

Table 4.41A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	257	99	158	18.7	9.0	15.7
1966	256	53	203	20.8	4.7	16.6
1967	454	187	267	19.6	17.6	18.7
1968	760	296	463	19.0	26.4	33.5
1969	902	362	540	18.9	32.3	41.5
1970	1,038	419	619	19.2	37.2	49.0
1971	1,234	535	699	18.6	47.2	55.4
1972	1,400	728	672	18.5	65.3	51.4
1973	1,482	718	764	19.0	61.2	54.7
1974	1,488	789	699	18.9	70.9	52.1
1975	1,668	891	776	18.5	80.8	62.7
1976	1,714	1,024	690	18.7	95.7	51.2
1977	1,741	873	868	19.6	85.3	63.2
1978	1,751	1,002	749	19.0	99.6	62.8
1979	1,440	787	654	19.0	81.1	56.8
1980	1,351	809	542	19.1	83.1	45.2
1981	1,283	727	557	18.6	77.6	53.8
1982	1,120	621	499	20.3	65.3	37.5
1983	1,169	684	485	18.6	74.3	47.5
1984	1,016	662	355	18.3	71.9	32.6
1985	1,064	591	473	18.4	65.1	49.2
1986	991	528	463	18.3	58.8	51.5
1987	871	509	362	18.1	55.5	39.8
1988	860	526	334	17.7	60.8	38.9
1989	814	414	399	19.1	47.1	41.1
1990	745	407	338	19.2	46.1	33.5
1991	861	421	440	19.3	46.5	44.5
1992	883	501	383	17.8	53.4	42.1
1993	993	607	386	17.0	64.4	42.2
1994	1,185	766	418	16.7	80.6	46.7
1995	1,308	814	494	17.4	84.6	52.0
1996	1,188	731	457	17.3	75.2	49.1
1997	1,273	805	467	17.9	82.9	47.5
1998	1,165	771	394	17.3	78.1	44.8
1999	1,323	820	503	17.7	81.6	56.5
2000	1,363	947	417	16.8	94.2	49.5
2001	1,415	945	470	17.2	94.8	54.4
2002 ²	1,356	895	461	17.9	89.6	48.6

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.42A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	*	*	*	*	*	*
1969	53	*	37	20.0	*	2.2
1970	112	*	79	19.1	*	6.1
1971	47	*	43	20.2	*	2.6
1972	125	40	85	19.7	3.3	4.8
1973	187	66	121	21.3	5.3	6.3
1974	354	88	266	22.2	7.1	13.5
1975	353	95	258	20.5	7.4	14.0
1976	444	57	386	21.3	4.6	23.3
1977	393	116	276	20.4	9.5	15.3
1978	557	91	466	21.2	7.6	26.9
1979	466	99	368	20.5	8.5	21.4
1980	655	124	531	22.5	11.0	24.5
1981	663	132	532	21.4	12.1	27.6
1982	653	150	503	21.4	13.8	27.5
1983	654	112	542	22.2	10.5	28.5
1984	609	76	533	23.4	7.2	25.6
1985	662	147	516	22.1	14.3	25.3
1986	487	98	390	22.6	9.7	20.7
1987	502	123	379	21.7	12.3	22.5
1988	464	64	400	22.7	6.4	20.8
1989	446	82	363	22.5	8.5	18.9
1990	382	92	290	22.7	9.6	15.2
1991	290	57	233	22.9	5.9	12.3
1992	323	74	249	24.1	7.4	10.6
1993	249	72	177	21.2	6.9	10.5
1994	267	62	205	22.5	5.4	11.4
1995	323	108	215	20.2	10.1	13.5
1996	339	137	202	20.6	12.4	10.8
1997	334	127	207	19.7	11.2	13.8
1998	372	112	260	21.2	9.7	15.1
1999	404	140	264	21.1	12.0	15.0
2000	383	128	255	20.1	10.7	16.8
2001	499	188	311	20.9	15.5	18.6
2002 ²	476	159	317	20.4	13.2	17.4

