

Table 4.1A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Marijuana in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	794	304	490	18.7	14.3	24.5
1966	785	268	517	19.4	11.9	23.5
1967	1,317	463	854	19.2	21.3	35.3
1968	1,961	757	1,204	18.8	34.2	50.6
1969	2,627	985	1,642	19.0	45.3	71.2
1970	2,858	1,306	1,551	18.6	60.0	71.0
1971	2,951	1,333	1,619	18.4	60.2	73.6
1972	3,134	1,666	1,468	18.3	76.5	63.0
1973	3,460	1,735	1,725	18.8	79.0	76.1
1974	3,275	1,912	1,363	18.5	89.7	58.3
1975	3,332	1,880	1,452	18.3	89.6	66.6
1976	3,236	1,943	1,292	18.4	97.1	59.8
1977	3,327	1,891	1,436	18.6	96.5	68.2
1978	3,225	1,925	1,300	18.4	101.1	66.5
1979	3,028	1,733	1,295	19.1	91.9	61.3
1980	2,555	1,565	990	18.5	83.8	50.6
1981	2,518	1,452	1,066	18.3	80.1	58.7
1982	2,412	1,404	1,008	19.4	78.3	47.7
1983	2,365	1,500	865	18.0	83.1	48.5
1984	2,123	1,379	745	17.9	78.4	40.6
1985	2,182	1,374	809	18.0	78.7	47.6
1986	2,046	1,258	788	17.6	73.5	48.5
1987	1,809	1,116	692	17.8	64.6	43.3
1988	1,695	1,087	608	17.8	64.7	38.1
1989	1,702	994	708	18.3	58.4	41.3
1990	1,505	825	680	18.8	47.2	38.2
1991	1,765	1,042	723	17.8	58.6	42.6
1992	2,013	1,159	854	17.5	63.8	53.5
1993	2,148	1,338	810	17.2	71.9	47.6
1994	2,464	1,616	848	16.8	86.2	51.9
1995	2,698	1,726	973	17.0	90.3	58.3
1996	2,448	1,590	857	16.9	82.6	51.9
1997	2,613	1,725	889	17.2	89.0	52.0
1998	2,519	1,702	816	17.0	86.3	50.8
1999	2,715	1,728	987	17.5	86.5	59.8
2000	2,862	1,966	896	16.9	98.2	56.1
2001	2,806	1,872	934	17.3	93.6	56.3
2002 ²	2,573	1,763	810	17.2	87.0	49.4

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.2A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Cocaine in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	62	*	49	*	*	*
1966	35	*	27	*	*	*
1967	98	*	98	*	*	*
1968	185	67	118	19.2	2.9	5.0
1969	210	50	160	21.6	2.0	5.0
1970	288	85	204	18.9	3.7	8.0
1971	424	81	343	20.7	3.3	11.0
1972	433	111	322	19.5	4.5	10.8
1973	592	174	418	20.3	7.2	13.5
1974	885	202	683	21.7	8.3	18.1
1975	876	197	679	20.9	8.1	19.6
1976	1,026	212	813	21.2	8.9	24.3
1977	1,102	264	838	21.2	11.3	23.4
1978	1,329	237	1,092	21.3	10.4	31.7
1979	1,360	277	1,083	21.0	12.4	32.9
1980	1,562	296	1,266	22.4	13.6	33.0
1981	1,543	284	1,259	21.5	13.5	36.3
1982	1,502	299	1,203	22.0	14.3	32.7
1983	1,450	235	1,215	22.1	11.4	35.5
1984	1,363	267	1,097	22.1	13.1	30.8
1985	1,371	289	1,082	22.2	14.4	29.6
1986	1,264	231	1,033	23.2	11.7	28.3
1987	1,173	247	926	22.5	12.6	26.8
1988	1,147	166	982	23.1	8.6	28.3
1989	981	163	818	23.1	8.5	22.8
1990	942	195	748	23.5	10.4	19.7
1991	706	115	591	23.1	6.0	16.6
1992	781	166	615	24.5	8.3	14.3
1993	634	150	484	22.1	7.5	14.3
1994	662	151	511	22.6	6.9	14.4
1995	776	222	554	21.1	10.3	17.2
1996	880	272	608	21.9	12.3	18.4
1997	886	252	634	20.8	11.1	21.3
1998	926	278	648	20.8	12.0	20.9
1999	959	283	677	20.8	12.0	21.5
2000	1,019	309	709	20.9	12.8	22.4
2001	1,167	372	795	20.8	15.3	24.1
2002 ²	1,059	323	736	20.3	13.1	22.6

