

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

| | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 41.4 | 41.0 | 36.3 | 31.2 | 30.2 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Tranquillizers | — | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Vaping device ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 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 |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | | 7,014 | 14,652 | 15,192 | 16,209 | 14,887 | 14,856 | 14,423 | 13,112 | 13,690 | 13,518 | 13,694 | 15,255 | 15,806 | 15,636 |

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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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2017–2018 change |
|---|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | |
| Marijuana | 70.7 | 69.0 | 67.4 | 69.3 | 69.4 | 68.4 | 68.8 | 69.7 | 66.9 | 65.6 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 64.5 | -0.1 |
| LSD | 19.2 | 19.0 | 19.3 | 17.8 | 18.3 | 16.6 | 14.9 | 16.3 | 14.8 | 15.5 | 15.2 | 15.9 | 14.9 | -1.0 |
| PCP ^b | 15.8 | 15.4 | 14.4 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.3 | +0.1 |
| MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c | 27.4 | 27.7 | 26.7 | 25.6 | 25.7 | 24.8 | 21.0 | 20.7 | 20.4 | 19.3 | 16.3 | 15.0 | 13.9 | -1.1 |
| Crack | 29.9 | 29.0 | 27.2 | 23.9 | 22.5 | 19.7 | 18.4 | 17.1 | 15.1 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.0 | -0.8 |
| Cocaine powder | 30.7 | 30.0 | 28.2 | 24.7 | 22.6 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 18.3 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 14.7 | -0.2 |
| Heroin | 17.4 | 17.3 | 17.2 | 15.0 | 14.5 | 13.2 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 9.7 | -0.9 |
| Narcotics other than Heroin ^b | 22.2 | 21.5 | 20.3 | 18.8‡ | 28.7 | 25.0 | 24.3 | 22.5 | 18.8 | 19.2 | 16.8 | 17.7 | 16.8 | -1.0 |
| Amphetamines ^d | 34.7 | 33.3 | 32.0 | 31.8 | 32.6‡ | 28.5 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 25.2 | 27.3 | 22.9 | 24.2 | 23.4 | -0.8 |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) ^b | 20.8 | 18.8 | 15.8 | 14.0 | 13.3 | 11.8 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 8.0 | -0.0 |
| Sedatives (barbiturates) ^e | 29.9 | 28.2 | 26.9 | 25.5 | 24.9 | 22.0 | 20.2 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 16.6 | 14.2 | 15.1 | 14.4 | -0.7 |
| Tranquilizers | 25.1 | 24.9 | 24.1 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 20.8 | 19.7 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 19.4 | 20.5 | 23.3 | 24.2 | +0.8 |
| Alcohol | 83.1 | 82.6 | 81.1 | 80.9 | 80.0 | 77.9 | 78.2 | 77.2 | 75.3 | 74.9 | 71.1 | 71.5 | 70.6 | -0.9 |
| Cigarettes | 79.5 | 78.2 | 76.5 | 76.1 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 72.9 | 71.4 | 69.0 | 66.6 | 62.9 | 62.5 | 61.5 | -1.0 |
| Vaping device ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 59.5 | 66.6 | +7.1 sss |
| E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,f} | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 52.8 | 60.4 | +7.6 sss |
| Steroids | 30.2 | 27.7 | 24.5 | 20.8 | 20.3 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 17.2 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 14.5 | -0.6 |
| <i>Approximate weighted N =</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 15,804 | 15,511 | 14,634 | 15,451 | 14,827 | 14,509 | 14,628 | 12,601 | 12,574 | 15,186 | 14,126 | 12,901 | 13,365 | |

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 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.