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.43A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1974	*	*	*	*	*	*
1975	*	*	*	*	*	*
1976	*	*	*	*	*	*
1977	32	*	25	*	*	1.6
1978	*	*	*	*	*	*
1979	34	*	33	19.9	*	2.0
1980	28	*	21	20.7	*	1.2
1981	53	*	52	23.3	*	3.0
1982	47	*	32	22.2	*	1.0
1983	82	*	73	22.8	*	2.9
1984	104	*	100	23.9	*	3.6
1985	117	*	105	25.2	*	3.6
1986	100	*	86	25.5	*	2.6
1987	85	22	63	21.5	2.2	3.5
1988	120	21	99	24.9	1.9	3.6
1989	161	*	157	25.2	*	5.8
1990	137	*	127	25.4	*	3.9
1991	105	*	96	26.0	*	3.2
1992	148	24	124	26.3	2.4	3.3
1993	122	18	103	27.8	1.8	2.5
1994	117	18	99	25.9	1.4	3.6
1995	143	23	120	25.4	1.9	4.6
1996	152	32	120	24.3	2.8	3.9
1997	135	32	104	24.9	2.8	4.4
1998	119	27	92	23.9	2.3	3.8
1999	149	26	123	26.3	2.2	3.3
2000	170	35	135	26.9	2.8	4.3
2001	145	32	113	27.4	2.7	3.2
2002 ²	123	40	83	21.7	3.2	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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.44A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	*	*	*	*	*	*
1969	*	*	*	*	*	*
1970	*	*	*	*	*	*
1971	*	*	*	*	*	*
1972	42	13	*	19.9	1.1	*
1973	43	21	*	17.5	1.6	*
1974	58	*	32	19.2	*	2.2
1975	26	*	14	*	*	0.9
1976	*	*	*	*	*	*
1977	*	*	*	*	*	*
1978	29	*	*	*	*	*
1979	*	*	*	*	*	*
1980	16	*	15	*	*	*
1981	53	*	40	20.7	*	2.3
1982	*	*	*	*	*	*
1983	24	*	22	*	*	1.3
1984	43	*	34	22.8	*	1.1
1985	*	*	*	*	*	*
1986	19	*	*	*	*	*
1987	33	*	32	25.1	*	1.7
1988	15	*	15	*	*	1.0
1989	35	*	33	24.2	*	*
1990	*	*	*	*	*	*
1991	*	*	*	*	*	*
1992	24	*	20	23.2	*	0.7
1993	27	*	24	28.6	*	*
1994	32	12	*	24.8	1.1	*
1995	49	11	38	23.6	0.9	1.2
1996	43	14	30	23.6	1.2	*
1997	40	18	22	23.6	1.5	0.7
1998	58	13	45	21.5	1.1	2.7
1999	45	19	26	20.1	1.6	1.2
2000	57	26	31	18.6	1.9	1.9
2001	73	24	49	22.6	2.0	2.0
2002 ²	43	13	30	22.3	1.1	0.6

