

Table 3.71

Reported drug use, alcohol use, and cigarette use in last 12 months among college students

By type of drug, United States, 1988-2003

Question: "On how many occasions, if any, have you used. . .during the last 12 months?"

Type of drug	Percent who used in last 12 months															
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Marijuana	34.6%	33.6%	29.4%	26.5%	27.7%	27.9%	29.3%	31.2%	33.1%	31.6%	35.9%	35.2%	34.0%	35.6%	34.7%	33.7%
Inhalants ^a	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.0	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.0	1.8
Hallucinogens ^b	5.3	5.1	5.4	6.3	6.8	6.0	6.2	8.2	6.9	7.7	7.2	7.8	6.7	7.5	6.3	7.4
LSD	3.6	3.4	4.3	5.1	5.7	5.1	5.2	6.9	5.2	5.0	4.4	5.4	4.3	4.0	2.1	1.4
MDMA (ecstasy) ^c	NA	2.3	2.3	0.9	2.0	0.8	0.5	2.4	2.8	2.4	3.9	5.5	9.1	9.2	6.8	4.4
Cocaine	10.0	8.2	5.6	3.6	3.0	2.7	2.0	3.6	2.9	3.4	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.4
Crack ^d	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.4	1.3
Heroin	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2
Other narcotics ^{e,f}	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	3.8	3.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.7	5.9	8.7
Amphetamines ^e	6.2	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.6	4.2	4.2	5.4	4.2	5.7	5.1	5.8	6.6	7.2	7.0	7.1
Crystal methamphetamine ^g	NA	NA	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.4	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9
Barbiturates ^e	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.2	2.0	2.3	3.0	2.5	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.1
Tranquilizers ^{b,e}	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.4	2.9	2.4	1.8	2.9	2.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.2	5.1	6.7	6.9
Alcohol ^h	89.6	89.6	89.0	88.3	86.9	85.1	82.7	83.2	83.0	82.4	84.6	83.6	83.2	83.0	82.9	81.7
Cigarettes	36.6	34.2	35.5	35.6	37.3	38.8	37.6	39.3	41.4	43.6	44.3	44.5	41.3	39.0	38.3	35.2

Note: See Note, table 3.64. These data are from a followup survey of respondents 1 to 4 years past high school who are presently enrolled in college. Included are those registered as full-time students in March of the year in question and who report that they are enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college. Those individuals previously in college and those who have already completed college are excluded. The approximate N for each year is as follows: 1988, 1,310; 1989, 1,300; 1990, 1,400; 1991, 1,410; 1992, 1,490; 1993, 1,490; 1994, 1,410; 1995, 1,450; 1996, 1,450; 1997, 1,480; 1998, 1,440; 1999, 1,440; 2000, 1,350; 2001, 1,340; 2002, 1,260; 2003, 1,270. Readers interested in responses to this question for 1980 through 1987 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

Since 1982, new questions were introduced on the use of controlled and non-controlled stimulants in order to exclude over-the-counter amphetamines, which were believed to have been inflating the statistic for earlier years. Figures presented for "stimulants" are based on the data obtained from these new questions. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 6.

^aThis drug was asked about in four of the five questionnaire forms in 1988 and 1989, in five of the six questionnaire forms in 1990-98, and in three of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 1999.

^bIn 2001, the question text was changed on half of the questionnaire forms. The 2001 data are based on the changed forms only. Beginning in 2002, all forms include the revised wording.

^cThis drug was asked about in two of the five questionnaire forms in 1989, in two of the six questionnaire forms in 1990-2001, and in three of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 2002.

^dThis drug was asked about in two of the five questionnaire forms in 1988 and 1989, in all six questionnaire forms in 1990-2001, and in five of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 2002.

^eOnly drug use that was not under a doctor's orders is included here.

^fIn 2002, the question text was changed on half of the questionnaire forms. The list of examples of narcotics other than heroin was updated by replacing "Talwin," "laudanum," and "paregoric" with "Vicodin," "OxyContin," and "Percocet." The 2002 data are based on the changed forms only; N is one-half of N indicated. Beginning in 2003, all forms include the revised wording and data are based on all six forms.

^gThis drug was asked about in two of the six questionnaire forms.

^hIn 1993 and 1994, the question was changed slightly in half of the questionnaire forms to indicate that a "drink" meant "more than a few sips." Data for 1993 and 1994 are from the revised and unrevised forms combined. Beginning in 1995, all forms include the revised wording.

Source: Lloyd D. Johnston et al., *Monitoring the Future National Survey Results on Drug Use, 1975-2003*, Vol. 2, College Students and Adults Ages 19-45 (Bethesda, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2004), p. 237. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.