

TABLE 13
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by Twelfth Graders

<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															
	<u>Class of:</u>															
	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	
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	
Amyl/butyl nitrites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.9	25.9	26.8	
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	
Some other psychedelic/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	
PCP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.8	24.9	28.9	
MDMA (ecstasy)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.7	
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	
Crack	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.1	42.1	47.0	
Cocaine powder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.9	50.3	53.7	
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	
Some other narcotic (including methadone)	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	
Amphetamines	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	
Crystal meth. (ice) ^b	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Barbiturates ^c	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	
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	
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Steroids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	<i>Approx. N =</i>	<i>2627</i>	<i>2865</i>	<i>3065</i>	<i>3598</i>	<i>3172</i>	<i>3240</i>	<i>3578</i>	<i>3602</i>	<i>3385</i>	<i>3269</i>	<i>3274</i>	<i>3077</i>	<i>3271</i>	<i>3231</i>	<i>2806</i>

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NOTES: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: s = .05, ss = .01, sss = .001.

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SOURCE: The Monitoring the Future Study, the University of Michigan.

^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.

^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.

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	Class of:															
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
Marijuana	84.4	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	-1.3
Amyl/butyl nitrites	24.4	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	+0.4
LSD	40.7	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	-0.6
Some other psychedelic/hallucinogen ^b	28.3	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	+2.1
PCP	27.7	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	+2.3
MDMA (ecstasy)	22.0	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	-9.6 sss
Cocaine	54.5	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	+4.5 s
Crack	42.4	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	+3.9 s
Cocaine powder	49.0	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	+4.3 s
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Some other narcotic (including methadone)	38.1	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	+0.8
Amphetamines	59.7	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	+0.4
Crystal meth. (ice) ^b	24.1	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	+0.6
Barbiturates ^c	45.9	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	—
Tranquilizers	44.7	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	+0.3
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95.0	94.8	94.3	94.7	94.2	94.2	0.0
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	+1.8
	<i>Approx. N =</i>	2549	2476	2586	2670	2526	2552	2340	2517	2520	2215	2095	2120	2138	2391	2169

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