

Table 4.1C Standard Errors of 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	100	62	79	0.5	3.0	4.0
1966	88	47	72	0.5	2.2	3.4
1967	108	62	91	0.4	2.9	4.3
1968	136	78	108	0.3	3.6	4.8
1969	157	76	137	0.3	3.5	6.3
1970	151	91	119	0.2	4.2	5.8
1971	145	84	120	0.3	3.8	5.8
1972	140	93	103	0.3	4.1	4.8
1973	148	92	113	0.3	4.2	5.7
1974	140	96	100	0.3	4.6	4.6
1975	144	99	106	0.3	4.9	5.1
1976	142	99	96	0.4	5.0	4.8
1977	144	101	101	0.4	5.1	4.6
1978	137	104	89	0.4	5.5	4.8
1979	135	94	95	0.4	5.0	4.5
1980	121	88	81	0.4	4.6	4.4
1981	115	84	83	0.4	4.9	4.9
1982	112	81	79	0.5	4.6	4.1
1983	114	88	70	0.3	4.7	4.3
1984	100	75	65	0.4	4.2	3.7
1985	110	87	64	0.4	5.1	3.7
1986	99	76	67	0.3	4.3	4.0
1987	88	69	56	0.4	4.1	3.9
1988	92	69	54	0.7	4.2	3.3
1989	87	63	62	0.4	3.8	3.9
1990	79	54	59	0.6	3.2	3.3
1991	86	59	64	0.4	3.4	3.8
1992	93	61	65	0.3	3.5	4.1
1993	83	53	63	0.4	3.0	3.8
1994	81	51	62	0.3	2.7	3.9
1995	84	44	72	0.2	2.3	4.4
1996	71	46	51	0.2	2.3	3.1
1997	76	47	58	0.2	2.3	3.1
1998	65	47	45	0.3	2.3	2.7
1999	68	44	48	0.2	2.1	2.9
2000	67	49	41	0.2	2.4	2.4
2001	61	41	44	0.2	2.0	2.3
2002 ²	82	59	57	0.3	3.0	3.2

*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 4.2C Standard Errors of 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	25	*	23	*	*	*
1966	15	*	14	*	*	*
1967	45	*	45	*	*	*
1968	51	32	40	1.2	1.4	1.7
1969	39	17	35	1.6	0.7	1.2
1970	49	23	44	0.4	1.0	1.7
1971	63	22	59	0.8	0.9	2.1
1972	56	25	49	0.6	1.0	1.9
1973	71	33	62	0.6	1.4	2.1
1974	92	32	84	0.7	1.3	2.2
1975	79	33	71	0.5	1.3	2.1
1976	87	35	79	0.4	1.4	2.6
1977	81	38	73	0.6	1.6	2.1
1978	95	37	87	0.4	1.6	2.6
1979	91	43	81	0.3	1.9	2.6
1980	103	42	95	0.5	1.9	2.6
1981	89	39	82	0.3	1.9	2.7
1982	89	36	81	0.4	1.7	2.3
1983	94	33	88	0.4	1.6	3.0
1984	84	37	78	0.4	1.8	2.3
1985	82	35	75	0.5	1.7	2.4
1986	77	31	73	0.5	1.6	2.2
1987	79	37	73	0.5	1.9	2.3
1988	79	28	71	0.6	1.5	2.4
1989	68	23	65	0.4	1.2	2.2
1990	70	29	66	0.6	1.6	1.9
1991	55	24	50	0.6	1.3	1.7
1992	70	31	60	0.9	1.6	1.7
1993	50	20	46	0.5	1.0	1.5
1994	53	13	53	0.6	0.6	1.9
1995	55	17	51	0.4	0.8	1.9
1996	56	19	55	0.8	0.9	1.7
1997	48	18	44	0.4	0.8	1.7
1998	48	17	45	0.4	0.7	1.5
1999	46	17	42	0.4	0.7	1.2
2000	49	18	44	0.5	0.7	1.3
2001	52	21	47	0.5	0.8	1.1
2002 ²	57	26	51	0.4	1.1	1.4