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.45A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	68	*	*	*	*	*
1967	74	*	55	19.7	*	3.8
1968	139	79	59	18.0	7.1	4.7
1969	381	139	242	19.4	12.0	17.6
1970	311	161	150	17.7	13.9	11.8
1971	426	170	256	18.7	14.6	17.8
1972	422	208	215	18.2	17.4	14.9
1973	335	214	121	17.1	16.8	8.9
1974	378	214	164	18.1	16.9	10.6
1975	381	206	175	18.2	16.9	10.6
1976	386	188	198	19.2	15.6	12.0
1977	344	162	182	18.4	13.6	12.2
1978	425	211	215	18.2	17.5	13.6
1979	346	198	147	18.1	17.4	9.0
1980	363	162	201	18.4	14.4	13.2
1981	441	178	263	19.4	16.6	15.9
1982	441	191	249	21.4	17.7	12.0
1983	247	83	164	19.0	7.8	11.2
1984	306	82	225	20.2	7.8	13.2
1985	332	151	181	19.1	14.1	11.5
1986	369	134	235	19.9	13.3	13.7
1987	327	155	172	18.8	15.6	10.9
1988	233	105	128	18.7	10.9	8.9
1989	325	131	194	18.6	13.7	13.1
1990	271	112	159	20.0	11.9	9.9
1991	307	134	173	19.1	13.8	11.1
1992	312	139	173	19.4	13.9	10.3
1993	322	147	175	19.6	14.6	9.6
1994	369	195	173	18.2	18.7	11.8
1995	430	227	202	18.1	21.6	14.3
1996	448	237	211	18.1	21.8	15.4
1997	486	253	233	18.5	22.7	17.4
1998	509	214	295	19.2	18.7	20.0
1999	616	289	326	18.5	25.2	24.7
2000	733	320	413	19.1	27.1	29.8
2001	800	366	434	19.4	31.1	28.8
2002 ²	555	288	267	18.6	24.0	16.9

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.46A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	63	*	43	*	*	2.8
1968	111	70	40	16.8	6.3	*
1969	289	100	189	19.2	8.6	14.5
1970	249	131	118	17.5	11.3	9.3
1971	343	113	230	19.2	9.6	15.7
1972	328	197	131	17.3	16.5	8.6
1973	306	172	134	18.6	13.6	8.6
1974	304	183	121	17.5	15.0	8.8
1975	295	188	107	18.2	15.3	5.6
1976	203	98	105	18.1	8.0	6.3
1977	280	125	155	19.4	10.4	9.6
1978	292	111	181	18.9	9.3	10.6
1979	284	162	122	17.7	14.1	7.6
1980	231	115	116	18.3	10.3	7.1
1981	352	163	188	19.3	15.1	11.0
1982	309	140	169	20.1	12.8	8.5
1983	198	70	128	19.5	6.5	8.1
1984	226	78	148	18.6	7.4	9.5
1985	241	107	134	19.9	9.7	7.2
1986	216	96	120	19.4	9.5	7.2
1987	250	161	89	17.9	16.2	5.6
1988	157	74	83	18.6	7.6	5.3
1989	231	101	130	18.4	10.5	7.9
1990	224	103	121	19.2	10.8	7.2
1991	252	125	127	18.2	13.0	9.2
1992	262	127	135	18.5	12.8	9.0
1993	226	112	114	18.5	11.2	7.0
1994	292	170	122	18.0	16.2	8.2
1995	329	188	141	17.4	17.8	10.5
1996	362	196	166	18.0	17.9	11.7
1997	338	206	132	17.6	18.5	10.0
1998	293	154	139	18.3	13.5	9.8
1999	308	165	143	17.5	14.4	10.8
2000	366	190	176	18.2	16.0	11.8
2001	277	150	127	18.0	12.6	8.8
2002 ²	113	71	42	17.0	5.9	3.0

