

Table 3.62

Reported drug, alcohol, and cigarette use and most recent use among students

By type of drug and grade level, United States, 1993-96

Type of drug	Ever used				Used in last 12 months				Used in last 30 days			
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1993	1994	1995	1996	1993	1994	1995	1996
Marijuana/hashish												
Eighth grade	12.6%	16.7%	19.9%	23.1%	9.2%	13.0%	15.8%	18.3%	5.1%	7.8%	9.1%	11.3%
Tenth grade	24.4	30.4	34.1	39.8	19.2	25.2	28.7	33.6	10.9	15.8	17.2	20.4
Twelfth grade	35.3	38.2	41.7	44.9	26.0	30.7	34.7	35.8	15.5	19.0	21.2	21.9
Inhalants^{a,b}												
Eighth grade	19.4	19.9	21.6	21.2	11.0	11.7	12.8	12.2	5.4	5.6	6.1	5.8
Tenth grade	17.5	18.0	19.0	19.3	8.4	9.1	9.6	9.5	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.3
Twelfth grade	17.4	17.7	17.4	16.6	7.0	7.7	8.0	7.6	2.5	2.7	3.2	2.5
Hallucinogens^b												
Eighth grade	3.9	4.3	5.2	5.9	2.6	2.7	3.6	4.1	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.9
Tenth grade	6.8	8.1	9.3	10.5	4.7	5.8	7.2	7.8	1.9	2.4	3.3	2.8
Twelfth grade	10.9	11.4	12.7	14.0	7.4	7.6	9.3	10.1	2.7	3.1	4.4	3.5
LSD												
Eighth grade	3.5	3.7	4.4	5.1	2.3	2.4	3.2	3.5	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5
Tenth grade	6.2	7.2	8.4	9.4	4.2	5.2	6.5	6.9	1.6	2.0	3.0	2.4
Twelfth grade	10.3	10.5	11.7	12.6	6.8	6.9	8.4	8.8	2.4	2.6	4.0	2.5
Cocaine												
Eighth grade	2.9	3.6	4.2	4.5	1.7	2.1	2.6	3.0	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.3
Tenth grade	3.6	4.3	5.0	6.5	2.1	2.8	3.5	4.2	0.9	1.2	1.7	1.7
Twelfth grade	6.1	5.9	6.0	7.1	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.9	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.0
Crack												
Eighth grade	1.7	2.4	2.7	2.9	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.8
Tenth grade	1.8	2.1	2.8	3.3	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.1	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.8
Twelfth grade	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.3	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.1	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0
Other cocaine^c												
Eighth grade	2.4	3.0	3.4	3.8	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.5	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0
Tenth grade	3.3	3.8	4.4	5.5	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.5	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.3
Twelfth grade	5.4	5.2	5.1	6.4	2.9	3.0	3.4	4.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6
Heroin^d												
Eighth grade	1.4	2.0	2.3	2.4	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7
Tenth grade	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.1	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5
Twelfth grade	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.8	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5
Stimulants^e												
Eighth grade	11.8	12.3	13.1	13.5	7.2	7.9	8.7	9.1	3.6	3.6	4.2	4.6
Tenth grade	14.9	15.1	17.4	17.7	9.6	10.2	11.9	12.4	4.3	4.5	5.3	5.5
Twelfth grade	15.1	15.7	15.3	15.3	8.4	9.4	9.3	9.5	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.1
Tranquilizers^e												
Eighth grade	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.3	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.3	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.5
Tenth grade	5.7	5.4	6.0	7.1	3.3	3.3	4.0	4.6	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.7
Twelfth grade	6.4	6.6	7.1	7.2	3.5	3.7	4.4	4.6	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.0
Alcohol^f												
Eighth grade	55.7	55.8	54.5	55.3	45.4	46.8	45.3	46.5	24.3	25.5	24.6	26.2
Tenth grade	71.6	71.1	70.5	71.8	63.4	63.9	63.5	65.0	38.2	39.2	38.8	40.4
Twelfth grade	80.0	80.4	80.7	79.2	72.7	73.0	73.7	72.5	48.6	50.1	51.3	50.8
Steroids^g												
Eighth grade	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4
Tenth grade	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
Twelfth grade	2.0	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7
Cigarettes												
Eighth grade	45.3	46.1	46.4	49.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	16.7	18.6	19.1	21.0
Tenth grade	56.3	56.9	57.6	61.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	24.7	25.4	27.9	30.4
Twelfth grade	61.9	62.0	64.2	63.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	29.9	31.2	33.5	34.0

Note: See Notes, tables 3.58 and 3.60. Approximate Ns were eighth grade: 18,300 in 1993; 17,300 in 1994; 17,500 in 1995; 17,800 in 1996; tenth grade: 15,300 in 1993; 15,800 in 1994; 17,000 in 1995; 15,600 in 1996; twelfth grade: 16,300 in 1993; 15,400 in 1994; 15,400 in 1995; 14,300 in 1996. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

^aFor twelfth graders, data based on five questionnaire forms; N is five-sixths of N indicated.

^bInhalants are unadjusted for underreporting of amyl and butyl nitrites; hallucinogens are unadjusted for underreporting of PCP.

^cFor twelfth graders, data based on four questionnaire forms; N is two-thirds of N indicated.

^dBeginning in 1995, the heroin question was changed in three of six forms for twelfth graders and in one of two forms for eighth and tenth graders. Separate questions were asked for use with injection and without injection. In 1996, the heroin question was changed in the remaining eighth and tenth grade form. Data presented here represent the combined data from all forms.

^eOnly drug use that was not under a doctor's orders is included here.

^fIn 1993, the question was changed slightly in half of the questionnaire forms to indicate that a "drink" meant "more than a few sips." For 1993, data are based on one of two questionnaire forms for the eighth and tenth graders and on three of six questionnaire forms for the twelfth graders; N is one-half of N indicated for all groups. Beginning in 1994, all forms included the revised wording and data are based on all six forms.

^gFor twelfth graders, data based on two questionnaire forms; N is one-third of N indicated.

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