

Table 2.77

Teenagers' perceptions of the harmfulness of alcohol and drug use

United States, 2002 and 2003<sup>a</sup>

Question: "How harmful to the health of someone your age is the regular use of each of the following?"

|                  | Very harmful | Fairly harmful | Not too harmful | Not harmful at all | Don't know/ no response |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Cocaine</b>   |              |                |                 |                    |                         |
| 2002             | 88%          | 4%             | 1%              | 2%                 | 4%                      |
| 2003             | 92           | 3              | 2               | 2                  | 2                       |
| <b>Ecstasy</b>   |              |                |                 |                    |                         |
| 2002             | 78           | 6              | 2               | 3                  | 12                      |
| 2003             | 84           | 5              | 2               | 2                  | 7                       |
| <b>Marijuana</b> |              |                |                 |                    |                         |
| 2002             | 66           | 18             | 9               | 4                  | 3                       |
| 2003             | 75           | 14             | 6               | 3                  | 1                       |
| <b>Tobacco</b>   |              |                |                 |                    |                         |
| 2002             | 65           | 23             | 6               | 3                  | 3                       |
| 2003             | 70           | 21             | 5               | 3                  | 1                       |
| <b>Alcohol</b>   |              |                |                 |                    |                         |
| 2002             | 48           | 32             | 14              | 3                  | 3                       |
| 2003             | 49           | 35             | 13              | 2                  | 1                       |

Note: See Note, table 2.3.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse VII: Teens, Parents and Siblings* [Online], pp. 36, 37. Available: [http://www.casacolumbia.org/usr\\_doc/TeenSurvey2002.pdf](http://www.casacolumbia.org/usr_doc/TeenSurvey2002.pdf) [Jan. 15, 2003]; and National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse VIII: Teens and Parents* [Online], p. 47. Available: [http://www.casacolumbia.org/pdshopprov/files/2003\\_Teen\\_Survey\\_8\\_19\\_03.pdf](http://www.casacolumbia.org/pdshopprov/files/2003_Teen_Survey_8_19_03.pdf) [Mar. 1, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.