

TABLE 11
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 ^a

	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 ^b	—	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
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^b	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 ^{b,c}	—	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 ^d	—	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) ^b	—	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
Vaping device ^e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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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TABLE 11 (cont.)
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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 ^a												2016–2017 change
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Marijuana	39.6	37.4	39.3	39.8	41.4	37.9	36.9	39.1	36.9	37.0	34.6	35.2	+0.6
LSD	10.8	10.5	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.3	7.5	7.4	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.3	-0.6
PCP ^b	10.5	9.5	10.1	9.1	8.0	7.9	6.7	5.8	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.6	-0.1
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^b	14.5	13.4	14.1	13.1	12.9	12.0	9.6	9.5	10.1	9.6	8.7	8.0	-0.7
Crack	20.9	19.7	20.2	18.6	17.9	15.7	14.4	13.7	12.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	-0.9
Cocaine powder	20.2	19.0	19.5	17.8	16.6	14.9	14.1	13.5	11.9	11.6	11.0	10.4	-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	8.1	-0.8
Narcotics other than Heroin ^{b,c}	13.0	11.7	12.1	11.8‡	14.6	12.3	10.6	9.7	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.9	-0.1
Amphetamines ^d	20.7	19.9	21.3	20.2	19.6‡	15.0	13.4	12.8	12.1	11.8	12.1	11.0	-1.1
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) ^b	14.5	12.1	12.8	11.9	10.9	9.6	8.8	8.5	7.7	6.9	6.6	6.6	0.0
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^e	17.3	16.8	17.5	15.9	15.3	12.6	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.3	9.2	-0.1
Tranquilizers	14.4	14.4	15.4	14.1	13.7	12.0	10.5	10.4	9.8	9.8	11.4	11.8	+0.4
Alcohol	63.0	62.0	64.1	61.8	61.1	59.0	57.5	56.1	54.4	53.6	52.7	53.2	0.5
Cigarettes	58.0	55.6	57.4	55.3	55.5	51.9	50.7	49.9	47.2	47.0	45.6	46.2	0.6
Vaping device ^e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.1	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.2	—
Steroids	17.1	17.0	16.8	15.2	14.2	13.3	12.5	12.9	11.8	11.6	12.6	11.6	-0.9
<i>Approximate weighted N = 15,502 15,043 14,482 13,989 14,485 15,233 14,235 13,605 13,208 13,494 15,628 14,042</i>													

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, (5) Very easy, and (6) Can't say, drug unfamiliar.

^bBeginning 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.

^cIn 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.

^dIn 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.

^eBeginning in 2017, data based on one half of N indicated.