

Table 2.84

Eighth and tenth graders' perceptions of availability of drugs

By type of drug, United States, 1992, 1995, and 2000-2003

Question: "How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?"

(Percent responding "fairly easy" or "very easy"^a)

Type of drug	Eighth graders						Tenth graders					
	1992 (N=8,355)	1995 (N=15,496)	2000 (N=15,180)	2001 (N=14,804)	2002 (N=13,972)	2003 (N=15,583)	1992 (N=7,014)	1995 (N=16,209)	2000 (N=13,690)	2001 (N=13,518)	2002 (N=13,694)	2003 (N=15,225)
Marijuana	42.3%	52.4%	47.0%	48.1%	46.6%	44.8%	65.2%	78.1%	77.7%	77.4%	75.9%	73.9%
LSD	21.5	23.5	17.0	17.6	15.2	14.0	33.6	39.8	32.9	31.2	26.8	23.1
PCP ^b	18.0	19.0	16.0	15.4	14.1	13.7	23.7	24.7	25.0	21.6	20.8	19.4
MDMA (ecstasy) ^c	NA	NA	NA	23.8	22.8	21.6	NA	NA	NA	41.4	41.0	36.3
Crack	25.6	28.7	24.9	24.4	23.7	22.5	33.7	34.6	34.0	30.6	31.3	29.6
Cocaine powder	25.7	27.8	23.9	23.9	22.5	21.6	35.0	35.3	34.5	31.0	31.8	29.6
Heroin	19.7	21.1	16.5	16.9	16.0	15.6	24.3	24.6	22.3	20.1	19.9	18.8
Other narcotics ^b	19.8	20.3	15.6	15.0	14.7	15.0	26.9	27.8	27.2	25.8	25.4	23.5
Amphetamines	32.2	33.4	25.5	26.2	24.4	24.4	43.4	47.7	40.9	40.6	39.6	36.1
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) ^b	16.0	16.0	14.9	13.9	13.3	14.1	18.8	20.7	22.8	19.9	20.5	19.0
Barbiturates	27.4	26.5	19.7	20.7	19.4	19.3	38.0	38.8	32.4	32.8	32.4	28.8
Tranquilizers	22.9	21.3	16.2	17.8	16.9	17.3	31.6	30.6	27.6	28.5	28.3	25.6
Alcohol	76.2	74.9	70.6	70.6	67.9	67.0	88.6	89.7	87.7	87.7	84.8	83.4
Steroids	24.0	23.8	22.3	23.1	22.0	21.7	37.6	34.8	35.4	33.1	33.2	30.6

Note: See Note, table 2.79. Readers interested in responses to this question for 1993, 1994, and 1996 through 1999 should consult previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 6.

Source: Lloyd D. Johnston et al., *Monitoring the Future National Survey Results on Drug Use, 1975-2003*, Vol. 1, Secondary School Students (Bethesda, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2004), p. 364. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

^aAnswer alternatives were: (1) probably impossible, (2) very difficult, (3) fairly difficult, (4) fairly easy, (5) very easy, and (6) can't say, drug unfamiliar.

^bBeginning in 1995, data are based on one of two questionnaire forms; N is one-half of N indicated.

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