

Table 3.70

Estimated prevalence of drug and alcohol use during the past month

By type of drug, United States, selected years 1985-96

(Percent reporting use during past month)

Type of drug	1985 (N=8,021)	1988 (N=8,814)	1990 (N=9,259)	1991 (N=32,594)	1992 (N=28,832)	1993 (N=26,489)	1994 (N=17,809)	1995 (N=17,747)	1996 (N=18,269)
Any illicit drug ^a	12.1%	7.7%	6.7%	6.6%	5.8%	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%	6.1%
Marijuana and hashish	9.7	6.2	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.7
Cocaine	3.0	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.7	7.0	0.7	0.7	0.8
Crack	NA	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Inhalants	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Hallucinogens	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6
Heroin	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nonmedical use of any psychotherapeutic ^b	3.8	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.4
Stimulants	1.8	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Sedatives	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Tranquilizers	2.2	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Analgesics	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9
Any illicit drug other than marijuana ^c	6.1	3.4	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.7
Alcohol	60.2	54.9	52.6	52.2	49.0	50.8	53.9	52.2	51.0
"Binge" alcohol use ^d	20.2	15.0	14.4	15.5	14.5	14.6	16.5	15.8	15.5
Heavy alcohol use ^d	8.3	5.8	6.3	6.8	6.2	6.7	6.2	5.5	5.4

Note: See Note, table 3.69. For survey methodology and a detailed description of the adjustment procedures, see Appendix 8.

^aIncludes use at least once of marijuana or hashish, cocaine (including crack), inhalants, hallucinogens (including PCP and LSD), heroin, or any prescription-type psychotherapeutic used nonmedically.

^bIncludes nonmedical use of any prescription-type stimulant, sedative, tranquilizer, or analgesic; does not include over-the-counter drugs.

^cIncludes use at least once of any of these listed drugs, regardless of marijuana use; marijuana users who also have used any of the other listed drugs are included.

^d"Binge" alcohol use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on at least one day in the past 30 days. "Occasion" means at the same time or within a couple hours of each other. Heavy alcohol use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of five or more days in the past 30 days; all Heavy alcohol users are also "Binge" alcohol users.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (1997). *Preliminary Results from the 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse* [Online]. Available: <http://www.samhsa.gov/oas/nhsda/pe1996/artab011.htm> [Aug. 12, 1997]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.