

Table 6.21

Percent of jail inmates reporting drug use

By type of drug and frequency of use, United States, 1996 and 2002

Type of drug	All inmates				Convicted inmates ^a			
	Ever used drugs		Ever used drugs regularly ^b		Used drugs in the month before the offense		Used drugs at the time of the offense	
	1996	2002	1996	2002	1996	2002	1996	2002
Any drug	82.4%	82.2%	64.2%	68.7%	54.0%	52.6%	34.9%	28.8%
Marijuana or hashish	78.2	75.7	54.9	57.6	36.0	37.5	18.0	13.6
Cocaine or crack	50.4	48.1	31.0	30.5	22.8	20.7	14.3	10.6
Heroin or opiates	23.9	20.7	11.8	11.9	7.9	7.8	5.1	4.1
Depressants ^c	29.9	21.6	10.4	10.6	5.3	6.1	2.2	2.4
Stimulants ^d	33.6	27.8	16.5	16.8	9.6	11.4	5.6	5.2
Hallucinogens ^e	32.2	32.4	10.5	13.2	4.2	5.9	1.4	1.6
Inhalants	16.8	12.7	4.8	4.1	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.2

Note: See Note, table 6.18. For information on methodology and survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 4.

^aIncludes all inmates with a current conviction or with a prior conviction, but no new conviction for the current charge.

^bUsed drugs at least once a week for at least a month.

^cIncludes barbiturates, tranquilizers, and Quaaludes.

^dIncludes amphetamines and methamphetamine.

^eIncludes LSD, ecstasy, and PCP.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Profile of Jail Inmates, 2002*, Special Report NCJ 201932 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2004), p. 8, Table 12. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.