

Table 3.72

Reported drug use, alcohol use, and cigarette use in last 30 days among college students

By type of drug, United States, 1988-2003

Question: "On how many occasions, if any, have you used. . .during the last 30 days?"

| Type of drug | Percent who used in last 30 days | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| Marijuana | 16.8% | 16.3% | 14.0% | 14.1% | 14.6% | 14.2% | 15.1% | 18.6% | 17.5% | 17.7% | 18.6% | 20.7% | 20.0% | 20.2% | 19.7% | 19.3% |
| Inhalants ^a | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Hallucinogens ^b | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.8 |
| LSD | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| MDMA (ecstasy) ^c | NA | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Cocaine | 4.2 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Crack ^d | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Heroin | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | (e) | 0.0 | 0.1 | (e) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | (e) |
| Other narcotics ^{f,g} | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.3 |
| Amphetamines ^f | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Crystal methamphetamine ^h | NA | NA | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Barbiturates ^f | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Tranquilizers ^{b,f} | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Alcohol ⁱ | 77.0 | 76.2 | 74.5 | 74.7 | 71.4 | 70.1 | 67.8 | 67.5 | 67.0 | 65.8 | 68.1 | 69.9 | 67.4 | 67.0 | 68.9 | 66.2 |
| Cigarettes | 22.6 | 21.1 | 21.5 | 23.2 | 23.5 | 24.5 | 23.5 | 26.8 | 27.9 | 28.3 | 30.0 | 30.6 | 28.2 | 25.7 | 26.7 | 22.5 |

Note: See Notes, tables 3.64 and 3.71. 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. 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 forms in 1990-2001, and in five of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 2002.

^eLess than 0.05%.

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

^gIn 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.

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

ⁱIn 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. 238.

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