*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 4.3C Standard Errors of 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	13	*	*	*	*	*
1974	*	*	*	*	*	*
1975	*	*	*	*	*	*
1976	*	*	*	*	*	*
1977	17	*	14	0.8	*	0.4
1978	30	*	28	1.2	*	0.7
1979	23	*	23	1.5	*	0.6
1980	32	*	25	1.5	*	0.5
1981	32	*	31	1.0	*	0.8
1982	34	*	31	1.3	*	0.6
1983	32	9	31	1.6	0.4	0.6
1984	39	11	37	1.0	0.5	0.9
1985	55	16	54	1.3	0.8	1.1
1986	36	13	33	1.4	0.7	0.8
1987	38	14	33	0.9	0.7	0.9
1988	45	12	43	1.0	0.6	0.9
1989	44	5	43	0.5	0.3	1.2
1990	53	9	52	0.9	0.5	1.0
1991	45	14	41	0.8	0.7	0.9
1992	49	11	48	1.0	0.6	0.9
1993	41	10	40	1.3	0.5	0.8
1994	43	10	42	0.9	0.5	1.0
1995	44	8	43	1.1	0.3	0.9
1996	41	9	40	0.9	0.4	0.9
1997	40	9	39	1.1	0.4	0.9
1998	37	10	34	0.7	0.4	0.9
1999	36	9	35	0.8	0.4	0.8
2000	36	11	34	1.0	0.4	0.6
2001	28	9	27	1.2	0.4	0.4
2002 ²	42	12	40	0.9	0.5	0.8

*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 4.4C Standard Errors of 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	22	*	*	*	*	*
1968	34	*	*	0.7	*	*
1969	15	*	14	1.0	*	0.6
1970	36	17	*	3.5	0.7	*
1971	26	9	25	0.7	0.4	0.9
1972	30	7	29	0.9	0.3	1.0
1973	41	12	42	1.0	0.5	1.3
1974	41	*	35	0.7	*	1.2
1975	18	*	16	1.4	*	0.5
1976	21	*	20	1.4	*	0.5
1977	26	3	26	1.0	0.1	0.7
1978	21	*	18	1.2	*	0.6
1979	19	8	17	1.1	0.3	0.5
1980	22	*	18	1.0	*	0.5
1981	28	8	26	0.7	0.3	0.8
1982	16	*	16	1.0	*	0.4
1983	26	*	26	1.5	*	0.6
1984	24	*	21	1.3	*	0.4
1985	11	*	11	1.0	*	0.2
1986	23	*	17	1.3	*	0.5
1987	21	*	21	1.3	*	0.5
1988	16	*	16	1.2	*	0.5
1989	23	*	22	1.3	*	0.6
1990	17	*	17	1.5	*	*
1991	24	*	24	1.5	*	0.5
1992	19	4	19	1.5	0.2	0.4
1993	17	3	16	1.3	0.1	0.3
1994	19	5	18	1.7	0.3	*
1995	25	9	23	1.3	0.4	0.3
1996	22	5	22	1.1	0.2	0.6
1997	19	6	18	1.7	0.3	0.4
1998	23	5	22	0.9	0.2	0.5
1999	20	6	18	1.7	0.3	0.4
2000	13	7	11	0.6	0.3	0.3
2001	18	6	18	1.3	0.2	0.4
2002 ²	22	6	21	1.1	0.2	0.4

