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Attitudes toward drug problem in the United States and in own area

United States, selected years 2000-2011

Question: "Overall, how would you describe the problem of drugs in . . . is it extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?"

	The United States					The area where you live				
	Extremely serious	Very serious	Moderately serious	Not too serious	Not serious at all	Extremely serious	Very serious	Moderately serious	Not too serious	Not serious at all
2000	43%	40%	15%	1%	1%	13%	21%	39%	19%	6%
2003	31	40	24	3	1	13	17	36	22	11
2005	37	33	23	5	1	14	19	35	23	8
2007	35	38	24	1	1	14	15	39	21	10
2009	35	33	26	5	1	14	16	38	23	8
2011	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	18	36	25	10

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,005 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Oct. 6-9, 2011. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore, percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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