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.3A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Crack in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	*	*	*	*	*	*
1969	*	*	*	*	*	*
1970	*	*	*	*	*	*
1971	*	*	*	*	*	*
1972	*	*	*	*	*	*
1973	32	*	*	*	*	*
1974	*	*	*	*	*	*
1975	*	*	*	*	*	*
1976	*	*	*	*	*	*
1977	50	*	33	18.0	*	1.0
1978	101	*	79	20.7	*	1.9
1979	86	*	77	22.1	*	1.9
1980	140	*	104	22.6	*	2.0
1981	151	*	135	23.2	*	3.2
1982	180	*	156	25.0	*	2.5
1983	174	22	152	24.0	1.0	2.7
1984	249	27	222	23.5	1.3	4.1
1985	399	46	354	25.2	2.2	6.8
1986	264	36	228	25.9	1.8	3.9
1987	284	40	244	23.4	2.0	5.5
1988	358	41	316	25.5	2.0	5.3
1989	396	10	386	25.2	0.5	7.5
1990	413	29	384	26.9	1.5	5.8
1991	376	37	339	26.7	1.9	5.4
1992	433	43	390	28.0	2.1	4.8
1993	383	42	342	28.8	2.0	4.8
1994	379	46	333	27.6	2.1	4.4
1995	430	49	382	27.3	2.2	6.3
1996	384	66	318	25.8	2.9	5.2
1997	392	63	329	26.2	2.7	6.1
1998	390	81	309	24.3	3.4	6.5
1999	386	65	321	25.7	2.7	6.1
2000	429	89	340	26.9	3.6	5.5
2001	375	84	291	25.0	3.4	5.2
2002 ²	331	74	257	22.9	3.0	5.4

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.4A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Heroin in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	46	*	*	*	*	*
1968	87	*	*	16.6	*	*
1969	45	*	36	19.4	*	1.4
1970	85	34	*	23.1	1.5	*
1971	104	22	82	19.4	0.9	3.1
1972	122	21	101	20.5	0.9	3.4
1973	207	36	172	20.5	1.3	5.2
1974	185	*	147	20.2	*	4.7
1975	78	*	63	21.3	*	1.8
1976	72	*	66	20.8	*	1.8
1977	109	7	101	23.0	0.3	2.5
1978	90	*	70	20.1	*	2.2
1979	77	16	60	21.1	0.7	1.6
1980	70	*	52	20.7	*	1.5
1981	113	16	97	20.8	0.8	2.7
1982	56	*	52	23.0	*	1.2
1983	82	*	78	23.0	*	1.9
1984	103	*	82	22.7	*	1.5
1985	32	*	29	24.5	*	0.5
1986	88	*	61	22.4	*	1.3
1987	91	*	85	25.3	*	1.8
1988	69	*	67	23.7	*	1.7
1989	97	*	89	25.0	*	1.6
1990	60	*	54	26.6	*	*
1991	64	*	62	24.9	*	1.1
1992	96	9	87	27.2	0.5	1.3
1993	64	8	56	25.5	0.4	0.7
1994	78	19	59	25.1	0.9	*
1995	121	36	85	23.9	1.6	0.9
1996	140	26	115	24.1	1.2	2.4
1997	126	37	89	23.1	1.6	2.0
1998	164	29	136	23.4	1.2	3.1
1999	132	37	95	22.8	1.5	2.3
2000	137	43	94	20.6	1.6	2.6
2001	162	39	123	23.6	1.6	2.8
2002 ²	122	26	96	21.4	1.0	2.0