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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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 4.5C Standard Errors of 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	32	*	31	0.8	*	1.6
1966	36	23	28	2.9	1.1	0.9
1967	54	37	40	0.8	1.7	1.6
1968	58	42	40	1.2	1.8	1.5
1969	84	45	71	0.4	2.0	2.8
1970	85	45	72	0.3	1.9	3.0
1971	90	49	74	0.4	2.1	3.0
1972	81	60	53	0.3	2.6	2.2
1973	72	45	56	0.3	1.9	2.2
1974	75	44	56	0.4	1.8	2.0
1975	73	51	54	0.3	2.2	2.0
1976	71	46	55	0.3	2.0	2.0
1977	74	48	54	0.3	2.1	2.0
1978	70	49	51	0.3	2.2	2.0
1979	78	51	56	0.3	2.3	1.9
1980	73	49	55	0.3	2.3	2.0
1981	76	44	60	0.4	2.2	2.0
1982	77	41	64	0.8	2.0	1.9
1983	58	37	47	0.4	1.8	1.6
1984	67	39	54	0.5	1.9	1.9
1985	60	36	46	0.3	1.8	1.7
1986	63	38	47	0.4	1.9	1.6
1987	59	41	39	0.5	2.1	1.5
1988	62	38	49	0.4	2.0	1.8
1989	58	34	47	0.3	1.8	1.8
1990	57	33	48	0.4	1.8	1.7
1991	54	35	41	0.4	1.9	1.5
1992	56	38	41	0.4	1.9	1.5
1993	51	30	42	0.4	1.5	1.6
1994	55	26	47	0.2	1.3	1.9
1995	49	25	42	0.2	1.2	1.7
1996	55	24	47	0.7	1.1	1.8
1997	52	24	44	0.4	1.1	1.8
1998	50	24	44	0.3	1.0	1.6
1999	54	27	44	0.2	1.1	1.7
2000	52	30	42	0.2	1.3	1.5
2001	57	26	50	0.3	1.1	1.5
2002 ²	52	32	47	0.4	1.3	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 4.6C Standard Errors of 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	15	*	13	*	*	0.7
1966	31	20	24	4.2	1.0	0.6
1967	38	24	29	1.1	1.1	1.1
1968	59	47	35	0.7	2.2	1.3
1969	75	39	68	0.6	1.7	2.7
1970	86	45	68	0.3	1.9	2.8
1971	74	37	65	0.5	1.6	2.4
1972	83	56	57	0.3	2.4	2.2
1973	75	45	61	0.5	1.9	2.2
1974	69	43	50	0.3	1.8	1.9
1975	63	42	46	0.4	1.8	1.5
1976	55	36	40	0.3	1.5	1.4
1977	69	46	52	0.4	2.0	1.9
1978	57	37	41	0.3	1.6	1.5
1979	65	47	48	0.4	2.1	1.5
1980	70	47	54	0.3	2.2	1.9
1981	67	41	51	0.4	2.0	1.6
1982	64	38	49	0.7	1.8	1.4
1983	52	34	39	0.3	1.7	1.4
1984	55	31	46	0.7	1.5	1.5
1985	50	33	38	0.6	1.6	1.2
1986	44	29	34	0.4	1.5	1.2
1987	50	38	32	0.4	1.9	1.1
1988	55	38	39	0.3	2.0	1.4
1989	49	31	40	0.4	1.6	1.4
1990	49	32	36	0.5	1.7	1.3
1991	51	34	37	0.3	1.8	1.4
1992	50	35	40	0.3	1.8	1.5
1993	43	23	35	0.3	1.2	1.3
1994	51	27	42	0.3	1.4	1.6
1995	44	23	37	0.2	1.1	1.5
1996	48	22	41	0.3	1.0	1.7
1997	40	21	32	0.3	0.9	1.3
1998	37	22	28	0.2	1.0	1.1
1999	34	21	26	0.2	0.9	0.9
2000	39	22	33	0.2	0.9	1.2
2001	30	19	22	0.2	0.8	0.8
2002 ²	23	17	15	0.2	0.7	0.6

*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 4.7C Standard Errors of 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	22	15	*	1.7	0.7	*
1970	41	21	35	0.7	0.9	1.3
1971	39	24	30	0.6	1.0	1.1
1972	55	37	41	1.1	1.5	1.1
1973	45	25	34	0.4	1.0	1.2
1974	53	34	37	0.4	1.4	1.2
1975	47	36	35	0.5	1.5	1.1
1976	52	34	39	0.7	1.4	1.1
1977	48	29	40	0.5	1.2	1.2
1978	47	26	41	0.8	1.1	1.1
1979	40	25	30	0.5	1.1	1.0
1980	44	27	35	0.9	1.2	0.9
1981	38	19	33	0.7	0.9	1.0
1982	35	16	31	0.7	0.8	0.9
1983	29	19	22	0.5	0.9	0.7
1984	26	10	24	0.5	0.5	0.8
1985	24	14	19	0.7	0.7	0.6
1986	29	13	25	0.9	0.6	0.8
1987	25	18	18	1.1	0.9	0.6
1988	21	14	18	1.4	0.8	0.5
1989	22	14	17	0.9	0.8	0.5
1990	18	13	13	2.2	0.7	0.3
1991	20	12	16	1.8	0.6	0.4
1992	23	8	21	0.5	0.4	0.8
1993	13	7	11	1.5	0.4	0.2
1994	17	12	11	0.3	0.6	0.4
1995	24	8	23	0.6	0.4	0.8
1996	20	9	17	0.8	0.4	0.5
1997	16	8	14	0.4	0.3	0.5
1998	14	10	9	0.5	0.4	0.3
1999	19	11	16	0.6	0.4	0.6
2000	14	11	8	0.2	0.4	0.3
2001	16	11	13	0.5	0.4	0.4
2002 ²	16	12	10	0.3	0.5	0.4

*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.

