

**TABLE 17**  
**Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 12th Graders**

Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get <sup>a</sup>

<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>	<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>	<u>1990</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	84.4
Amyl/butyl nitrites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.9	25.9	26.8	24.4
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	40.7
Some other hallucinogen <sup>b</sup>	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	28.3
PCP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.8	24.9	28.9	27.7
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "molly") <sup>c</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.7	22.0
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	54.5
Crack	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.1	42.1	47.0	42.4
Cocaine powder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.9	50.3	53.7	49.0
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	31.9
Some other narcotic (including methadone) <sup>d</sup>	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	38.1
Amphetamines <sup>e</sup>	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	59.7
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.1
Sedatives (barbiturates) <sup>f</sup>	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	45.9
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	44.7
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cigarettes <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vaping device <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steroids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>	2,627	2,865	3,065	3,598	3,172	3,240	3,578	3,602	3,385	3,269	3,274	3,077	3,271	3,231	2,806	2,549

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Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get <sup>a</sup>

<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>	<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>
Marijuana	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	85.6
Amyl/butyl nitrites	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	19.7
LSD	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	28.6
Some other hallucinogen <sup>b</sup>	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	45.0
PCP	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	23.2
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") <sup>c</sup>	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	40.3
Cocaine	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	44.7
Crack	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	39.3
Cocaine powder	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	41.6
Heroin	30.6	34.9	33.7	34.1	35.1	32.2	33.8	35.6	32.1	33.5	32.3	29.0	27.9	29.6	27.3
Some other narcotic (including methadone) <sup>d</sup>	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	39.2
Amphetamines <sup>e</sup>	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	51.2
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	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	27.2
Sedatives (barbiturates) <sup>f</sup>	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	44.4
Tranquilizers	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	25.7
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95.0	94.8	94.3	94.7	94.2	94.2	93.0
Cigarettes <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vaping device <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	39.7
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>	2,476	2,586	2,670	2,526	2,552	2,340	2,517	2,520	2,215	2,095	2,120	2,138	2,391	2,169	2,161

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**TABLE 17 (cont.)**  
**Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 12th 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 <sup>a</sup>													2017–2018 change
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Marijuana	84.9	83.9	83.9	81.1	82.1	82.2	81.6	81.4	81.3	79.5	81.0	79.8	79.7	-0.1
Amyl/butyl nitrites	18.4	18.1	16.9	15.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LSD	29.0	28.7	28.5	26.3	25.1	25.1	27.6	24.5	25.9	26.5	28.0	26.3	28.0	+1.7
Some other hallucinogen <sup>b</sup>	43.9	43.7	42.8	40.5	39.5	38.3	37.8	36.6	33.6	31.4	32.5	28.4	28.6	+0.2
PCP	23.1	21.0	20.6	19.2	18.5	17.2	14.2	15.3	11.1	13.8	12.6	10.6	10.8	+0.2
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") <sup>c</sup>	40.3	40.9	41.9	35.1	36.4	37.1	35.9	35.1	36.1	37.1	32.5	29.3	27.7	-1.6
Cocaine	46.5	47.1	42.4	39.4	35.5	30.5	29.8	30.5	29.2	29.1	28.6	27.3	28.1	+0.9
Crack	38.8	37.5	35.2	31.9	26.1	24.0	22.0	24.6	20.1	22.0	19.8	18.1	20.8	+2.7
Cocaine powder	42.5	41.2	38.9	33.9	29.0	26.4	25.1	28.4	22.3	25.8	22.9	21.3	23.0	+1.7
Heroin	27.4	29.7	25.4	27.4	24.1	20.8	19.9	22.1	20.2	20.4	20.0	19.1	18.4	-0.8
Some other narcotic (including methadone) <sup>d</sup>	39.6	37.3	34.9	36.1‡	54.2	50.7	50.4	46.5	42.2	39.0	39.3	35.8	32.5	-3.3
Amphetamines <sup>e</sup>	52.9	49.6	47.9	47.1	44.1‡	47.0	45.4	42.7	44.5	41.9	41.1	38.0	39.3	+1.3
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	26.7	25.1	23.3	22.3	18.3	17.1	14.5	17.2	13.7	15.3	14.5	13.6	13.6	-0.0
Sedatives (barbiturates) <sup>f</sup>	43.8	41.7	38.8	37.9	36.8	32.4	28.7	27.9	26.3	25.0	25.7	23.4	23.0	-0.4
Tranquilizers	24.4	23.6	22.4	21.2	18.4	16.8	14.9	15.0	14.4	14.9	15.2	14.9	13.0	-1.9
Alcohol	92.5	92.2	92.2	92.1	90.4	88.9	90.6	89.7	87.6	86.6	85.4	87.1	85.5	-1.6
Cigarettes <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77.9	75.1	-2.8
Vaping device <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78.2	80.5	+2.2
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.0	77.2	+2.2
Steroids	41.1	40.1	35.2	30.3	27.3	26.1	25.0	28.5	22.0	23.7	21.3	20.1	21.1	+1.0
	<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>													
	2,131	2,420	2,276	2,243	2,395	2,337	2,280	2,092	2,066	2,181	1,958	1,882	1,931	

*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.

<sup>a</sup>Answer alternatives were: (1) Probably impossible, (2) Very difficult, (3) Fairly difficult, (4) Fairly easy, and (5) Very easy.

<sup>b</sup>In 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.

<sup>c</sup>Beginning in 2014 "molly" was added to the question on availability of Ecstasy (MDMA). An examination of the data did not show any effect from this wording change.

<sup>d</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.

<sup>e</sup>In 2011 the list of examples was changed from uppers, pep pills, bennies, speed to uppers, speed, Adderall, Ritalin, etc. These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2011 results.

<sup>f</sup>In 2004 the question text was changed from barbiturates to sedatives/barbiturates and the list of examples was changed from downers, goofballs, reds, yellows, etc. to just downers. These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2004 results.

<sup>g</sup>Data based on 2 of 6 forms. N is twice the N indicated.