

TABLE 16
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 10th 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

| | <u>1991</u> | <u>1992</u> | <u>1993</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1995</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u> |
|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Marijuana | — | 65.2 | 68.4 | 75.0 | 78.1 | 81.1 | 80.5 | 77.9 | 78.2 | 77.7 | 77.4 | 75.9 | 73.9 | 73.3 | 72.6 | 70.7 |
| LSD | — | 33.6 | 35.8 | 36.1 | 39.8 | 41.0 | 38.3 | 34.0 | 34.3 | 32.9 | 31.2 | 26.8 | 23.1 | 21.6 | 20.7 | 19.2 |
| PCP ^b | — | 23.7 | 23.4 | 23.8 | 24.7 | 26.8 | 24.8 | 23.9 | 24.5 | 25.0 | 21.6 | 20.8 | 19.4 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 15.8 |
| MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 41.4 | 41.0 | 36.3 | 31.2 | 30.2 | 27.4 |
| Crack | — | 33.7 | 33.0 | 34.2 | 34.6 | 36.4 | 36.0 | 36.3 | 36.5 | 34.0 | 30.6 | 31.3 | 29.6 | 30.6 | 31.0 | 29.9 |
| Cocaine powder | — | 35.0 | 34.1 | 34.5 | 35.3 | 36.9 | 37.1 | 36.8 | 36.7 | 34.5 | 31.0 | 31.8 | 29.6 | 31.2 | 31.5 | 30.7 |
| Heroin | — | 24.3 | 24.3 | 24.7 | 24.6 | 24.8 | 24.4 | 23.0 | 23.7 | 22.3 | 20.1 | 19.9 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 19.3 | 17.4 |
| Narcotics other than Heroin ^b | — | 26.9 | 24.9 | 26.9 | 27.8 | 29.4 | 29.0 | 26.1 | 26.6 | 27.2 | 25.8 | 25.4 | 23.5 | 23.1 | 23.6 | 22.2 |
| Amphetamines ^d | — | 43.4 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 47.7 | 47.2 | 44.6 | 41.0 | 41.3 | 40.9 | 40.6 | 39.6 | 36.1 | 35.7 | 35.6 | 34.7 |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) ^b | — | 18.8 | 16.4 | 17.8 | 20.7 | 22.6 | 22.9 | 22.1 | 21.8 | 22.8 | 19.9 | 20.5 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 21.6 | 20.8 |
| Sedatives (barbiturates) | — | 38.0 | 38.8 | 38.3 | 38.8 | 38.1 | 35.6 | 32.7 | 33.2 | 32.4 | 32.8 | 32.4 | 28.8 | 30.0 | 29.7 | 29.9 |
| Tranquilizers | — | 31.6 | 30.5 | 29.8 | 30.6 | 30.3 | 28.7 | 26.5 | 26.8 | 27.6 | 28.5 | 28.3 | 25.6 | 25.6 | 25.4 | 25.1 |
| Alcohol | — | 88.6 | 88.9 | 89.8 | 89.7 | 90.4 | 89.0 | 88.0 | 88.2 | 87.7 | 87.7 | 84.8 | 83.4 | 84.3 | 83.7 | 83.1 |
| Cigarettes | — | 89.1 | 89.4 | 90.3 | 90.7 | 91.3 | 89.6 | 88.1 | 88.3 | 86.8 | 86.3 | 83.3 | 80.7 | 81.4 | 81.5 | 79.5 |
| Vaping device ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| JUUL vaping device ^h | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Steroids | — | 37.6 | 33.6 | 33.6 | 34.8 | 34.8 | 34.2 | 33.0 | 35.9 | 35.4 | 33.1 | 33.2 | 30.6 | 29.6 | 29.7 | 30.2 |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | | <i>7,014</i> | <i>14,652</i> | <i>15,192</i> | <i>16,209</i> | <i>14,887</i> | <i>14,856</i> | <i>14,423</i> | <i>13,112</i> | <i>13,690</i> | <i>13,518</i> | <i>13,694</i> | <i>15,255</i> | <i>15,806</i> | <i>15,636</i> | <i>15,804</i> |

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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?