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.5A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Hallucinogens in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	70	*	64	20.7	*	3.2
1966	145	70	75	20.2	3.1	2.5
1967	300	112	188	19.0	5.0	7.1
1968	361	183	177	18.7	7.8	6.2
1969	890	320	570	19.1	13.9	21.6
1970	996	416	580	18.5	18.2	22.7
1971	988	429	560	18.3	18.6	21.1
1972	1,059	566	493	17.6	24.2	18.5
1973	871	454	417	17.8	19.1	16.1
1974	978	488	491	18.4	20.5	17.3
1975	981	495	486	18.0	20.9	17.4
1976	970	466	504	18.8	20.1	17.6
1977	904	409	495	18.5	17.9	18.3
1978	942	449	493	18.0	19.6	17.8
1979	982	492	490	18.5	22.4	15.8
1980	981	431	550	18.7	20.1	19.0
1981	960	379	581	19.3	18.3	19.1
1982	1,025	384	641	20.2	18.5	19.9
1983	716	288	428	18.7	13.9	15.2
1984	760	298	462	19.4	14.5	15.3
1985	716	286	430	19.0	13.8	14.9
1986	761	310	451	19.5	15.8	14.4
1987	770	351	419	19.2	18.1	14.6
1988	802	315	487	19.2	16.7	17.4
1989	785	299	487	19.0	15.9	17.5
1990	704	279	424	19.6	14.9	14.2
1991	762	329	434	19.1	17.4	15.2
1992	700	324	375	18.9	16.5	13.0
1993	813	379	434	19.2	19.0	14.2
1994	920	476	444	18.0	23.3	17.1
1995	993	492	500	18.2	23.3	19.4
1996	1,079	519	561	19.1	24.0	21.4
1997	1,117	520	597	19.0	23.2	23.2
1998	1,192	533	659	19.0	23.1	24.4
1999	1,449	640	809	18.7	27.6	32.0
2000	1,564	728	835	18.7	30.8	31.9
2001	1,619	725	894	19.3	30.3	31.6
2002 ²	1,110	554	556	18.3	22.6	20.3

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.6A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used LSD in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	40	*	28	*	*	1.4
1966	93	43	50	22.3	2.0	1.3
1967	178	65	113	19.4	2.7	4.0
1968	337	199	138	18.1	9.1	4.6
1969	677	228	448	19.4	9.7	17.0
1970	816	371	445	18.1	16.1	17.6
1971	810	318	492	18.8	13.7	17.2
1972	894	470	424	17.6	20.1	15.7
1973	854	437	417	18.3	18.3	15.0
1974	777	398	380	18.1	16.8	13.8
1975	700	364	336	18.3	15.4	11.2
1976	595	264	330	18.0	11.3	11.8
1977	736	329	406	18.8	14.2	14.3
1978	651	268	383	18.4	11.8	13.1
1979	815	396	419	18.4	17.7	13.1
1980	795	381	414	18.4	17.7	13.8
1981	749	315	434	19.1	15.1	13.9
1982	739	310	430	19.1	14.7	13.2
1983	554	229	326	18.8	11.1	11.2
1984	601	222	379	19.6	10.9	11.9
1985	567	246	320	19.4	11.9	9.9
1986	495	211	285	19.2	10.6	9.2
1987	552	326	226	18.2	16.7	7.4
1988	627	277	350	18.5	14.6	12.5
1989	620	236	384	19.2	12.6	12.4
1990	579	263	316	19.3	14.1	10.5
1991	632	296	337	18.6	15.7	12.3
1992	631	292	340	18.6	15.1	12.1
1993	553	263	290	18.7	13.4	9.9
1994	736	413	323	17.8	20.2	12.0
1995	766	405	361	17.6	19.3	14.6
1996	844	422	422	18.3	19.4	16.2
1997	800	415	384	18.2	18.5	14.9
1998	735	403	332	18.0	17.6	13.1
1999	798	413	385	17.9	17.6	14.5
2000	872	442	430	18.1	18.6	16.0
2001	631	334	296	17.8	13.8	11.0
2002 ²	272	170	102	17.1	6.9	3.9