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.47A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	46	29	*	*	2.3	*
1970	63	38	*	16.9	3.2	*
1971	58	25	33	18.5	2.1	2.4
1972	146	90	*	19.4	7.4	2.1
1973	168	82	86	18.3	6.7	5.9
1974	125	72	53	17.1	5.8	3.7
1975	175	92	83	18.6	7.3	3.8
1976	199	123	76	18.4	9.9	3.6
1977	132	53	78	19.7	4.4	3.8
1978	160	88	72	18.8	7.3	3.7
1979	117	60	58	18.9	5.1	2.8
1980	91	33	58	19.9	2.9	3.2
1981	107	30	77	20.3	2.8	4.2
1982	67	22	46	19.3	2.0	2.6
1983	40	21	*	18.8	1.9	*
1984	36	*	*	*	*	*
1985	29	*	*	19.4	*	*
1986	58	29	30	17.5	2.8	*
1987	32	10	22	19.9	1.0	1.3
1988	28	*	*	16.4	*	*
1989	42	25	*	17.4	2.6	*
1990	41	21	20	22.6	2.0	*
1991	17	*	*	18.7	*	*
1992	33	19	14	17.9	1.9	1.0
1993	23	11	*	20.6	1.1	*
1994	30	20	10	16.4	1.9	0.7
1995	70	30	40	18.0	2.8	2.9
1996	74	37	37	18.8	3.2	1.7
1997	59	34	25	17.2	2.8	1.7
1998	37	18	19	18.3	1.6	1.1
1999	60	38	22	16.8	3.2	1.6
2000	72	53	19	16.2	4.2	1.3
2001	80	48	32	17.0	3.9	2.1
2002 ²	43	36	6	15.5	3.0	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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.48A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1977	*	*	*	*	*	*
1978	*	*	*	*	*	*
1979	*	*	*	*	*	*
1980	*	*	*	*	*	*
1981	*	*	*	*	*	*
1982	*	*	*	*	*	*
1983	31	*	25	*	*	1.5
1984	*	*	*	29.7	*	0.7
1985	77	*	69	21.6	*	3.7
1986	78	*	73	23.5	*	3.3
1987	99	12	87	23.6	1.2	4.7
1988	71	19	52	20.4	2.0	2.9
1989	60	*	55	20.5	*	3.5
1990	97	19	78	21.1	1.9	4.1
1991	93	11	81	21.8	*	4.4
1992	103	15	88	22.5	1.3	3.9
1993	76	21	55	22.3	2.0	3.1
1994	103	27	76	22.5	2.6	3.4
1995	165	37	128	22.0	3.5	7.0
1996	172	60	112	20.2	5.2	6.5
1997	213	64	150	20.5	5.4	9.6
1998	333	80	253	21.2	6.8	14.8
1999	605	172	434	21.6	14.6	23.9
2000	788	227	561	20.5	19.0	34.1
2001	817	292	525	20.4	24.6	30.9
2002 ²	541	220	321	19.9	18.1	17.2

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.49A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	12	12	*	*	1.2	*
1968	41	33	*	14.9	2.7	*
1969	53	47	*	14.7	4.1	*
1970	97	81	*	15.5	6.6	*
1971	95	57	39	16.3	4.6	2.9
1972	115	82	33	16.0	6.1	2.3
1973	126	61	64	21.1	5.0	2.6
1974	141	72	69	18.1	5.1	4.6
1975	163	97	66	17.3	7.8	4.3
1976	234	108	126	19.0	8.1	7.1
1977	262	92	170	19.4	7.7	10.3
1978	225	111	114	18.8	8.7	6.4
1979	230	138	92	17.6	11.0	5.4
1980	192	122	69	16.7	10.9	4.2
1981	223	112	111	19.3	9.6	4.4
1982	198	94	104	19.5	7.7	4.0
1983	200	117	82	17.3	8.7	4.2
1984	193	116	76	18.0	10.2	4.0
1985	222	119	103	18.6	11.6	6.1
1986	258	170	88	19.2	14.9	3.3
1987	199	101	98	19.4	9.4	5.0
1988	181	111	70	17.2	10.2	3.7
1989	183	89	94	19.8	8.2	5.1
1990	152	87	65	17.2	8.7	4.7
1991	184	120	64	17.1	12.0	4.2
1992	180	122	58	16.0	11.2	4.2
1993	218	133	85	17.4	12.0	4.9
1994	231	161	70	16.1	13.3	4.8
1995	266	177	88	16.7	15.3	5.9
1996	284	179	105	16.7	14.1	7.4
1997	286	200	87	16.0	14.7	6.3
1998	321	217	104	16.8	16.2	6.7
1999	392	255	137	16.9	17.9	8.3
2000	467	341	126	15.6	24.0	8.4
2001	485	379	105	15.0	29.2	7.8
2002 ²	485	393	92	15.5	31.1	5.9