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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 4.8C Standard Errors of 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	23	*	22	1.4	*	*
1977	*	*	*	*	*	*
1978	*	*	*	*	*	*
1979	14	*	14	2.0	*	0.3
1980	14	*	12	2.8	*	*
1981	13	*	13	*	*	0.4
1982	11	*	*	*	*	*
1983	27	*	25	3.2	*	0.5
1984	26	*	26	2.0	*	0.5
1985	24	7	23	0.7	0.4	0.6
1986	26	10	24	0.8	0.5	0.7
1987	29	9	27	1.2	0.5	0.8
1988	36	17	31	1.4	0.9	0.8
1989	33	13	30	1.1	0.7	0.8
1990	35	10	33	0.9	0.5	0.8
1991	29	9	27	0.9	0.4	0.8
1992	32	9	31	0.8	0.5	0.8
1993	32	10	29	1.0	0.5	0.9
1994	31	12	29	0.9	0.6	0.8
1995	41	10	39	0.8	0.5	1.3
1996	44	11	42	1.9	0.5	1.0
1997	49	12	47	0.7	0.5	1.5
1998	57	14	55	0.3	0.6	1.5
1999	58	20	53	0.3	0.8	1.5
2000	66	25	60	0.4	1.1	1.5
2001	66	24	62	0.4	1.0	1.4
2002 ²	63	27	59	0.8	1.1	1.3

*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 4.9C Standard Errors of 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	24	24	*	0.4	1.2	*
1966	44	40	17	0.8	1.8	*
1967	32	24	22	1.8	1.0	0.7
1968	48	34	35	1.5	1.5	*
1969	43	34	26	0.6	1.5	1.1
1970	44	35	27	0.6	1.3	1.1
1971	42	33	26	0.4	1.4	1.0
1972	50	39	31	1.1	1.6	0.9
1973	54	30	43	1.2	1.3	1.1
1974	52	31	43	0.7	1.2	1.4
1975	55	40	35	0.5	1.6	1.2
1976	65	44	49	0.5	1.9	1.5
1977	77	40	63	0.5	1.7	1.9
1978	59	41	43	0.4	1.8	1.4
1979	72	51	52	0.4	2.3	1.5
1980	62	45	40	0.8	2.1	1.1
1981	53	35	40	0.4	1.7	1.2
1982	49	35	37	0.6	1.6	1.0
1983	57	44	34	0.7	2.1	0.9
1984	52	38	35	0.6	1.8	1.1
1985	50	35	37	0.8	1.8	1.0
1986	55	40	37	0.8	1.9	1.0
1987	54	38	35	0.6	1.9	1.1
1988	52	38	34	0.4	1.9	1.2
1989	47	30	35	0.9	1.6	1.4
1990	43	29	31	0.4	1.5	1.1
1991	44	32	28	0.6	1.7	0.9
1992	48	35	32	0.3	1.8	1.2
1993	43	26	34	0.5	1.3	1.1
1994	35	25	25	0.3	1.2	0.9
1995	39	21	31	0.3	1.0	1.1
1996	36	20	30	0.4	0.9	1.0
1997	36	22	27	0.3	0.9	1.1
1998	40	24	30	0.6	1.0	1.0
1999	37	26	27	0.3	1.0	0.9
2000	43	29	28	0.4	1.1	0.7
2001	37	29	22	0.2	1.2	0.8
2002 ²	48	41	25	0.3	1.7	0.9

*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 4.10C Standard Errors of 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	36	19	*	*	*	*
1966	17	*	*	5.5	*	*
1967	27	*	18	2.9	*	0.7
1968	57	33	46	0.9	1.5	2.0
1969	51	33	37	0.8	1.4	1.2
1970	55	29	47	1.7	1.0	1.6
1971	60	34	47	0.9	1.5	1.4
1972	48	25	40	1.0	1.0	1.3
1973	58	30	48	0.8	1.2	1.4
1974	63	29	56	0.8	1.2	1.6
1975	59	32	49	1.0	1.3	1.3
1976	54	30	44	0.7	1.3	1.3
1977	63	24	55	0.6	1.0	1.7
1978	57	35	43	0.7	1.5	1.2
1979	50	34	37	0.9	1.5	1.0
1980	55	26	47	1.1	1.1	0.9
1981	50	25	43	0.7	1.2	1.1
1982	43	28	37	1.4	1.2	0.9
1983	71	34	62	0.7	1.6	1.6
1984	55	18	52	1.5	0.9	1.1
1985	58	22	52	1.0	1.1	1.2
1986	59	18	57	1.0	0.9	1.4
1987	62	24	58	1.1	1.2	1.3
1988	55	21	51	0.8	1.1	1.3
1989	61	25	56	0.9	1.3	1.4
1990	55	18	52	0.8	0.9	1.4
1991	53	25	48	0.9	1.3	1.2
1992	63	21	60	0.8	1.1	1.3
1993	56	22	47	0.6	1.1	1.5
1994	63	18	61	0.6	0.8	1.4
1995	54	17	52	0.6	0.8	1.5
1996	61	20	58	0.4	0.9	2.0
1997	64	24	60	0.5	1.0	1.7
1998	72	26	68	0.8	1.1	1.5
1999	76	28	69	0.7	1.2	1.6
2000	85	33	77	0.6	1.4	1.9
2001	71	36	64	0.4	1.5	1.4
2002 ²	105	48	93	0.8	2.1	1.9