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

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² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.7A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used PCP in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	*	*	*	*	*	*
1969	71	49	*	17.7	2.1	*
1970	195	84	111	18.2	3.6	4.0
1971	231	118	113	18.1	5.0	4.3
1972	370	196	174	18.3	8.2	5.4
1973	341	144	197	18.6	6.0	7.0
1974	449	221	228	17.8	9.0	7.5
1975	440	236	205	18.4	9.8	5.9
1976	505	248	257	18.9	10.4	7.5
1977	432	159	273	19.6	6.8	8.0
1978	404	148	256	20.2	6.4	6.8
1979	332	135	197	18.9	6.0	5.9
1980	323	114	208	20.4	5.1	5.5
1981	255	78	177	20.0	3.7	5.1
1982	238	58	180	20.5	2.7	5.2
1983	152	62	90	18.8	3.0	2.7
1984	123	24	99	19.8	1.2	3.1
1985	122	46	75	19.1	2.3	2.2
1986	139	35	104	20.0	1.7	3.0
1987	108	44	64	19.8	2.2	1.8
1988	107	43	65	19.8	2.2	1.7
1989	131	46	85	20.6	2.4	2.1
1990	83	45	38	22.2	2.3	0.6
1991	84	35	49	21.0	1.8	1.2
1992	88	29	59	18.8	1.5	2.1
1993	68	40	28	19.2	2.0	0.5
1994	104	67	36	16.8	3.3	1.3
1995	174	73	100	18.7	3.4	3.5
1996	157	84	73	17.9	3.6	2.2
1997	131	65	67	17.8	2.7	2.4
1998	119	70	48	17.6	3.0	1.5
1999	158	89	68	17.6	3.6	2.4
2000	174	119	55	16.6	4.8	1.9
2001	191	106	85	17.8	4.2	2.5
2002 ²	131	85	46	16.7	3.4	1.5

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.8A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Ecstasy in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	*	*	*	*	*	*
1969	*	*	*	*	*	*
1970	*	*	*	*	*	*
1971	*	*	*	*	*	*
1972	*	*	*	*	*	*
1973	*	*	*	*	*	*
1974	*	*	*	*	*	*
1975	*	*	*	*	*	*
1976	55	*	45	22.3	*	*
1977	*	*	*	*	*	*
1978	*	*	*	*	*	*
1979	39	*	36	23.2	*	0.6
1980	32	*	25	23.8	*	*
1981	33	*	33	*	*	0.9
1982	28	*	*	*	*	*
1983	79	*	68	25.8	*	1.2
1984	90	*	90	26.1	*	1.5
1985	148	15	133	22.3	0.7	3.2
1986	152	23	130	23.0	1.1	3.1
1987	197	21	176	22.9	1.0	5.2
1988	206	42	164	23.4	2.2	3.8
1989	200	31	169	22.4	1.6	4.3
1990	228	22	206	23.7	1.1	4.3
1991	165	19	146	22.5	0.9	3.7
1992	202	27	175	22.5	1.3	4.3
1993	199	38	161	22.8	1.8	4.4
1994	258	59	198	23.0	2.8	5.0
1995	371	68	303	21.5	3.1	9.1
1996	406	102	304	23.8	4.4	7.9
1997	566	124	442	22.2	5.4	12.3
1998	819	167	652	21.3	7.1	19.3
1999	1,386	328	1,058	21.5	13.8	31.1
2000	1,737	465	1,272	21.2	19.2	38.0
2001	1,786	530	1,256	21.7	21.9	34.6
2002 ²	1,078	371	707	20.7	14.9	19.9

