

TABLE 17
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 12th Graders

| | Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get ^a | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?</i> | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| Marijuana | 87.8 | 87.4 | 87.9 | 87.8 | 90.1 | 89.0 | 89.2 | 88.5 | 86.2 | 84.6 | 85.5 | 85.2 | 84.8 | 85.0 | 84.3 | 84.4 |
| Amyl/butyl nitrites | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 23.9 | 25.9 | 26.8 | 24.4 |
| LSD | 46.2 | 37.4 | 34.5 | 32.2 | 34.2 | 35.3 | 35.0 | 34.2 | 30.9 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 28.5 | 31.4 | 33.3 | 38.3 | 40.7 |
| Some other hallucinogen ^b | 47.8 | 35.7 | 33.8 | 33.8 | 34.6 | 35.0 | 32.7 | 30.6 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.1 | 24.9 | 25.0 | 26.2 | 28.2 | 28.3 |
| PCP | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 22.8 | 24.9 | 28.9 | 27.7 |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) ^c | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 21.7 | 22.0 |
| Cocaine | 37.0 | 34.0 | 33.0 | 37.8 | 45.5 | 47.9 | 47.5 | 47.4 | 43.1 | 45.0 | 48.9 | 51.5 | 54.2 | 55.0 | 58.7 | 54.5 |
| Crack | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 41.1 | 42.1 | 47.0 | 42.4 |
| Cocaine powder | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 52.9 | 50.3 | 53.7 | 49.0 |
| Heroin | 24.2 | 18.4 | 17.9 | 16.4 | 18.9 | 21.2 | 19.2 | 20.8 | 19.3 | 19.9 | 21.0 | 22.0 | 23.7 | 28.0 | 31.4 | 31.9 |
| Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^c | 34.5 | 26.9 | 27.8 | 26.1 | 28.7 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 30.4 | 30.0 | 32.1 | 33.1 | 32.2 | 33.0 | 35.8 | 38.3 | 38.1 |
| Amphetamines ^d | 67.8 | 61.8 | 58.1 | 58.5 | 59.9 | 61.3 | 69.5 | 70.8 | 68.5 | 68.2 | 66.4 | 64.3 | 64.5 | 63.9 | 64.3 | 59.7 |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 24.1 |
| Sedatives (barbiturates) ^e | 60.0 | 54.4 | 52.4 | 50.6 | 49.8 | 49.1 | 54.9 | 55.2 | 52.5 | 51.9 | 51.3 | 48.3 | 48.2 | 47.8 | 48.4 | 45.9 |
| Tranquilizers | 71.8 | 65.5 | 64.9 | 64.3 | 61.4 | 59.1 | 60.8 | 58.9 | 55.3 | 54.5 | 54.7 | 51.2 | 48.6 | 49.1 | 45.3 | 44.7 |
| Alcohol | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Steroids | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | 2,627 | 2,865 | 3,065 | 3,598 | 3,172 | 3,240 | 3,578 | 3,602 | 3,385 | 3,269 | 3,274 | 3,077 | 3,271 | 3,231 | 2,806 | 2,549 |

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Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get ^a

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

| | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Marijuana | 83.3 | 82.7 | 83.0 | 85.5 | 88.5 | 88.7 | 89.6 | 90.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 88.5 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 85.8 | 85.6 |
| Amyl/butyl nitrites | 22.7 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 26.7 | 26.0 | 23.9 | 23.8 | 25.1 | 21.4 | 23.3 | 22.5 | 22.3 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 19.7 |
| LSD | 39.5 | 44.5 | 49.2 | 50.8 | 53.8 | 51.3 | 50.7 | 48.8 | 44.7 | 46.9 | 44.7 | 39.6 | 33.6 | 33.1 | 28.6 |
| Some other hallucinogen ^b | 28.0 | 29.9 | 33.5 | 33.8 | 35.8 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 35.1 | 29.5 | 34.5‡ | 48.5 | 47.7 | 47.2 | 49.4 | 45.0 |
| PCP | 27.6 | 31.7 | 31.7 | 31.4 | 31.0 | 30.5 | 30.0 | 30.7 | 26.7 | 28.8 | 27.2 | 25.8 | 21.9 | 24.2 | 23.2 |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) ^c | 22.1 | 24.2 | 28.1 | 31.2 | 34.2 | 36.9 | 38.8 | 38.2 | 40.1 | 51.4 | 61.5 | 59.1 | 57.5 | 47.9 | 40.3 |
| Cocaine | 51.0 | 52.7 | 48.5 | 46.6 | 47.7 | 48.1 | 48.5 | 51.3 | 47.6 | 47.8 | 46.2 | 44.6 | 43.3 | 47.8 | 44.7 |
| Crack | 39.9 | 43.5 | 43.6 | 40.5 | 41.9 | 40.7 | 40.6 | 43.8 | 41.1 | 42.6 | 40.2 | 38.5 | 35.3 | 39.2 | 39.3 |
| Cocaine powder | 46.0 | 48.0 | 45.4 | 43.7 | 43.8 | 44.4 | 43.3 | 45.7 | 43.7 | 44.6 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 37.4 | 41.7 | 41.6 |
| Heroin | 30.6 | 34.9 | 33.7 | 34.1 | 35.1 | 32.2 | 33.8 | 35.6 | 32.1 | 33.5 | 32.3 | 29.0 | 27.9 | 29.6 | 27.3 |
| Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^c | 34.6 | 37.1 | 37.5 | 38.0 | 39.8 | 40.0 | 38.9 | 42.8 | 40.8 | 43.9 | 40.5 | 44.0 | 39.3 | 40.2 | 39.2 |
| Amphetamines ^d | 57.3 | 58.8 | 61.5 | 62.0 | 62.8 | 59.4 | 59.8 | 60.8 | 58.1 | 57.1 | 57.1 | 57.4 | 55.0 | 55.4 | 51.2 |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) | 24.3 | 26.0 | 26.6 | 25.6 | 27.0 | 26.9 | 27.6 | 29.8 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 26.1 | 26.7 | 27.2 |
| Sedatives (barbiturates) ^e | 42.4 | 44.0 | 44.5 | 43.3 | 42.3 | 41.4 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 37.9 | 37.4 | 35.7 | 36.6 | 35.3‡ | 46.3 | 44.4 |
| Tranquilizers | 40.8 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 39.2 | 37.8 | 36.0 | 35.4 | 36.2 | 32.7 | 33.8 | 33.1 | 32.9 | 29.8 | 30.1 | 25.7 |
| Alcohol | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 95.0 | 94.8 | 94.3 | 94.7 | 94.2 | 94.2 | 93.0 |
| Steroids | 46.7 | 46.8 | 44.8 | 42.9 | 45.5 | 40.3 | 41.7 | 44.5 | 44.6 | 44.8 | 44.4 | 45.5 | 40.7 | 42.6 | 39.7 |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | 2,476 | 2,586 | 2,670 | 2,526 | 2,552 | 2,340 | 2,517 | 2,520 | 2,215 | 2,095 | 2,120 | 2,138 | 2,391 | 2,169 | 2,161 |

