>21,377</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	12,737	12,758	12,934	12,645	12,897	<i>12,103</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	21,568	21,422	21,553	21,403	20,866	<i>21,283</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	24,936	25,131	25,153	24,875	24,568	<i>24,539</i>
Cocaine	9,030	8,915	8,893	8,866	8,679	<i>7,981</i>
Crack	5,916	5,417	5,214	5,081	4,985	<i>4,668</i>
Heroin	5,202	5,291	5,107	4,777	4,575	<i>4,027</i>
LSD	5,918	6,480	6,679	6,899	7,177	<i>6,735</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	5,198	4,601	4,876	4,499	3,936	<i>3,093</i>

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PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	68.0	68.6	66.6	67.5	66.2	66.5
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	15.2	13.5	12.3	12.0	11.8	<i>11.8</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	19.1	17.2	15.4	15.4	15.0	<i>14.8</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	65.3	64.8	63.0	62.7	62.6	<i>59.3</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	84.3	83.6	83.3	82.6	82.6	<i>82.2</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	82.6	83.0	82.6	82.5	82.4	<i>80.1</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	94.0	93.5	93.9	93.3	93.3	<i>93.3</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	57.0	54.5	51.8	49.9	47.7	<i>44.9</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	76.7	74.4	71.7	70.0	67.5	<i>65.6</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	36.7	37.1	37.9	37.5	38.6	<i>36.7</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	62.1	62.3	63.2	63.4	62.4	<i>64.6</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	72.6	74.0	74.6	74.2	74.2	<i>75.1</i>
Cocaine	26.6	26.6	26.8	26.8	26.6	<i>24.7</i>
Crack	17.5	16.3	15.8	15.4	15.3	<i>14.5</i>
Heroin	15.4	15.9	15.4	14.5	14.0	<i>12.5</i>
LSD	17.6	19.5	20.2	20.9	22.1	<i>20.9</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	14.9	13.3	14.2	13.2	11.7	<i>9.3</i>

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PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	152,946	153,950	154,403	156,212	156,218	<i>154,587</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	64,674	62,231	59,676	57,699	54,903	<i>49,052</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	78,868	74,473	70,902	68,641	65,434	<i>60,391</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	152,913	154,381	155,906	157,367	155,233	<i>149,936</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	181,024	182,669	184,787	185,845	185,088	<i>183,140</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	179,745	182,704	186,964	188,566	187,810	<i>184,495</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	195,121	197,225	200,846	202,309	202,948	<i>202,267</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	152,076	152,104	151,614	151,137	147,711	<i>138,231</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	177,777	178,523	178,631	178,000	175,166	<i>170,024</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	93,879	94,903	96,627	98,593	98,260	<i>95,092</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	144,803	144,754	148,204	148,335	148,542	<i>149,756</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	114,320	117,014	123,106	126,463	132,087	<i>138,165</i>
Cocaine	44,828	45,547	45,474	45,241	45,517	<i>43,407</i>
Crack	41,017	40,757	39,957	39,228	38,548	<i>37,519</i>
Heroin	33,392	36,990	36,576	36,164	35,459	<i>33,348</i>
LSD	24,821	26,086	25,923	26,894	26,829	<i>25,690</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7,950	7,884	7,889	8,568	8,358	<i>7,300</i>

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

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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, 2015-2019, and Quarters 1 and 4, 2020.

Table 7.37B Perceived Great Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use and Perceived Availability of Substances: Among People Aged 26 or Older; Percentages, 2015-2020

Specific Substance Risk/Availability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹						
Cigarettes						
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	74.2	73.9	73.0	73.2	72.7	<i>71.8</i>
Marijuana						
Smoke Once a Month	31.7	30.2	28.5	27.3	25.8	<i>22.9</i>
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	38.7	36.1	34.0	32.5	30.8	<i>28.2</i>
Cocaine						
Use Once a Month	75.0	74.7	74.5	74.5	73.0	<i>70.0</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.8	88.4	88.2	87.9	86.9	<i>85.5</i>
Heroin						
Try Once or Twice	88.0	88.4	89.3	89.3	88.2	<i>86.0</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	95.5	95.4	95.8	95.7	95.2	<i>94.3</i>
LSD						
Try Once or Twice	74.8	74.2	72.9	72.0	69.9	<i>64.9</i>
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.5	87.0	85.9	84.8	82.9	<i>79.8</i>
Alcohol						
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	45.7	45.6	45.8	46.4	45.8	<i>44.2</i>
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	70.4	69.6	70.2	69.7	69.3	<i>69.5</i>
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²						
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain						
Marijuana	57.7	58.3	60.5	61.5	63.6	<i>65.4</i>
Cocaine	23.0	23.1	22.8	22.4	22.4	<i>20.9</i>
Crack	21.1	20.8	20.1	19.5	19.0	<i>18.0</i>
Heroin	17.2	18.9	18.4	18.0	17.5	<i>16.1</i>
LSD	12.8	13.3	13.1	13.4	13.3	<i>12.4</i>
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.9	<i>3.4</i>

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