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.9A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Inhalants in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	79	79	*	13.5	3.6	*
1966	198	161	37	15.1	6.6	*
1967	140	88	52	16.9	3.2	1.7
1968	240	163	77	17.3	6.7	*
1969	264	184	80	16.3	8.1	3.0
1970	298	216	81	15.8	7.9	3.0
1971	331	232	99	15.6	9.2	3.8
1972	343	239	104	16.5	9.6	3.3
1973	396	220	176	18.6	9.0	4.7
1974	502	257	245	18.2	9.3	7.4
1975	498	317	181	17.2	12.5	5.9
1976	663	319	344	18.5	13.3	10.1
1977	785	306	479	19.0	12.5	13.7
1978	666	365	302	18.1	15.2	9.2
1979	851	454	398	18.2	20.0	11.2
1980	722	403	320	18.6	18.5	8.7
1981	623	309	314	18.6	13.9	8.5
1982	531	282	249	18.4	12.5	6.3
1983	583	329	254	18.3	14.5	6.4
1984	554	336	218	17.8	15.8	6.2
1985	532	267	265	19.0	13.1	7.6
1986	571	346	225	18.8	16.6	5.7
1987	583	336	247	18.1	15.8	7.2
1988	614	357	257	17.5	17.5	8.2
1989	518	253	265	18.4	12.2	9.0
1990	472	246	226	18.1	12.1	7.8
1991	476	288	189	17.9	14.2	5.2
1992	576	368	208	16.8	17.6	7.3
1993	584	350	234	17.8	16.6	7.3
1994	594	405	189	16.5	17.9	7.0
1995	681	416	265	17.0	17.8	9.7
1996	694	414	280	17.1	16.1	9.6
1997	751	476	274	16.5	17.5	10.6
1998	846	513	333	17.5	18.8	11.5
1999	946	617	329	16.4	21.2	11.8
2000	1,122	781	341	16.3	27.5	11.1
2001	1,117	796	320	15.9	30.4	11.8
2002 ²	1,033	802	231	15.6	31.2	8.1