*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 4.11C Standard Errors of 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	27	*	21	1.2	*	*
1966	40	*	*	3.0	*	*
1967	36	*	35	2.3	*	1.2
1968	33	11	31	1.0	0.5	1.2
1969	42	23	37	1.0	1.0	1.3
1970	41	25	31	0.9	1.1	1.1
1971	39	24	29	0.7	1.0	1.0
1972	55	29	47	0.8	1.2	1.4
1973	63	30	58	1.0	1.2	1.6
1974	52	37	37	0.5	1.5	1.2
1975	59	30	50	0.7	1.2	1.5
1976	58	36	44	0.6	1.5	1.3
1977	58	32	46	0.9	1.3	1.2
1978	52	25	45	1.2	1.1	1.1
1979	52	31	40	0.8	1.4	1.0
1980	41	23	35	0.6	1.1	1.0
1981	48	24	41	0.8	1.1	1.2
1982	47	20	42	0.8	0.9	1.1
1983	48	15	46	0.8	0.6	1.3
1984	51	18	47	1.0	0.9	1.1
1985	52	20	48	1.3	1.0	1.0
1986	48	17	45	2.1	0.9	1.0
1987	45	13	44	0.8	0.6	1.0
1988	58	15	56	1.1	0.8	1.2
1989	45	16	43	0.9	0.9	1.1
1990	45	19	41	1.1	1.0	1.0
1991	46	17	43	1.2	0.9	0.9
1992	50	14	48	1.7	0.7	0.9
1993	58	18	55	1.8	0.9	1.1
1994	41	10	41	1.0	0.5	1.0
1995	51	13	49	1.0	0.6	1.0
1996	45	13	43	0.6	0.6	1.3
1997	42	13	39	0.8	0.6	1.0
1998	59	19	55	0.9	0.8	1.2
1999	50	19	46	0.7	0.8	1.0
2000	73	20	71	0.8	0.9	1.3
2001	57	22	51	0.6	0.9	1.0
2002 ²	76	27	70	0.9	1.1	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 4.12C Standard Errors of 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	54	*	45	1.7	*	1.6
1966	44	19	40	0.7	0.9	1.9
1967	45	27	36	1.1	1.3	1.5
1968	65	34	54	0.4	1.6	2.3
1969	59	38	48	0.4	1.7	2.0
1970	74	41	62	0.5	1.8	2.4
1971	77	35	67	0.5	1.5	2.5
1972	62	36	51	0.5	1.5	1.8
1973	63	34	53	0.6	1.4	1.7
1974	52	30	42	0.4	1.3	1.6
1975	58	35	46	0.5	1.4	1.5
1976	62	37	48	0.8	1.6	1.5
1977	59	43	42	0.3	1.8	1.4
1978	59	34	45	0.4	1.5	1.5
1979	60	36	47	0.3	1.6	1.6
1980	62	36	48	0.3	1.7	1.6
1981	63	31	52	0.6	1.5	1.4
1982	60	37	42	0.5	1.7	1.3
1983	56	27	49	0.6	1.3	1.3
1984	50	28	38	0.7	1.4	1.1
1985	43	23	36	0.5	1.1	1.0
1986	41	23	33	0.5	1.2	1.1
1987	51	28	40	0.7	1.4	1.1
1988	43	28	32	0.5	1.4	1.1
1989	42	19	37	0.5	1.0	1.2
1990	44	26	33	0.8	1.3	1.0
1991	36	17	32	0.8	0.9	1.0
1992	35	21	27	1.0	1.1	0.7
1993	45	18	39	0.5	0.9	1.3
1994	39	16	35	0.7	0.8	1.1
1995	41	16	38	0.7	0.7	1.2
1996	48	17	44	0.6	0.7	1.4
1997	39	18	35	0.7	0.8	0.9
1998	40	19	36	0.6	0.8	0.9
1999	41	19	36	0.6	0.8	0.8
2000	43	19	40	0.6	0.8	1.0
2001	37	22	28	0.3	0.9	0.8
2002 ²	56	25	49	0.9	1.0	0.9

