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Table 3.89.2005

Prevalence of any illicit drug use among military personnel

By branch of service and recency of use, United States, selected years 1980-2005

| Branch of service and recency of use | 1980 | 1982 | 1985 | 1988 | 1992 | 1995 | 1998 | 2002 | 2005 ^a |
|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Total | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 30 days | 27.6% | 19.0% | 8.9% | 4.8% | 3.4% | 3.0% | 2.7% | 3.4% | 5.0% |
| Past 12 months | 36.7 | 26.6 | 13.4 | 8.9 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 10.9 |
| Army | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 30 days | 30.7 | 26.2 | 11.5 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 6.9 |
| Past 12 months | 39.4 | 32.4 | 16.6 | 11.8 | 7.7 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 10.4 | 15.1 |
| Navy | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 30 days | 33.7 | 16.2 | 10.3 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 4.6 |
| Past 12 months | 43.2 | 28.1 | 15.9 | 11.3 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 7.1 | 10.1 |
| Marine Corps | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 30 days | 37.7 | 20.6 | 9.9 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 6.2 |
| Past 12 months | 48.0 | 29.9 | 14.7 | 7.8 | 10.7 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 12.6 |
| Air Force | | | | | | | | | |
| Past 30 days | 14.5 | 11.9 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.8 |
| Past 12 months | 23.4 | 16.4 | 7.2 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 6.1 |

Note: These data are from a series of nine surveys sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

All military personnel who were on active duty at the time of data collection for each survey year were included in the sampling frames, except for recruits, academy cadets, and persons who were absent without leave, incarcerated, or undergoing a permanent change of station. The final sample for the 2005 survey consisted of 16,146 military personnel (3,639 Army, 4,627 Navy, 3,356 Marine Corps, and 4,524 Air Force) who completed anonymous self-administered questionnaires.

Participants were selected to represent males and females in all pay grades of the active force throughout the world. Data primarily were collected from participants in group sessions at military installations or by mail for those not attending the sessions. The overall response rate for 2005 was 51.8%. The data were weighted to represent all active-duty personnel.

"Any illicit drug use" was defined as nonmedical use of marijuana/hashish, phencyclidine (PCP), LSD or other hallucinogens, cocaine, amphetamines or other stimulants, tranquilizers or other depressants, barbiturates or other sedatives, heroin or other opiates, analgesics or other narcotics, inhalants, designer drugs, and gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB).

^aBecause of wording changes in the questionnaire, the 2005 data are not directly comparable to previous years; see footnotes e and f on table 3.90.2005.

Source: Robert M. Bray et al., *2005 Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Active Duty Military Personnel*, p. 96 [Online]. Available: http://www.ha.osd.mil/special_reports/2005_Health_Behaviors_Survey_1-07.pdf [May 22, 2007]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.