

**TABLE 11**  
**Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 8th 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 <sup>a</sup>																			2009– 2010 change
	<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>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	
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	39.6	37.4	39.3	39.8	41.4	+1.6
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	10.8	10.5	10.9	10.0	10.0	0.0
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	10.5	9.5	10.1	9.1	8.0	-1.1
Ecstasy (MDMA) <sup>b</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.8	22.8	21.6	16.6	15.6	14.5	13.4	14.1	13.1	12.9	-0.1
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	20.9	19.7	20.2	18.6	17.9	-0.7
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	20.2	19.0	19.5	17.8	16.6	-1.2
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	13.0	12.6	13.3	12.0	11.6	-0.4
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	13.0	11.7	12.1	11.8‡	14.6	—
Amphetamines	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	20.7	19.9	21.3	20.2	19.6	-0.6
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	14.5	12.1	12.8	11.9	10.9	-1.0
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	17.3	16.8	17.5	15.9	15.3	-0.7
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	14.4	14.4	15.4	14.1	13.7	-0.4
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	63.0	62.0	64.1	61.8	61.1	-0.7
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	58.0	55.6	57.4	55.3	55.5	+0.2
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	17.1	17.0	16.8	15.2	14.2	-1.0
<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	15,502	15,043	14,482	13,989	14,485	

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 some change in the question. 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.

<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.