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Table 11A Substance Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, and Past Year Mental Health Measures: Among People Aged 12 or Older in Alabama; by Age Group, Average Estimated Numbers (in Thousands), 2019 and 2020

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	439	23	88	329	416
Past Year Marijuana Use	608	38	148	422	570
Past Month Marijuana Use	343	17	82	244	326
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	1,102	102	68	932	1,000
First Use of Marijuana in the Past Year among Those at Risk for Initiation of Marijuana Use ^{3,4}	45	15	20	10	30
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	139	9	21	109	130
Past Year Cocaine Use	60	1	14	45	60
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	3,120	203	349	2,568	2,917
Past Year Heroin Use ⁵	--	--	1	13	13
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	3,582	230	424	2,928	3,352
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	44	1	3	39	43
Past Year Prescription Pain Reliever Misuse ²	147	8	24	115	139
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	1,808	28	236	1,544	1,779
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁶	849	13	144	692	836
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	1,874	180	206	1,488	1,694
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁷ (People Aged 12 to 20)	93	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{6,7} (People Aged 12 to 20)	51	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁸	1,127	13	145	970	1,114
Past Month Cigarette Use	865	8	85	772	857
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	2,870	232	315	2,323	2,638
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Any Mental Illness ^{4,9,10}	--	--	131	665	797
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,9,10}	--	--	38	196	234
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	83	538	622
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,10,12}	--	65	65	214	279
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ^{10,13}	--	--	55	132	186
Made Any Suicide Plans ^{10,14}	--	--	21	28	49
Attempted Suicide ^{10,14}	--	--	12	11	23

-- = not available.

NOTE: Estimates are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach. For confidence intervals, see Tables 1 to 33 in "2019-2020 NSDUHs: Model-Based Estimated Totals (in Thousands) (50 States and the District of Columbia)" at <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.

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 Prescription pain relievers are a type of prescription psychotherapeutic. 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 in the past year among those at risk for initiation* = $X_1 \div 2$, where X_1 is the number of marijuana initiates in the past 24 months.⁴ For details, see Section B of the "2019-2020 NSDUH: Guide to State Tables and Summary of Small Area Estimation Methodology" at <https://www.samhsa.gov/data/>.⁵ Estimates for youths aged 12 to 17 are not available for past year heroin use because no respondents aged 12 to 17 used heroin in the past year in the 2019 or 2020 NSDUHs. As a result, estimates for people aged 12 or older are also not produced.⁶ 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.⁷ 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.⁸ Tobacco Products include cigarettes, smokeless tobacco (i.e., snuff, dip, chewing tobacco, or snus), cigars, or pipe tobacco.⁹ 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. These estimates are based on indicators of AMI and SMI rather than direct measures of diagnostic status.¹⁰ A subset of 2020 respondents who did not complete the questionnaire were excluded, and the analysis weights were adjusted for the reduced sample size.¹¹ Mental Health Services for adults includes inpatient treatment/counseling, outpatient treatment/counseling, or use of prescription medication for problems with emotions, nerves, or mental health.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, 2019 and Quarters 1 and 4, 2020.

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Table 11B Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment: Among People Aged 12 or Older in Alabama; by Age Group, Estimated Numbers (in Thousands), 2020

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT¹					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{2,3}	230	18	52	160	212
Prescription Pain Reliever Use Disorder ³	52	1	2	50	52
Alcohol Use Disorder	358	7	81	269	351
Substance Use Disorder ^{2,3}	585	23	134	429	563
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment at a Specialty Facility for Illicit Drug Use ^{2,3,4}	220	13	43	164	207
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment at a Specialty Facility for Alcohol Use ⁴	354	7	71	276	347
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment at a Specialty Facility for Substance Use ^{2,3,4}	532	21	112	399	511

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¹ Substance Use Disorder (SUD) data in 2020 are based on criteria from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 5th edition (DSM-5). SUD is defined as meeting the criteria for illicit drug or alcohol use disorder. SUD and related estimates are based on only 2020 data because prior years' SUD data were based on DSM-IV criteria.

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⁴ Respondents were classified as needing substance use treatment if they met the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 5th edition (DSM-5), criteria for an illicit drug or alcohol use disorder 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 use treatment, but who did not receive illicit drug or alcohol use treatment at a specialty facility.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Quarters 1 and 4, 2020.

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Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	10.66	6.20	17.51	10.11	11.10
Past Year Marijuana Use	14.73	10.14	29.47	12.99	15.18
Past Month Marijuana Use	8.31	4.50	16.40	7.51	8.69
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	26.75	27.45	13.62	28.69	26.68
First Use of Marijuana in the Past Year among Those at Risk for Initiation of Marijuana Use ^{3,4}	1.81	4.22	6.67	0.53	1.42
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	3.37	2.31	4.26	3.35	3.47
Past Year Cocaine Use	1.46	0.18	2.84	1.40	1.59
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	75.74	54.66	69.68	79.04	77.79
Past Year Heroin Use ⁵	--	--	0.15	0.39	0.35
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	86.98	61.99	84.56	90.14	89.40
Past Year Methamphetamine Use	1.06	0.21	0.65	1.22	1.14
Past Year Prescription Pain Reliever Misuse ²	3.56	2.08	4.85	3.53	3.71
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	43.89	7.64	46.98	47.52	47.45
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁶	20.61	3.56	28.62	21.31	22.28
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	45.48	48.51	41.14	45.80	45.18
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁷ (People Aged 12 to 20)	15.28	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{6,7} (People Aged 12 to 20)	8.36	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁸	27.37	3.45	28.82	29.86	29.72
Past Month Cigarette Use	21.01	2.24	16.95	23.75	22.85
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	69.65	62.46	62.75	71.51	70.35
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Any Mental Illness ^{4,9,10}	--	--	26.20	20.48	21.24
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,9,10}	--	--	7.52	6.04	6.24
Received Mental Health Services ¹¹	--	--	16.65	16.56	16.57
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,10,12}	--	17.56	13.02	6.58	7.43
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ^{10,13}	--	--	10.89	4.06	4.96
Made Any Suicide Plans ^{10,14}	--	--	4.17	0.87	1.31
Attempted Suicide ^{10,14}	--	--	2.32	0.34	0.60

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Prescription Pain Reliever Use Disorder ³	1.27	0.19	0.42	1.52	1.38
Alcohol Use Disorder	8.66	2.01	16.25	8.26	9.31
Substance Use Disorder ^{2,3}	14.16	6.11	26.83	13.15	14.94
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment at a Specialty Facility for Illicit Drug Use ^{2,3,4}	5.32	3.40	8.65	5.03	5.50
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment at a Specialty Facility for Alcohol Use ⁴	8.58	1.97	14.23	8.47	9.22
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment at a Specialty Facility for Substance Use ^{2,3,4}	12.87	5.62	22.51	12.22	13.57

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