

**TABLE 15**  
**Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 8th Graders**

*How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?*

Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get <sup>a</sup>

|  | 1991 | 1992  | 1993   | 1994   | 1995   | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   |
|--|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Marijuana                                  | —    | 42.3  | 43.8   | 49.9   | 52.4   | 54.8   | 54.2   | 50.6   | 48.4   | 47.0   | 48.1   | 46.6   | 44.8   | 41.0   | 41.1   |
| LSD  | —    | 21.5  | 21.8   | 21.8   | 23.5   | 23.6   | 22.7   | 19.3   | 18.3   | 17.0   | 17.6   | 15.2   | 14.0   | 12.3   | 11.5   |
| PCP <sup>b</sup>                           | —    | 18.0  | 18.5   | 17.7   | 19.0   | 19.6   | 19.2   | 17.5   | 17.1   | 16.0   | 15.4   | 14.1   | 13.7   | 11.4   | 11.0   |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) <sup>b</sup>                | —    | —     | —      | —      | —      | —      | —      | —      | —      | —      | 23.8   | 22.8   | 21.6   | 16.6   | 15.6   |
| Crack                                      | —    | 25.6  | 25.9   | 26.9   | 28.7   | 27.9   | 27.5   | 26.5   | 25.9   | 24.9   | 24.4   | 23.7   | 22.5   | 20.6   | 20.8   |
| Cocaine powder                             | —    | 25.7  | 25.9   | 26.4   | 27.8   | 27.2   | 26.9   | 25.7   | 25.0   | 23.9   | 23.9   | 22.5   | 21.6   | 19.4   | 19.9   |
| Heroin                                     | —    | 19.7  | 19.8   | 19.4   | 21.1   | 20.6   | 19.8   | 18.0   | 17.5   | 16.5   | 16.9   | 16.0   | 15.6   | 14.1   | 13.2   |
| Narcotics other than Heroin <sup>b,c</sup> | —    | 19.8  | 19.0   | 18.3   | 20.3   | 20.0   | 20.6   | 17.1   | 16.2   | 15.6   | 15.0   | 14.7   | 15.0   | 12.4   | 12.9   |
| Amphetamines <sup>d</sup>                  | —    | 32.2  | 31.4   | 31.0   | 33.4   | 32.6   | 30.6   | 27.3   | 25.9   | 25.5   | 26.2   | 24.4   | 24.4   | 21.9   | 21.0   |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) <sup>b</sup> | —    | 16.0  | 15.1   | 14.1   | 16.0   | 16.3   | 15.7   | 16.0   | 14.7   | 14.9   | 13.9   | 13.3   | 14.1   | 11.9   | 13.5   |
| Sedatives (barbiturates)                   | —    | 27.4  | 26.1   | 25.3   | 26.5   | 25.6   | 24.4   | 21.1   | 20.8   | 19.7   | 20.7   | 19.4   | 19.3   | 18.0   | 17.6   |
| Tranquilizers                              | —    | 22.9  | 21.4   | 20.4   | 21.3   | 20.4   | 19.6   | 18.1   | 17.3   | 16.2   | 17.8   | 16.9   | 17.3   | 15.8   | 14.8   |
| Alcohol                                    | —    | 76.2  | 73.9   | 74.5   | 74.9   | 75.3   | 74.9   | 73.1   | 72.3   | 70.6   | 70.6   | 67.9   | 67.0   | 64.9   | 64.2   |
| Cigarettes                                 | —    | 77.8  | 75.5   | 76.1   | 76.4   | 76.9   | 76.0   | 73.6   | 71.5   | 68.7   | 67.7   | 64.3   | 63.1   | 60.3   | 59.1   |
| Steroids                                   | —    | 24.0  | 22.7   | 23.1   | 23.8   | 24.1   | 23.6   | 22.3   | 22.6   | 22.3   | 23.1   | 22.0   | 21.7   | 19.7   | 18.1   |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i>            |      | 8,355 | 16,775 | 16,119 | 15,496 | 16,318 | 16,482 | 16,208 | 15,397 | 15,180 | 14,804 | 13,972 | 15,583 | 15,944 | 15,730 |