*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 4.13C Standard Errors of 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	21	*	*	*	*	*
1966	30	*	25	1.1	*	1.2
1967	32	17	*	1.1	0.8	*
1968	41	23	34	0.4	1.0	1.4
1969	56	38	41	0.5	1.7	1.7
1970	49	26	42	0.6	1.1	1.6
1971	73	31	65	0.5	1.3	2.4
1972	41	26	33	0.3	1.1	1.2
1973	57	28	50	0.7	1.2	1.5
1974	44	25	37	0.5	1.1	1.3
1975	46	29	37	0.5	1.2	1.3
1976	45	30	33	0.8	1.3	1.0
1977	53	37	35	0.5	1.6	1.1
1978	40	22	30	0.5	1.0	1.0
1979	57	39	41	0.3	1.7	1.3
1980	43	28	30	0.4	1.3	0.9
1981	46	25	39	0.6	1.2	1.0
1982	46	26	37	0.4	1.2	1.2
1983	47	22	41	0.7	1.1	1.1
1984	42	26	31	0.4	1.3	0.9
1985	36	20	31	0.7	1.0	0.9
1986	40	21	33	0.6	1.1	1.1
1987	47	24	37	0.7	1.2	0.9
1988	36	19	30	0.7	1.0	1.0
1989	36	16	32	0.6	0.8	1.1
1990	33	15	29	0.7	0.8	0.9
1991	34	14	31	0.7	0.7	1.0
1992	30	18	23	0.8	0.9	0.6
1993	43	18	38	0.7	0.9	1.2
1994	33	12	31	0.6	0.6	1.0
1995	35	13	33	0.7	0.6	1.0
1996	36	14	33	0.7	0.6	1.1
1997	26	12	24	0.5	0.5	0.8
1998	31	15	27	0.8	0.6	0.6
1999	26	11	24	0.7	0.5	0.6
2000	23	12	20	0.6	0.5	0.5
2001	24	14	19	0.4	0.6	0.6
2002 ²	43	16	39	1.1	0.6	0.5

*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 4.14C Standard Errors of 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	19	18	*	*	*	*
1966	21	*	19	1.8	*	0.7
1967	41	19	34	1.1	0.9	1.5
1968	47	30	36	1.0	1.4	1.5
1969	57	45	36	1.4	2.0	1.2
1970	47	34	33	0.6	1.5	1.2
1971	61	37	49	0.9	1.6	1.5
1972	49	29	39	0.4	1.2	1.5
1973	56	40	40	0.6	1.6	1.4
1974	63	36	52	0.4	1.5	1.8
1975	59	31	50	0.8	1.3	1.6
1976	50	39	31	0.4	1.6	1.0
1977	60	30	53	0.4	1.3	1.6
1978	54	38	40	1.0	1.7	0.8
1979	52	32	40	0.6	1.4	1.2
1980	46	26	37	0.6	1.2	1.1
1981	48	21	41	1.5	1.0	0.9
1982	48	26	39	1.8	1.3	0.8
1983	39	16	36	0.7	0.8	1.1
1984	31	13	28	0.9	0.6	0.8
1985	26	16	21	1.4	0.8	0.5
1986	19	*	15	1.9	*	0.4
1987	29	*	28	1.9	*	0.4
1988	23	*	22	1.1	*	0.4
1989	20	9	18	1.9	0.5	0.5
1990	22	8	20	1.6	0.4	0.5
1991	17	7	16	2.6	0.4	0.3
1992	20	11	19	2.2	0.6	0.4
1993	18	9	16	2.1	0.4	0.5
1994	21	5	20	1.7	0.2	0.5
1995	18	5	17	1.1	0.2	0.5
1996	20	7	19	1.9	0.3	0.5
1997	19	8	17	1.4	0.3	0.4
1998	23	7	22	3.9	0.3	0.4
1999	27	7	25	3.1	0.3	0.4
2000	24	9	22	1.1	0.4	0.4
2001	25	10	22	1.6	0.4	0.3
2002 ²	45	12	43	3.4	0.5	0.4

*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.