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.10A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Pain Relievers Nonmedically in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	92	38	*	*	*	*
1966	41	*	*	23.8	*	*
1967	86	*	51	21.7	*	1.8
1968	261	79	182	19.6	3.2	7.8
1969	321	179	142	19.0	7.7	4.3
1970	336	128	208	20.3	4.5	5.9
1971	405	198	207	18.6	8.2	6.7
1972	325	139	186	19.3	5.6	5.8
1973	447	190	257	19.4	7.6	7.6
1974	525	200	325	20.1	7.2	8.4
1975	482	186	297	20.2	7.2	7.9
1976	467	165	303	20.3	6.9	8.2
1977	533	140	393	20.7	5.8	11.5
1978	522	194	329	20.4	8.2	8.6
1979	487	217	270	20.3	9.7	6.7
1980	485	171	313	22.1	7.4	5.7
1981	497	138	359	21.4	6.3	8.5
1982	422	156	266	21.3	6.8	5.7
1983	628	176	452	21.8	8.0	10.6
1984	503	113	390	24.8	5.2	7.9
1985	511	131	380	22.2	5.7	8.9
1986	572	96	476	24.3	4.5	10.7
1987	630	135	495	24.9	5.9	9.7
1988	552	101	451	24.4	4.8	9.5
1989	670	147	523	24.2	7.2	11.3
1990	573	108	465	23.6	5.1	10.2
1991	629	166	463	23.6	7.9	10.2
1992	785	171	614	25.1	7.4	11.2
1993	689	192	498	22.4	8.4	12.4
1994	949	269	680	23.3	11.8	14.8
1995	896	293	603	22.3	12.0	15.0
1996	1,125	380	745	21.4	15.6	21.5
1997	1,408	470	938	22.0	18.8	24.9
1998	1,649	583	1,066	23.2	22.6	24.6
1999	1,925	726	1,199	22.4	28.3	30.1
2000	2,475	952	1,523	22.1	38.4	39.2
2001	2,490	1,105	1,385	21.0	45.9	36.2
2002 ²	2,471	1,098	1,373	22.2	46.2	32.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.11A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Tranquilizers Nonmedically in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	73	*	42	17.2	*	*
1966	88	*	*	19.1	*	*
1967	101	*	97	23.2	*	2.8
1968	142	27	115	20.3	1.2	4.4
1969	247	115	131	19.5	4.9	3.8
1970	216	97	119	19.3	4.2	3.7
1971	227	125	102	17.9	5.3	3.2
1972	393	147	246	19.9	6.2	7.1
1973	466	145	321	20.6	5.9	8.6
1974	477	238	239	18.7	9.7	7.1
1975	522	169	353	20.4	7.1	9.3
1976	535	229	305	19.4	9.4	8.7
1977	459	169	290	20.7	7.1	7.7
1978	406	100	306	21.7	4.3	7.9
1979	463	176	287	21.1	7.7	6.9
1980	385	128	257	20.6	5.9	6.6
1981	436	130	307	21.2	6.1	8.1
1982	436	99	337	22.1	4.7	8.2
1983	361	61	300	22.1	2.5	7.2
1984	447	84	363	24.1	4.0	6.8
1985	465	98	367	25.3	4.8	6.7
1986	367	86	281	25.4	4.3	5.5
1987	393	54	339	24.7	2.4	6.9
1988	430	60	370	24.9	3.0	7.9
1989	441	64	378	24.9	3.2	8.1
1990	406	91	314	24.4	4.8	6.7
1991	451	63	388	26.7	3.1	6.5
1992	431	70	361	27.5	3.0	5.8
1993	557	124	433	26.9	6.0	6.8
1994	469	103	366	24.8	4.8	7.3
1995	604	155	449	25.0	7.1	8.2
1996	651	174	477	22.8	7.6	11.6
1997	658	195	463	23.5	8.2	10.8
1998	904	266	638	24.1	11.1	13.3
1999	929	283	646	22.8	11.7	14.5
2000	1,442	384	1,059	25.2	15.7	22.2
2001	1,266	412	854	23.2	16.8	18.6
2002 ²	1,194	386	809	23.5	15.8	16.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.12A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Stimulants Nonmedically in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	189	*	148	20.4	*	5.0
1966	206	41	166	19.5	1.9	7.7
1967	217	105	112	18.9	4.7	4.0
1968	382	155	228	18.3	7.1	9.9
1969	472	202	270	18.6	9.0	10.7
1970	587	240	347	18.9	10.5	12.8
1971	608	218	390	18.8	9.2	13.8
1972	675	300	375	18.8	12.7	12.9
1973	557	241	317	19.0	10.2	10.3
1974	563	235	328	18.5	9.8	11.8
1975	596	255	342	18.7	10.3	11.0
1976	641	291	351	19.6	12.3	10.9
1977	720	336	384	18.4	14.4	12.4
1978	571	225	346	18.8	9.9	10.9
1979	603	271	332	18.3	12.2	10.5
1980	699	288	412	19.0	13.3	13.0
1981	633	222	411	20.0	10.5	11.1
1982	599	275	324	19.0	12.7	9.1
1983	516	157	359	21.2	7.6	8.2
1984	426	151	275	19.8	7.4	7.8
1985	381	130	251	20.3	6.5	6.9
1986	364	135	229	19.8	6.8	6.9
1987	379	130	248	21.3	6.6	6.1
1988	365	143	222	20.0	7.4	6.2
1989	368	102	266	20.8	4.9	7.7
1990	342	107	235	21.7	5.4	6.0
1991	288	86	202	21.9	4.2	4.9
1992	306	132	174	21.2	6.5	3.9
1993	443	142	301	20.6	7.0	8.5
1994	432	187	245	20.0	8.7	6.6
1995	564	240	324	20.5	10.9	9.3
1996	636	242	394	20.7	10.7	10.9
1997	595	253	342	20.4	10.8	9.7
1998	687	292	394	20.5	12.1	10.6
1999	790	333	457	20.7	13.4	11.3
2000	850	387	463	20.0	15.4	12.3
2001	875	438	437	18.8	17.7	12.9
2002 ²	761	385	376	19.8	15.2	9.2