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| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 ⁱ | 2020 | 2021 ^j |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| Marijuana | 69.0 | 67.4 | 69.3 | 69.4 | 68.4 | 68.8 | 69.7 | 66.9 | 65.6 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 64.5 | 65.8 | § | 47.5* |
| LSD | 19.0 | 19.3 | 17.8 | 18.3 | 16.6 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 14.8 | 15.5 | 15.2 | 15.9 | 14.9 | 16.2 | § | 13.4* |
| PCP ^b | 15.4 | 14.4 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 9.5 | § | 6.8* |
| MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c | 27.7 | 26.7 | 25.6 | 25.7 | 24.8 | 21.0 | 20.7 | 20.4 | 19.3 | 16.3 | 15.0 | 13.9 | 16.0 | § | 11.3* |
| Crack | 29.0 | 27.2 | 23.9 | 22.5 | 19.7 | 18.4 | 17.1 | 15.1 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.0 | 13.6 | § | 8.6* |
| Cocaine powder | 30.0 | 28.2 | 24.7 | 22.6 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 18.3 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 14.7 | 14.8 | § | 9.5* |
| Heroin | 17.3 | 17.2 | 15.0 | 14.5 | 13.2 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 10.5 | § | 6.3* |
| Narcotics other than Heroin ^{b,g} | 21.5 | 20.3 | 18.8‡ | 28.7 | 25.0 | 24.3 | 22.5 | 18.8 | 19.2 | 16.8 | 17.7 | 16.8 | 17.1 | § | 9.8* |
| Amphetamines ^d | 33.3 | 32.0 | 31.8 | 32.6‡ | 28.5 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 25.2 | 27.3 | 22.9 | 24.2 | 23.4 | 23.0 | § | 16.4* |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) ^b | 18.8 | 15.8 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 9.9 | § | 6.1* |
| Sedatives (barbiturates) ^e | 28.2 | 26.9 | 25.5 | 24.9 | 22.0 | 20.2 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 16.6 | 14.2 | 15.1 | 14.4 | 14.5 | § | 11.3* |
| Tranquilizers | 24.9 | 24.1 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 20.8 | 19.7 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 19.4 | 20.5 | 23.3 | 24.2 | 22.6 | § | 11.4* |
| Alcohol | 82.6 | 81.1 | 80.9 | 80.0 | 77.9 | 78.2 | 77.2 | 75.3 | 74.9 | 71.1 | 71.5 | 70.6 | 68.9 | § | 60.2* |
| Cigarettes | 78.2 | 76.5 | 76.1 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 72.9 | 71.4 | 69.0 | 66.6 | 62.9 | 62.5 | 61.5 | 58.4 | § | 48.0* |
| Vaping device ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 59.5 | 66.6 | 68.3 | § | 54.6* |
| E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 52.8 | 60.4 | 64.5 | § | 48.5* |
| JUUL vaping device ^h | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 68.8 | § | 55.6* |
| Steroids | 27.7 | 24.5 | 20.8 | 20.3 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 17.2 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 14.5 | 13.7 | § | 10.9* |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | 15,511 | 14,634 | 15,451 | 14,827 | 14,509 | 14,628 | 12,601 | 12,574 | 15,186 | 14,126 | 12,901 | 13,365 | 6,042 | § | 10,258 |

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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.

§Estimates not presented due to insufficient data this year.

*Results may not be comparable to previous years. In 2021 MTF conducted survey administrations via the internet for the first time, and responses, especially on attitudes, can be sensitive to mode effects.

^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 forms; N is one half of N indicated. Beginning in 2014 data based on one sixth of N indicated.

^cBeginning 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.

^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 2011 results.

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

^fPercentages for all years reported here include respondents who replied "can't say, drug unfamiliar" in the denominator. The percentage for 2017 published in late 2017 and early 2018 did not include these respondents in the denominator.

^gIn 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.

^hData based on three of four forms. N is two thirds of N indicated.

ⁱThe N for 2019 is approximately one-half of that for the full sample, because it is based on the half-sample who received the traditional paper and pencil questionnaire form.

^jSample is decreased by as much as 50% for the following drugs due to survey question experiments: crack, cocaine powder, heroin, narcotics other than heroin, tranquilizers, crystal methamphetamine (ice), alcohol, cigarettes, steroids, and vaping.