

Table 3.74

Reported drug use, alcohol use, and cigarette use in last 12 months among young adults

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	31.8%	29.0%	26.1%	23.8%	25.2%	25.1%	25.5%	26.5%	27.0%	26.8%	27.4%	27.6%	27.9%	29.2%	29.3%	29.0%
Inhalants ^a	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.4
Hallucinogens ^b	3.9	3.6	4.1	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.8	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.7	5.2
Adjusted ^c	3.9	NA	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.9	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.7	5.2
LSD	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.8	4.3	3.8	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	1.8	1.2
PCP ^d	0.4	NA	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3
MDMA (ecstasy) ^e	NA	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.9	3.6	7.2	7.5	6.2	4.5
Cocaine	13.8	10.8	8.6	6.2	5.7	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.8	5.8	6.6
Crack ^f	3.1	2.5	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0
Other cocaine ^g	11.9	10.3	8.1	5.4	5.1	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.6	6.1
Heroin	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4
Other narcotics ^{h,i}	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.8	4.1	5.0	7.1	8.5
Amphetamines ^h	7.3	5.8	5.2	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.7	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.8
Crystal methamphetamine ^l	NA	NA	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.3
Barbiturates ^h	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.9
Tranquilizers ^{b,h}	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.8	3.7	4.6	5.5	7.0	6.8
Alcohol ^k	88.6	88.1	87.4	86.9	86.2	85.3	83.7	84.7	84.0	84.3	84.0	84.1	84.0	84.3	84.9	83.3
Steroids ^l	NA	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Cigarettes	37.7	38.0	37.1	37.7	37.9	37.8	38.3	38.8	40.3	41.8	41.6	41.1	40.9	41.1	39.1	38.6

Note: See Notes, tables 3.64 and 3.71. "Young adults" includes high school graduates 1 to 10 years beyond high school. These data present the prevalence for young adults combined. The approximate N for each year is as follows: 1988, 6,700; 1989, 6,600; 1990, 6,700; 1991, 6,600; 1992, 6,800; 1993, 6,700; 1994, 6,500; 1995, 6,400; 1996, 6,300; 1997, 6,400; 1998, 6,200; 1999, 6,000; 2000, 5,700; 2001, 5,800; 2002, 5,300; 2003, 5,300. Readers interested in responses to this question for 1986 and 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.

^cAdjusted for underreporting of PCP.

^dThis drug was asked about in one of the five questionnaire forms in 1988, and in one of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 1990.

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

^fThis 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.

^gThis drug was asked about in one of the five questionnaire forms in 1988 and 1989, and in four of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 1990.

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

ⁱIn 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.

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

^kIn 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.

^lThis drug was asked about in one of the five questionnaire forms in 1989, and two of the six questionnaire forms beginning in 1990.

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. 134. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.