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.13A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Methamphetamines Nonmedically in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	43	*	*	*	*	*
1966	89	*	59	19.4	*	2.8
1967	92	44	*	17.7	2.0	*
1968	142	61	81	18.1	2.7	3.5
1969	257	125	131	18.5	5.5	4.9
1970	268	99	169	18.9	4.3	6.4
1971	469	143	326	19.1	5.9	11.5
1972	334	129	205	18.3	5.4	7.7
1973	422	160	262	19.3	6.7	8.2
1974	346	139	207	18.8	5.7	7.2
1975	403	162	241	18.8	6.7	8.0
1976	404	207	197	18.7	8.6	6.0
1977	487	228	258	18.6	9.7	7.8
1978	312	122	191	19.2	5.3	6.0
1979	478	237	241	18.0	10.6	7.4
1980	373	165	207	18.5	7.5	6.2
1981	414	138	276	20.2	6.5	6.9
1982	403	147	256	19.2	6.8	7.6
1983	377	117	260	20.2	5.6	6.9
1984	327	114	213	19.5	5.5	6.2
1985	315	110	205	20.6	5.4	5.3
1986	325	112	214	19.9	5.6	6.3
1987	315	102	213	21.4	5.1	5.0
1988	274	83	191	21.1	4.3	5.1
1989	279	68	211	21.6	3.5	5.9
1990	217	46	171	22.0	2.3	4.4
1991	235	53	182	22.1	2.7	4.8
1992	208	88	120	20.6	4.4	2.9
1993	348	108	240	21.1	5.3	6.6
1994	287	110	177	20.3	5.3	5.0
1995	366	140	226	20.7	6.4	6.3
1996	357	137	220	20.7	6.0	6.3
1997	331	126	205	20.3	5.5	5.7
1998	372	145	227	21.3	6.2	5.4
1999	346	121	225	21.4	5.0	5.7
2000	344	155	189	19.7	6.4	4.9
2001	364	167	197	18.8	6.7	5.9
2002 ²	323	143	179	20.2	5.6	3.7

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

Table 4.14A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Sedatives Nonmedically in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs

YEAR	NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s)			MEAN AGE	AGE-SPECIFIC RATES ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	45	38	*	*	*	*
1966	60	*	48	20.0	*	1.6
1967	147	50	97	18.8	2.1	4.0
1968	199	87	111	18.5	4.0	4.4
1969	281	180	101	18.8	7.9	3.0
1970	315	178	137	18.0	7.7	4.6
1971	450	197	253	19.0	8.4	8.3
1972	400	151	248	18.4	6.4	9.2
1973	519	290	229	18.0	11.6	7.8
1974	592	231	362	18.7	9.6	12.2
1975	479	188	291	19.9	7.8	9.1
1976	459	271	188	17.8	11.4	6.1
1977	542	153	389	19.8	6.5	11.6
1978	439	206	233	19.7	9.0	5.6
1979	508	211	298	19.2	9.4	9.1
1980	379	138	241	19.8	6.3	6.5
1981	413	116	296	22.1	5.5	7.5
1982	342	119	223	21.4	5.6	5.4
1983	274	58	216	20.7	2.8	5.6
1984	183	40	143	21.7	1.9	3.6
1985	137	40	97	23.2	2.0	2.1
1986	81	*	58	22.8	*	1.5
1987	116	*	109	29.2	*	1.3
1988	75	*	66	24.3	*	0.9
1989	91	24	67	22.6	1.1	1.4
1990	104	21	84	24.6	0.9	1.5
1991	72	21	51	24.4	1.0	0.9
1992	108	37	71	23.8	1.7	1.3
1993	97	32	65	23.4	1.6	1.6
1994	109	25	85	24.3	1.1	1.5
1995	104	29	75	21.8	1.3	1.7
1996	134	46	88	23.6	1.8	2.0
1997	135	45	90	21.8	1.8	2.0
1998	158	55	103	25.9	2.2	2.2
1999	191	53	137	27.0	2.0	2.2
2000	224	75	149	23.5	2.8	2.4
2001	234	90	145	24.9	3.3	2.0
2002 ²	225	79	146	29.9	3.0	1.5

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

¹ The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.