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.50A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	37	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	122	*	106	20.3	*	8.6
1969	92	55	*	18.7	4.8	*
1970	115	62	54	16.8	3.9	3.5
1971	129	37	92	21.6	3.2	4.9
1972	117	58	59	18.0	4.6	4.1
1973	210	79	131	20.1	6.3	7.0
1974	240	87	153	19.8	5.6	8.7
1975	200	72	128	21.9	5.4	5.2
1976	168	73	95	20.0	5.9	4.8
1977	162	40	122	20.1	3.2	8.0
1978	239	98	141	20.8	8.2	6.2
1979	190	100	90	21.4	8.6	3.5
1980	157	42	115	23.6	3.6	4.2
1981	236	54	182	21.7	4.9	8.4
1982	160	54	105	23.0	4.8	4.0
1983	292	99	192	21.3	8.5	7.5
1984	203	23	179	27.6	2.2	6.6
1985	214	62	152	23.7	5.4	5.9
1986	266	32	234	25.8	2.9	9.2
1987	257	60	197	25.8	5.4	7.6
1988	233	34	199	25.2	3.1	8.5
1989	304	47	257	25.8	4.6	8.8
1990	253	26	227	24.4	2.6	10.0
1991	309	69	240	24.7	6.6	9.8
1992	337	89	248	23.9	7.6	9.2
1993	319	79	240	23.3	6.8	10.1
1994	438	107	331	24.4	9.5	14.3
1995	417	127	290	23.3	11.0	12.4
1996	544	167	376	22.1	13.8	20.2
1997	692	202	491	23.6	16.0	23.7
1998	752	262	490	24.0	20.1	20.2
1999	898	303	595	24.3	23.8	25.3
2000	1,214	455	759	23.3	37.0	35.1
2001	1,241	541	700	21.6	45.8	32.6
2002 ²	1,369	576	793	23.8	49.6	33.8

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.51A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	100	19	81	19.5	1.7	6.6
1969	104	*	81	21.7	*	*
1970	71	45	*	16.9	3.9	*
1971	76	43	34	18.4	3.6	1.9
1972	177	40	137	21.9	3.3	7.1
1973	196	75	121	19.5	5.8	6.9
1974	199	95	104	19.9	7.2	5.2
1975	194	66	128	19.6	5.3	7.5
1976	243	113	130	19.5	9.2	7.0
1977	176	64	112	20.2	5.3	6.1
1978	144	45	99	23.5	3.7	4.8
1979	204	49	155	23.0	4.1	6.3
1980	157	53	104	20.9	4.6	4.6
1981	220	53	167	21.5	4.8	8.5
1982	180	41	139	22.0	3.7	6.4
1983	149	29	120	23.4	2.6	4.6
1984	265	46	218	25.6	4.4	6.8
1985	252	45	207	26.4	4.3	7.1
1986	157	32	125	24.2	3.1	5.2
1987	193	26	167	25.5	2.0	6.3
1988	207	11	196	26.3	1.0	7.1
1989	220	22	198	26.0	2.2	7.3
1990	199	36	163	24.6	3.8	6.2
1991	257	25	232	29.6	2.4	5.8
1992	219	25	195	30.6	2.1	5.1
1993	287	61	226	29.1	5.9	5.3
1994	237	44	194	27.6	4.0	5.8
1995	384	71	313	27.1	6.5	8.8
1996	356	82	274	23.8	7.3	12.3
1997	272	87	185	23.9	7.4	8.3
1998	411	112	299	25.5	9.4	10.5
1999	484	124	360	23.5	10.4	14.3
2000	766	171	594	26.9	14.1	23.1
2001	704	213	490	24.6	17.9	17.7
2002 ²	708	218	490	25.3	18.4	15.6

