

Table 131. Prescription Drug Use in the Past Month by Sex, Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1988–1994 and 1999–2002

[Data are based on National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Sex and age	Percent of population using at least one prescription drug in past month							
	All persons ¹		Not Hispanic or Latino ²				Mexican ³	
			White		Black or African American			
	1988–1994	1999–2002	1988–1994	1999–2002	1988–1994	1999–2002	1988–1994	1999–2002
Both sexes, age adjusted ⁴ . . .	39.1	45.3	41.1	48.9	36.9	40.1	31.7	31.7
Male	32.7	39.9	34.2	43.1	31.1	35.4	27.5	25.8
Female	45.0	50.4	47.6	54.5	41.4	43.8	36.0	37.8
Both sexes, crude	37.8	45.1	41.4	50.9	31.2	36.0	24.0	23.7
Male	30.6	38.7	33.5	43.9	25.5	30.8	20.1	18.8
Female	44.6	51.2	48.9	57.6	36.2	40.6	28.1	28.9
Under 18 years old	20.5	24.2	22.9	27.6	14.8	18.6	16.1	15.9
18 to 44 years old	31.3	35.9	34.3	41.3	27.8	28.5	21.1	19.2
45 to 64 years old	54.8	64.1	55.5	66.1	57.5	62.3	48.1	49.3
65 years old and over	73.6	84.7	74.0	85.4	74.5	81.1	67.7	72.0
Male:								
Under 18 years old	20.4	26.2	22.3	30.6	15.5	19.8	16.3	16.2
18 to 44 years old	21.5	27.1	23.5	31.2	21.1	21.5	14.9	13.0
45 to 64 years old	47.2	55.6	48.1	57.4	48.2	54.0	43.8	36.4
65 years old and over	67.2	80.1	67.4	81.0	64.4	78.1	61.3	66.8
Female:								
Under 18 years old	20.6	22.0	23.6	24.4	14.2	17.3	16.0	15.6
18 to 44 years old	40.7	44.6	44.7	51.7	33.4	34.2	28.1	26.2
45 to 64 years old	62.0	72.0	62.6	74.7	64.4	69.0	52.2	62.4
65 years old and over	78.3	88.1	78.8	88.8	81.3	83.1	73.0	76.3

¹ Includes persons of other races and Hispanic origins, not shown separately. ² Starting with data year 1999, race-specific estimates are not comparable with estimates for earlier years, see footnote 3, Table 156. ³ Persons of Mexican origin may be of any race. ⁴ Age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using four age groups: Under 18, 18–44, 45–64, and 65 years and over. See text, Section 2.