

Table 3.93

Type of drug mentioned in drug abuse-related emergency department episodes

By patient and episode characteristics, United States, 1999-2002

Patient and episode characteristics	Type of drug															
	Marijuana/hashish				Heroin				Cocaine/crack				Methamphetamine/speed			
	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total number of drug mentions	87,068	96,426	110,512	119,472	82,192	94,804	93,064	93,519	168,751	174,881	193,034	199,198	10,447	13,505	14,923	17,696
Sex																
Male	58,043	61,621	71,591	76,526	55,561	62,719	62,075	61,470	109,271	113,355	125,424	128,017	6,054	8,381	8,130	10,512
Female	28,208	33,334	37,781	41,707	26,054	30,146	30,023	31,173	58,253	59,314	65,713	69,852	4,312	4,841	6,680	6,565
Unknown	817	1,471	1,139	1,239	578	B	966	876	1,227	2,212	1,898	1,329	B	B	B	B
Race, ethnicity																
White, non-Hispanic	45,395	49,015	57,836	65,979	31,827	38,426	40,104	39,937	56,724	59,820	71,531	79,715	7,180	18,600	11,019	12,191
Black, non-Hispanic	25,607	26,446	29,455	30,943	28,646	30,934	28,706	28,721	78,017	75,889	80,022	79,889	B	837	369	863
Hispanic	9,064	11,739	12,877	13,512	11,779	14,944	14,075	12,823	20,456	23,728	25,117	23,805	1,489	2,177	1,967	1,580
Other race ^a	716	602	875	621	440	376	381	434	709	850	720	958	B	318	154	142
Unknown	6,285	8,624	9,470	8,418	9,501	10,125	9,798	11,605	12,846	14,594	15,644	14,832	982	1,573	1,414	2,920
Age																
6 to 17 years	12,930	15,792	16,559	18,876	676	1,052	834	813	3,299	4,402	3,514	3,502	844	1,122	1,323	1,234
18 to 25 years	27,266	30,413	33,365	36,896	14,901	18,065	17,451	17,626	25,264	25,753	28,666	30,808	3,289	3,711	4,651	5,769
26 to 34 years	21,410	21,841	25,323	25,279	20,153	23,742	22,868	22,253	54,058	51,007	53,693	52,743	2,988	4,211	4,704	4,682
35 years and older	25,387	28,271	35,123	38,327	46,356	51,698	51,827	52,643	85,869	93,357	106,810	111,937	3,316	4,456	4,170	6,003
Unknown	75	108	142	94	106	247	85	B	261	362	351	208	10	B	B	8
Drug use motive																
Psychic effect	31,725	36,970	38,694	39,901	5,789	5,657	7,029	7,556	32,661	34,231	38,861	34,273	2,516	3,412	3,618	3,823
Dependence	29,760	30,762	33,817	34,302	67,272	79,383	76,791	76,508	99,250	103,351	108,887	108,483	6,705	8,004	7,462	10,044
Suicide	10,055	11,454	14,130	13,753	2,750	2,719	3,432	3,376	15,254	15,999	17,148	19,159	523	711	1,827	1,513
Other	B	615	1,258	1,060	174	457	198	429	473	604	792	708	7	B	B	B
Unknown motive	15,048	16,626	22,612	B	6,207	6,588	5,614	5,651	21,114	20,696	27,345	36,575	696	1,203	1,431	2,061
Reason for emergency department contact																
Unexpected reaction	23,139	31,218	36,626	45,223	8,666	8,751	9,790	10,163	37,004	43,725	49,840	56,075	2,869	3,104	3,378	3,570
Overdose	16,629	18,722	22,469	22,533	15,413	15,667	15,850	15,921	25,499	27,792	28,692	29,582	1,883	2,423	3,976	4,317
Chronic effects	6,889	8,620	9,834	10,583	15,221	16,151	14,896	16,684	23,328	24,926	25,945	27,054	1,281	2,522	2,313	2,596
Withdrawal	B	1,401	1,840	1,419	9,016	10,400	8,899	9,132	5,422	3,221	4,561	4,193	B	B	B	B
Seeking detoxification	11,907	14,109	14,580	13,917	26,471	36,070	35,345	34,317	43,111	49,527	53,853	54,778	1,190	B	1,741	3,377
Accident, injury	6,986	5,632	6,130	6,731	1,635	1,775	1,604	1,520	7,816	6,815	7,586	7,121	102	407	425	320
Other	13,192	10,521	12,242	11,986	3,835	3,943	3,943	2,809	16,773	11,151	12,069	11,741	B	B	B	1,386
Unknown reason	5,995	6,202	6,791	7,081	1,935	2,047	2,736	2,974	9,797	7,726	10,489	8,653	389	511	590	B
Patient disposition																
Treated and released	49,462	52,146	59,841	65,268	44,572	50,121	51,944	51,742	88,153	87,093	96,557	93,349	6,797	8,578	8,912	11,218
Admitted to hospital	35,043	41,715	47,606	51,661	33,388	40,106	37,277	37,569	74,518	82,255	90,647	100,480	3,106	4,121	5,596	6,000
Left against medical advice	1,474	1,518	1,979	1,763	3,332	3,396	2,742	3,305	3,696	3,139	3,785	3,988	447	451	164	436
Died	B	60	B	B	360	339	257	470	451	B	366	B	2	B	B	5
Unknown	959	987	901	693	540	843	844	432	1,934	1,957	1,680	951	B	226	B	38

Note: See Note, table 3.92. For 1999, there were an estimated total of 554,570 episodes involving 1,013,688 drug mentions; for 2000, an estimated total of 601,392 episodes involving 1,098,915 drug mentions; for 2001, an estimated total of 638,345 episodes involving 1,165,148 drug mentions; and for 2002, an estimated total of 670,307 episodes involving 1,209,938 drug mentions. A "drug mention" refers to a substance that was mentioned during a drug-related emergency department episode. In addition to alcohol-in-combination, up to four substances may be reported for each emergency department drug abuse episode; thus, the total number of mentions exceeds the total number of episodes. It should be noted that a particular drug mentioned may or may not be the confirmed "cause" of the episode in multiple-drug abuse cases. Even when only one substance is reported for an episode, allowance still should be made for reportable drugs not mentioned or for other contributory factors. (Source, p. 131.)

Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For information on methodology, estimation procedures, and data limitations, see Appendix 9.

^aIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and other racial/ethnic groups.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Emergency Department Trends from the Drug Abuse Warning Network, Final Estimates 1995-2002*, Drug Abuse Warning Network Series: D-24 (Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2003), pp. T-189, T-191, T-193, T-197, T-245, T-247, T-249, T-253. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.