

Table 199. Drug Use by Type of Drug and Age Group: 2002 and 2006

[In percent. Data come from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). Current users are those who used drugs at least once within month prior to this study. Based on a representative sample of the U.S. population age 12 years and older, including persons living in households and in some group quarters such as dormitories and homeless shelters. Estimates are based on computer-assisted interviews of about 68,000 respondents. Subject to sampling variability; see source]

Age and type of drug	Ever used		Current user		Age and type of drug	Ever used		Current user	
	2002	2006	2002	2006		2002	2006	2002	2006
12 YEARS OLD AND OVER					18 TO 25 YEARS OLD				
Any illicit drug ¹	46.0	45.4	8.3	8.3	Any illicit drug ¹	59.8	59.0	20.2	19.8
Marijuana and hashish	40.4	39.8	6.2	6.0	Marijuana and hashish	53.8	52.4	17.3	16.3
Cocaine	14.4	14.3	0.9	1.0	Cocaine	15.4	15.7	2.0	2.2
Crack	3.6	3.5	0.2	0.3	Hallucinogens	24.2	20.2	1.9	1.7
Heroin	1.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	Inhalants	15.7	12.5	0.5	0.4
Hallucinogens	14.6	14.3	0.5	0.4	Any psychotherapeutic ²	27.7	30.3	5.4	6.4
LSD	10.4	9.5	—	0.1	Alcohol	86.7	86.5	60.5	61.9
PCP	3.2	2.7	—	—	“Binge” alcohol use ³	(NA)	(NA)	40.9	42.2
Inhalants	9.7	9.3	0.3	0.3	Cigarettes	71.2	66.6	40.8	38.4
Any psychotherapeutic ²	19.8	20.3	2.6	2.8	Smokeless tobacco	23.7	20.2	4.8	5.2
Pain relievers	12.6	13.6	1.9	2.1	Cigars	45.6	43.1	11.0	12.1
Tranquilizers	8.2	8.7	0.8	0.7	26 TO 34 YEARS OLD				
Stimulants	9.0	8.2	0.5	0.5	Any illicit drug ¹	58.3	57.7	10.5	11.9
Sedatives	4.2	3.6	0.2	0.2	Marijuana and hashish	52.2	50.7	7.7	8.5
Alcohol	83.1	82.7	51.0	50.9	Cocaine	17.6	18.2	1.2	1.7
“Binge” alcohol use ³	(NA)	(NA)	22.9	23.0	Hallucinogens	20.6	22.1	0.5	0.5
Cigarettes	69.1	66.3	26.0	25.0	Inhalants	14.1	14.5	0.1	0.4
Smokeless tobacco	19.9	18.6	3.3	3.3	Any psychotherapeutic ²	24.4	28.3	3.6	4.3
Cigars	37.4	36.1	5.4	5.6	35 YEARS OLD AND OVER				
Pipe tobacco	17.0	15.6	0.8	0.9	Any illicit drug ¹	42.7	42.7	4.6	4.7
12 TO 17 YEARS OLD					Marijuana and hashish	38.0	38.3	3.1	3.2
Any illicit drug ¹	30.9	27.6	11.6	9.8	Cocaine	15.4	15.2	0.6	0.6
Marijuana and hashish	20.6	17.3	8.2	6.7	Hallucinogens	12.6	13.0	0.1	—
Cocaine	2.7	2.2	0.6	0.4	Inhalants	7.2	7.3	0.1	0.1
Hallucinogens	5.7	3.9	1.0	0.7	Any psychotherapeutic ²	18.0	17.6	1.6	1.7
Inhalants	10.5	10.1	1.2	1.3	26 YEARS OLD AND OVER				
Any psychotherapeutic ²	13.7	12.4	4.0	3.3	Alcohol	88.0	87.7	53.9	53.7
Alcohol	43.4	40.4	17.6	16.6	“Binge” alcohol use ³	(NA)	(NA)	21.4	21.4
“Binge” alcohol use ³	(NA)	(NA)	10.7	10.3	Cigarettes	73.7	71.7	25.2	24.7
Cigarettes	33.3	25.8	13.0	10.0	Smokeless tobacco	20.9	19.9	3.2	3.2
Smokeless tobacco	8.0	7.1	2.0	4.2	Cigars	39.0	37.9	4.6	4.6
Cigars	16.3	13.7	4.5	5.5					

— Represents or rounds to zero. NA Not available. ¹ Illicit drugs include marijuana/hashish, cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used nonmedically. ² Nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics includes the nonmedical use of pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives and does not include over-the-counter drugs. ³ Binge alcohol use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy alcohol use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.