

Table 3.87

Type of drug mentioned in drug abuse-related emergency department episodes

By patient and episode characteristics, United States, 1994<sup>a</sup>

Patient and episode characteristics	Type of drug											
	Tranquilizers	Narcotic analgesics <sup>b</sup>	Non-narcotic analgesics	Non-barbiturate sedatives	Anti-depressants	Anti-psychotics	Barbiturate sedatives	Amphetamines	Hallucinogens	Cocaine	Marijuana/hashish	Heroin/morphine
Total number of drug mentions	62,623	99,972	67,974	18,307	44,632	17,240	6,215	27,768	12,757	142,878	40,183	64,013
<b>Sex</b>												
Male	38.3%	61.7%	27.2%	36.8%	33.3%	46.6%	55.5%	62.7%	77.6%	67.3%	69.8%	68.7%
Female	60.5	37.4	72.1	61.6	65.4	52.5	44.2	36.0	21.4	32.0	29.3	30.5
Unknown/no response	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.3	B	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8
<b>Age</b>												
6 to 11 years	B	(c)	0.5	B	B	0.1	B	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
12 to 17 years	3.9	2.9	32.6	6.1	13.2	6.2	3.4	10.8	24.4	1.4	16.3	0.8
18 to 25 years	14.1	14.8	29.9	24.5	19.8	17.6	12.7	28.6	36.6	17.8	34.5	13.1
26 to 34 years	30.0	31.9	16.9	23.4	24.4	30.8	33.9	34.8	23.5	42.3	28.5	33.8
35 to 44 years	32.5	35.7	11.8	25.4	27.4	29.8	33.9	21.2	12.4	30.2	16.2	38.5
45 to 54 years	12.7	11.2	4.1	11.6	10.0	9.3	10.0	3.9	1.9	6.7	4.0	11.5
55 years and older	6.4	3.1	3.7	8.2	4.5	5.8	4.8	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.4	2.2
Unknown/no response	0.3	0.4	B	B	B	B	B	0.1	B	0.5	B	0.2
<b>Race, ethnicity</b>												
White	81.0	47.6	65.3	74.4	78.4	73.0	64.1	67.5	54.0	28.6	47.0	36.5
Black	6.4	32.3	16.1	9.4	9.2	13.1	22.3	6.4	24.2	53.9	37.5	40.6
Hispanic	5.7	12.3	9.7	7.5	4.6	5.7	6.8	17.1	13.0	9.4	7.7	14.8
Other <sup>d</sup>	0.9	0.6	2.1	2.0	1.2	0.4	1.6	1.1	1.3	0.6	0.8	0.4
Unknown/no response	6.1	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.6	7.7	5.3	7.9	7.5	7.6	7.1	7.7
<b>Drug use motive</b>												
Recreational use	3.3	6.0	1.5	1.1	2.8	2.8	9.2	23.5	38.1	11.3	26.2	6.5
Other psychic effects	11.2	4.2	11.9	15.0	9.8	15.1	10.4	3.9	2.3	3.7	6.2	1.3
Dependence	12.3	61.7	1.9	2.8	2.6	3.6	17.7	36.9	30.5	63.9	37.4	78.9
Suicide	61.6	16.9	76.5	75.3	76.5	69.4	45.5	8.6	6.2	8.2	9.8	3.6
Other <sup>e</sup>	1.1	0.8	1.5	B	1.2	1.9	B	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2
Unknown/no response	10.5	10.4	6.7	4.9	7.1	7.2	15.9	26.9	22.6	12.6	19.8	9.6

Note: See Note, table 3.81. <sup>a</sup>In addition to alcohol-in-combination, up to four substances may be reported for each emergency department drug abuse episode; thus, the total number of mentions exceeds the number of total episodes. It should be noted that a drug mention may or may not be the confirmed 'cause' of the episode in multiple-drug abuse cases. Even when only one substance is reported for an episode, allowance should still be made for reportable drugs not mentioned or for other contributory factors." (Source, p. 144.) For information on methodology, estimation procedures, and data limitations, see Appendix 10.

<sup>c</sup>Less than 0.05%.

<sup>d</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and other racial/ethnic groups.

<sup>e</sup>Includes self-medication for physical ailment, to prevent pregnancy or induce abortion, accident, used unknowingly, etc.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Annual Emergency Department Data, 1994*, Statistical Series I, Number 14-A (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1996), pp. 41-43. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes heroin/morphine.