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.52A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	79	*	79	21.7	*	6.2
1966	87	*	66	19.9	*	5.4
1967	94	38	55	18.1	3.1	3.9
1968	193	92	101	17.5	8.3	8.5
1969	205	100	105	17.9	8.7	8.6
1970	259	90	168	19.1	7.7	11.1
1971	162	67	95	18.2	5.7	6.8
1972	250	137	113	18.9	11.4	7.2
1973	266	129	138	18.3	10.5	8.8
1974	268	117	150	18.3	9.6	10.4
1975	237	124	113	17.0	9.2	7.5
1976	268	134	134	19.5	10.9	8.2
1977	360	186	173	18.0	15.4	10.4
1978	243	91	152	18.5	7.7	9.2
1979	237	124	114	18.1	10.7	6.9
1980	304	143	161	18.5	12.8	9.6
1981	258	113	145	19.1	10.3	7.5
1982	252	112	139	18.7	10.1	7.5
1983	244	107	137	20.8	9.9	5.0
1984	179	67	112	19.0	6.4	6.5
1985	156	60	96	19.6	5.8	5.0
1986	193	58	135	20.8	5.7	7.8
1987	144	60	84	20.9	6.0	3.7
1988	189	72	117	20.4	7.4	6.1
1989	172	57	115	20.7	5.4	5.4
1990	157	27	129	23.3	2.5	6.2
1991	169	46	123	23.4	4.6	4.9
1992	144	65	79	20.8	6.2	2.7
1993	225	61	164	21.6	6.0	7.6
1994	217	93	125	20.7	8.6	5.9
1995	254	115	139	20.1	10.5	7.6
1996	320	121	199	21.0	11.0	10.8
1997	274	111	164	20.9	9.5	7.6
1998	291	127	165	20.5	10.5	9.2
1999	352	135	217	21.6	11.2	9.2
2000	402	198	204	19.4	16.1	11.1
2001	474	246	228	18.9	20.2	12.5
2002 ²	432	211	220	20.9	16.9	9.0

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.53A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	*	*	*	*	*	*
1968	73	*	*	*	*	*
1969	76	29	*	18.0	2.5	*
1970	93	*	60	18.3	*	4.7
1971	76	32	44	17.9	2.7	3.3
1972	123	55	68	18.3	4.5	4.9
1973	153	70	83	18.0	5.7	5.8
1974	108	44	64	18.0	3.5	4.3
1975	147	84	63	17.2	6.7	4.3
1976	160	91	69	17.7	7.4	4.1
1977	226	116	110	18.3	9.5	5.7
1978	145	66	79	18.6	5.5	5.1
1979	200	118	82	17.2	10.2	5.1
1980	128	60	68	18.0	5.3	4.3
1981	194	77	116	20.0	7.1	5.4
1982	160	68	92	18.4	5.9	5.2
1983	161	78	83	18.9	7.2	4.5
1984	119	50	69	18.4	4.7	4.4
1985	123	47	76	20.5	4.5	3.7
1986	148	42	105	20.4	4.2	6.0
1987	106	50	56	20.8	4.9	2.2
1988	120	39	81	20.8	4.0	4.0
1989	114	36	78	21.3	3.6	3.8
1990	105	20	85	21.7	1.8	4.4
1991	113	23	90	22.9	2.4	4.2
1992	109	56	52	21.2	5.6	1.4
1993	167	51	117	21.5	5.0	5.3
1994	133	61	72	20.6	5.9	3.5
1995	174	77	97	19.9	7.1	5.5
1996	168	71	97	20.0	6.4	6.1
1997	136	58	78	19.6	5.1	4.7
1998	144	59	85	19.0	5.0	5.5
1999	131	46	85	22.3	3.8	3.5
2000	152	82	71	18.7	6.8	4.1
2001	170	92	78	17.3	7.5	5.1
2002 ²	157	77	80	20.4	6.1	2.5