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| <i>How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?</i> | Percentage saying "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get ^a | | | | | | | | | | | 2015–2016 change |
|--|--|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | |
| Marijuana | 84.9 | 83.9 | 83.9 | 81.1 | 82.1 | 82.2 | 81.6 | 81.4 | 81.3 | 79.5 | 81.0 | +1.5 |
| Amyl/butyl nitrites | 18.4 | 18.1 | 16.9 | 15.7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| LSD | 29.0 | 28.7 | 28.5 | 26.3 | 25.1 | 25.1 | 27.6 | 24.5 | 25.9 | 26.5 | 28.0 | +1.6 |
| Some other hallucinogen ^b | 43.9 | 43.7 | 42.8 | 40.5 | 39.5 | 38.3 | 37.8 | 36.6 | 33.6 | 31.4 | 32.5 | +1.0 |
| PCP | 23.1 | 21.0 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 18.5 | 17.2 | 14.2 | 15.3 | 11.1 | 13.8 | 12.6 | -1.2 |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) ^c | 40.3 | 40.9 | 41.9 | 35.1 | 36.4 | 37.1 | 35.9 | 35.1 | 36.1 | 37.1 | 32.5 | -4.7 ^s |
| Cocaine | 46.5 | 47.1 | 42.4 | 39.4 | 35.5 | 30.5 | 29.8 | 30.5 | 29.2 | 29.1 | 28.6 | -0.5 |
| Crack | 38.8 | 37.5 | 35.2 | 31.9 | 26.1 | 24.0 | 22.0 | 24.6 | 20.1 | 22.0 | 19.8 | -2.2 |
| Cocaine powder | 42.5 | 41.2 | 38.9 | 33.9 | 29.0 | 26.4 | 25.1 | 28.4 | 22.3 | 25.8 | 22.9 | -2.8 |
| Heroin | 27.4 | 29.7 | 25.4 | 27.4 | 24.1 | 20.8 | 19.9 | 22.1 | 20.2 | 20.4 | 20.0 | -0.4 |
| Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^d | 39.6 | 37.3 | 34.9 | 36.1 [‡] | 54.2 | 50.7 | 50.4 | 46.5 | 42.2 | 39.0 | 39.3 | +0.3 |
| Amphetamines ^e | 52.9 | 49.6 | 47.9 | 47.1 | 44.1 [‡] | 47.0 | 45.4 | 42.7 | 44.5 | 41.9 | 41.1 | -0.7 |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) | 26.7 | 25.1 | 23.3 | 22.3 | 18.3 | 17.1 | 14.5 | 17.2 | 13.7 | 15.3 | 14.5 | -0.8 |
| Sedatives (barbiturates) ^f | 43.8 | 41.7 | 38.8 | 37.9 | 36.8 | 32.4 | 28.7 | 27.9 | 26.3 | 25.0 | 25.7 | +0.8 |
| Tranquilizers | 24.4 | 23.6 | 22.4 | 21.2 | 18.4 | 16.8 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 14.4 | 14.9 | 15.2 | +0.3 |
| Alcohol | 92.5 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.1 | 90.4 | 88.9 | 90.6 | 89.7 | 87.6 | 86.6 | 85.4 | -1.2 |
| Steroids | 41.1 | 40.1 | 35.2 | 30.3 | 27.3 | 26.1 | 25.0 | 28.5 | 22.0 | 23.7 | 21.3 | -2.3 |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2,131 | 2,420 | 2,276 | 2,243 | 2,395 | 2,337 | 2,280 | 2,092 | 2,066 | 2,181 | 1,958 | |

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.

^aAnswer alternatives were: (1) Probably impossible, (2) Very difficult, (3) Fairly difficult, (4) Fairly easy, and (5) Very easy.

^bIn 2001 the question text was changed from other psychedelics to other hallucinogens and shrooms was added to the list of examples. These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2001 results.

^cBeginning in 2014 "molly" was added to the question on availability of Ecstasy (MDMA). An examination of the data did not show any effect from this wording change.

^dIn 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.

^eIn 2011 the list of examples was changed from uppers, pep pills, bennies, speed to uppers, speed, Adderall, Ritalin, etc. These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2011 results.

^fIn 2004 the question text was changed from barbiturates to sedatives/barbiturates and the list of examples was changed from downers, goofballs, reds, yellows, etc. to just downers. These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2004 results.