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|---|--|------|------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
|   | 2006   | 2007 | 2008 | 2009   | 2010   | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | change    |
| Marijuana   | 39.6   | 37.4 | 39.3 | 39.8   | 41.4   | 37.9 | 36.9 | 39.1 | 36.9 | 37.0 | 34.6 | -2.4 s    |
| LSD   | 10.8   | 10.5 | 10.9 | 10.0   | 10.0   | 9.3  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 6.9  | 6.6  | 6.9  | +0.3      |
| PCP <sup>b</sup>  | 10.5   | 9.5  | 10.1 | 9.1    | 8.0    | 7.9  | 6.7  | 5.8  | 5.5  | 5.1  | 4.8  | -0.4      |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) <sup>b</sup>   | 14.5   | 13.4 | 14.1 | 13.1   | 12.9   | 12.0 | 9.6  | 9.5  | 10.1 | 9.6  | 8.7  | -0.9      |
| Crack   | 20.9   | 19.7 | 20.2 | 18.6   | 17.9   | 15.7 | 14.4 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 11.1 | -0.2      |
| Cocaine powder  | 20.2   | 19.0 | 19.5 | 17.8   | 16.6   | 14.9 | 14.1 | 13.5 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 11.0 | -0.6      |
| Heroin  | 13.0   | 12.6 | 13.3 | 12.0   | 11.6   | 9.9  | 9.4  | 10.0 | 8.6  | 7.8  | 8.9  | +1.0 s    |
| Narcotics other than Heroin <sup>b,c</sup>  | 13.0   | 11.7 | 12.1 | 11.8 ‡ | 14.6   | 12.3 | 10.6 | 9.7  | 9.2  | 8.8  | 8.9  | +0.1      |
| Amphetamines <sup>d</sup>   | 20.7   | 19.9 | 21.3 | 20.2   | 19.6 ‡ | 15.0 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 12.1 | 11.8 | 12.1 | +0.3      |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) <sup>b</sup>  | 14.5   | 12.1 | 12.8 | 11.9   | 10.9   | 9.6  | 8.8  | 8.5  | 7.7  | 6.9  | 6.6  | -0.3      |
| Sedatives (barbiturates)  | 17.3   | 16.8 | 17.5 | 15.9   | 15.3   | 12.6 | 11.1 | 10.6 | 10.0 | 9.0  | 9.3  | +0.3      |
| Tranquilizers   | 14.4   | 14.4 | 15.4 | 14.1   | 13.7   | 12.0 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 9.8  | 9.8  | 11.4 | +1.6 ss   |
| Alcohol   | 63.0   | 62.0 | 64.1 | 61.8   | 61.1   | 59.0 | 57.5 | 56.1 | 54.4 | 53.6 | 52.7 | -1.0      |
| Cigarettes  | 58.0   | 55.6 | 57.4 | 55.3   | 55.5   | 51.9 | 50.7 | 49.9 | 47.2 | 47.0 | 45.6 | -1.4      |
| Steroids  | 17.1   | 17.0 | 16.8 | 15.2   | 14.2   | 13.3 | 12.5 | 12.9 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 12.6 | +1.0      |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> 15,502 15,043 14,482 13,989 14,485 15,233 14,235 13,605 13,208 13,494 15,628    |  |      |      |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |           |

Source. The Monitoring the Future study, the University of Michigan.

Notes. Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: s = .05, ss = .01, sss = .001. '—' indicates data not available. ' ‡ ' indicates that the question changed the following year. See relevant footnote for that drug. Any apparent inconsistency between the change estimate and the prevalence estimates for the two most recent years is due to rounding.

<sup>a</sup>Answer alternatives were: (1) Probably impossible, (2) Very difficult, (3) Fairly difficult, (4) Fairly easy, (5) Very easy, and (6) Can't say, drug unfamiliar.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in 1993, data based on one of two of forms; *N* is one half of *N* indicated. Beginning in 2014 data based on one sixth of *N* indicated. For MDMA only: In 2014 the question text was changed in one form to include "Molly." In 2015 a second form was changed to including "Molly;" data based on one sixth of *N* indicated in 2014 and on one half of *N* indicated in 2015. An examination of the data did not show any effect from this wording change.

<sup>c</sup>In 2010 the list of examples for narcotics other than heroin was changed from methadone, opium to Vicodin, OxyContin, Percocet, etc. This change likely explains the discontinuity in the 2010 results.

<sup>d</sup>In 2011 the list of examples for amphetamines was changed from uppers, pep pills, bennies, speed to uppers, speed, Adderall, Ritalin, etc. These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2012 results.