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.54A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females 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	*	*	*	*	*	*
1966	*	*	*	*	*	*
1967	73	*	*	18.3	*	*
1968	94	*	46	17.8	*	3.7
1969	110	72	*	20.9	6.2	*
1970	142	87	55	16.5	7.4	4.2
1971	144	47	97	20.4	4.0	5.3
1972	102	39	63	19.6	3.2	4.5
1973	207	129	79	17.1	10.0	5.5
1974	228	80	148	18.9	6.4	9.7
1975	182	75	107	20.9	6.0	6.0
1976	152	102	49	16.9	8.3	3.3
1977	224	70	154	19.6	5.7	9.0
1978	220	89	132	21.3	7.4	5.3
1979	193	82	112	20.3	7.0	5.9
1980	154	49	105	20.8	4.3	5.0
1981	192	39	152	23.8	3.6	7.0
1982	174	57	118	23.6	5.2	4.6
1983	98	19	79	20.7	1.8	3.8
1984	84	*	68	22.5	*	2.9
1985	60	*	46	26.4	*	1.6
1986	33	*	20	20.7	*	1.1
1987	49	*	47	30.3	*	*
1988	*	*	*	*	*	*
1989	54	*	44	21.9	*	1.9
1990	61	*	48	25.4	*	*
1991	29	8	*	26.6	0.6	0.5
1992	53	12	42	25.2	1.1	*
1993	43	13	30	25.5	1.1	1.3
1994	41	10	30	25.8	0.9	1.0
1995	53	12	41	23.0	1.1	1.6
1996	74	24	50	26.7	1.9	1.7
1997	48	8	40	21.9	0.7	2.1
1998	84	29	56	28.2	2.3	2.0
1999	100	23	78	29.1	1.7	2.2
2000	112	36	76	24.8	2.7	2.0
2001	142	57	85	25.9	4.4	1.9
2002 ²	173	37	137	34.2	2.7	2.4

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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 4.55A Numbers (in Thousands) of Females Who First Used Alcohol 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	1,480	620	860	18.6	57.6	191.7
1966	1,400	587	813	18.1	56.7	187.1
1967	1,770	827	943	17.9	82.7	198.8
1968	1,766	799	967	18.2	77.6	201.5
1969	1,914	883	1,031	18.0	84.2	240.6
1970	2,091	1,036	1,054	18.1	98.8	236.5
1971	1,920	1,022	898	17.6	96.3	200.6
1972	2,160	1,119	1,041	18.2	108.8	243.8
1973	2,110	1,210	899	17.3	117.6	213.5
1974	2,104	1,251	853	17.6	121.3	205.2
1975	1,998	1,172	826	17.8	113.8	187.1
1976	2,010	1,209	802	17.7	120.5	185.2
1977	2,216	1,387	829	17.3	143.8	205.6
1978	2,028	1,303	725	17.1	139.0	182.4
1979	2,109	1,284	825	17.3	141.5	216.0
1980	2,035	1,189	846	17.7	134.5	217.0
1981	2,097	1,232	865	17.5	145.7	236.2
1982	1,841	1,171	670	17.4	139.5	178.8
1983	1,690	1,049	641	17.3	124.8	183.7
1984	1,787	1,131	656	17.4	140.7	198.2
1985	1,658	1,038	620	17.8	127.0	193.9
1986	1,684	1,095	589	17.0	139.2	193.9
1987	1,539	984	555	17.2	127.7	166.6
1988	1,622	1,024	598	17.0	134.9	183.1
1989	1,773	1,101	672	17.3	148.7	199.7
1990	1,534	961	573	17.3	130.0	176.9
1991	1,501	884	617	17.4	115.2	195.5
1992	1,582	948	633	17.4	118.7	192.0
1993	1,650	1,138	512	17.0	138.6	158.6
1994	1,742	1,114	628	16.7	132.9	201.3
1995	1,723	1,102	621	16.8	128.4	208.8
1996	1,808	1,165	643	17.1	130.4	210.6
1997	1,889	1,321	569	16.4	145.0	193.5
1998	1,965	1,294	670	17.1	145.8	210.5
1999	2,167	1,449	719	16.8	162.4	230.2
2000	2,606	1,806	800	16.5	210.1	279.4
2001 ²	2,802	1,970	832	16.6	232.0	294.0
2002 ²	--	--	832	--	241.3	328.0

*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 females in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of females 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.