### Table 3.62.2009

#### High school students reporting drug, alcohol, and cigarette use

By sex, race, ethnicity, and grade level, United States, 2009

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Race, ethnicity</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>Female</th>
<th>8th grade</th>
<th>9th grade</th>
<th>10th grade</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>White, non-Hispanic</td>
<td>36.8%</td>
<td>39.0%</td>
<td>34.3%</td>
<td>35.7%</td>
<td>41.2%</td>
<td>39.9%</td>
<td>26.4%</td>
<td>35.5%</td>
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<td>Black, non-Hispanic</td>
<td>20.6%</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
<td>17.9%</td>
<td>20.7%</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
<td>21.6%</td>
<td>15.5%</td>
<td>21.1%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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| Marijuana use, lifetime | 6.4% | 7.3% | 5.3% | 6.3% | 2.9% | 9.4% | 4.5% | 5.6% | 7.7% | 7.9% |
| Marijuana use, current | 2.8% | 3.5% | 2.0% | 2.4% | 1.9% | 4.3% | 2.3% | 2.5% | 3.3% | 3.0% |
| Cocaine use, lifetime | 3.3% | 4.3% | 2.2% | 3.1% | 2.8% | 3.9% | 3.2% | 3.4% | 3.4% | 3.1% |
| Cocaine use, current | 2.1% | 2.7% | 1.4% | 1.6% | 2.4% | 3.1% | 2.0% | 2.0% | 2.5% | 1.8% |
| Heroin use, lifetime | 2.5% | 3.2% | 1.7% | 2.2% | 2.2% | 3.3% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 3.2% | 2.5% |
| Heroin use, current | 4.1% | 4.7% | 3.3% | 3.7% | 2.7% | 5.7% | 3.3% | 3.7% | 5.2% | 4.1% |
| Ecstasy use, lifetime | 6.7% | 7.6% | 5.5% | 6.4% | 5.1% | 8.2% | 4.9% | 5.2% | 8.7% | 8.0% |

Sniffed or inhaled intoxicating substances, lifetime:

- Ever used: 11.7% 10.6% 12.9% 11.5% 8.2% 14.0% 13.0% 12.5% 11.5% 9.1%
- Ever tried: 8.0% 10.2% 5.5% 9.0% 3.3% 7.9% 5.9% 7.4% 8.9% 10.0%

Alcohol use, lifetime:

- Ever used: 72.5% 70.8% 74.2% 73.8% 67.6% 76.6% 63.4% 71.1% 77.8% 79.7%
- Ever tried: 41.8% 40.8% 42.9% 44.7% 33.4% 42.9% 31.5% 40.6% 45.7% 51.7%

Episodic heavy drinking:

- Ever used: 24.2% 25.0% 23.4% 27.8% 13.7% 24.1% 15.3% 22.3% 28.3% 33.5%

Cigarette use, lifetime:

- Ever used: 46.3% 46.3% 46.1% 46.1% 43.5% 51.0% 37.7% 44.0% 50.0% 55.5%
- Ever tried: 19.5% 19.8% 19.1% 22.5% 9.5% 18.0% 13.5% 18.3% 22.3% 25.2%

Cigarette use, frequent:

- Ever used: 7.3% 8.0% 6.4% 9.5% 2.1% 4.2% 4.7% 5.7% 8.3% 11.2%

Note: These data are from the national school-based survey conducted biennially as part of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS). The data were collected and analyzed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Results are based on a nationally representative sample of 16,410 students in grades 9-12 who attend public or private schools in the United States. For survey methodology and sampling procedures, see Appendix 5.

*Ever used.*

†One or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.

‡Ever tried any form of cocaine (e.g., powder, crack, or freebase).

§Ever took steroid pills or shots without a doctor’s prescription.

‖Ever used a needle to inject any illegal drug.

¶Ever used heroin (also called smack, junk, or China White).

‖Ever used methamphetamine (also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice).

¶Ever sniffed glue or breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans or inhaled any paints or sprays to become intoxicated.

†Ever used hallucinogenic drugs (also called LSD, acid, PCP, angel dust, mescaline, or mushrooms).

‡Ever had one or more drinks of alcohol.

§At least one drink of alcohol on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

‖Drank five or more drinks of alcohol in a row (within a couple hours) on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

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†Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.

‡On 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

§Smoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

‖More than a few sips.


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