

Table 3.56

Reported drug, alcohol, and cigarette use among high school students

By sex, race, ethnicity, and grade level, United States, 1995

(Percent reporting engaging in the behavior)

	Total	Sex		Race, ethnicity			Grade level			
		Male	Female	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
Marijuana use, lifetime <sup>a</sup>	42.4%	45.2%	39.4%	40.5%	47.2%	49.2%	33.8%	41.4%	45.8%	47.0%
Marijuana use, current <sup>b</sup>	25.3	28.4	22.0	24.6	28.6	27.8	20.9	25.5	27.6	26.2
Cocaine use, lifetime <sup>c</sup>	7.0	8.8	5.0	6.5	2.0	16.0	5.7	7.5	7.2	7.4
Cocaine use, current <sup>b</sup>	3.1	4.3	1.8	2.6	1.3	7.5	3.1	2.5	3.6	3.1
Crack or freebase use, lifetime <sup>a</sup>	4.5	5.6	3.4	4.2	1.6	10.5	4.7	4.9	4.4	4.2
Illegal steroid use, lifetime <sup>a</sup>	3.7	4.9	2.4	3.8	1.6	4.7	4.1	3.6	3.9	2.9
Injected illegal-drug use, lifetime <sup>d</sup>	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.1	2.2	2.8	2.2	1.7	1.6
Other illegal drug use, lifetime <sup>e</sup>	16.0	17.8	14.1	18.4	3.9	18.1	12.5	16.7	17.0	17.0
Sniffed or inhaled intoxicating substances, lifetime <sup>f</sup>	20.3	22.1	18.4	22.7	9.5	22.8	24.6	22.4	19.2	15.9
Alcohol use, lifetime <sup>g</sup>	80.4	81.1	79.5	81.7	73.7	82.9	72.4	78.9	83.2	85.5
Alcohol use, current <sup>h</sup>	51.6	53.2	49.9	54.1	42.0	54.7	45.6	49.5	53.7	56.5
Episodic heavy drinking <sup>i</sup>	32.6	36.2	28.6	35.6	18.8	37.7	24.5	30.3	34.9	39.0
Cigarette use, lifetime <sup>j</sup>	71.3	72.1	70.4	71.1	66.0	76.3	63.4	71.1	75.8	73.8
Cigarette use, current <sup>k</sup>	34.8	35.4	34.3	38.3	19.2	34.0	31.2	33.1	35.8	38.2
Cigarette use, frequent <sup>l</sup>	16.1	16.3	15.9	19.5	4.5	10.0	9.6	13.3	19.2	20.9
<b>Before age 13</b>										
Smoked whole cigarette	24.9	27.8	21.8	25.9	17.2	26.6	28.1	25.6	25.0	21.5
Drank alcohol <sup>m</sup>	32.4	38.6	25.5	30.3	35.9	39.5	41.0	34.1	29.6	25.8
Tried marijuana	7.6	10.2	4.8	5.6	11.1	12.6	9.2	9.1	6.7	5.4
Tried cocaine <sup>n</sup>	1.2	1.8	0.5	0.9	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.9
<b>On school property</b>										
Cigarette use <sup>k</sup>	16.0	16.8	15.1	17.6	7.6	14.9	13.9	15.4	16.7	17.5
Alcohol use <sup>k</sup>	6.3	7.2	5.3	5.6	7.6	9.7	7.5	6.0	5.7	6.2
Marijuana use <sup>b</sup>	8.8	11.9	5.5	7.0	12.3	12.9	8.7	9.8	8.6	8.0
Offered, sold, or given an illegal drug <sup>o</sup>	32.1	38.8	24.8	31.7	28.5	40.7	31.1	35.0	32.8	29.1

Note: See Note, table 3.55. For survey methodology and sampling procedures, see Appendix 6.

<sup>a</sup>Ever used.

<sup>b</sup>Used one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.

<sup>c</sup>Ever tried any form of cocaine (e.g., powder, crack, and freebase).

<sup>d</sup>Ever injected illegal drugs. Respondents were classified as injecting-drug users only if they a) reported injecting-drug use not prescribed by a physician and b) answered "one or more" to any of these questions: "During your life, how many times have you used any form of cocaine including powder, crack, or freebase?"; "During your life, how many times have you used any other type of illegal drug, such as LSD, PCP, ecstasy, mushrooms, speed, ice, or heroin?"; "During your life, how many times have you taken steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription?"

<sup>e</sup>Ever used any other type of illegal drug, such as LSD, PCP, ecstasy, mushrooms, speed, ice, or heroin.

<sup>f</sup>Ever sniffed glue or breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans or inhaled any paint sprays to get high.

<sup>g</sup>Ever had at least one drink of alcohol.

<sup>h</sup>Drank alcohol on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

<sup>i</sup>Drank five or more drinks of alcohol on at least one occasion on 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

<sup>j</sup>Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.

<sup>k</sup>On 1 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

<sup>l</sup>Smoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

<sup>m</sup>Other than a few sips.

<sup>n</sup>Including powder, crack, or freebase forms of cocaine.

<sup>o</sup>During the 12 months preceding the survey.

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