

TABLE 9
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 12th Graders

Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get ^a

How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
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	83.3
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	39.5
Some other 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	28.3	28.0
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "molly") ^c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.7	22.0	22.1
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	51.0
Crack	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.1	42.1	47.0	42.4	39.9
Cocaine powder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.9	50.3	53.7	49.0	46.0
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	30.6
Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^d	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	34.6
Amphetamines ^e	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	57.3
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.1	24.3
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^f	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	42.4
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	44.7	40.8
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cigarettes ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vaping device ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{g,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid for marijuana vaping ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steroids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.7
<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	2,476

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<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>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>
Marijuana	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	84.9	83.9	83.9
LSD	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	29.0	28.7	28.5
Some other hallucinogen ^b	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	43.9	43.7	42.8
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c	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	40.3	40.9	41.9
Cocaine	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	46.5	47.1	42.4
Crack	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	38.8	37.5	35.2
Cocaine powder	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	42.5	41.2	38.9
Heroin	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	27.4	29.7	25.4
Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^d	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	39.6	37.3	34.9
Amphetamines ^e	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	52.9	49.6	47.9
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	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	26.7	25.1	23.3
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^f	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	43.8	41.7	38.8
Tranquilizers	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	24.4	23.6	22.4
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95.0	94.8	94.3	94.7	94.2	94.2	93.0	92.5	92.2	92.2
Cigarettes ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vaping device ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{g,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid for marijuana vaping ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steroids	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	41.1	40.1	35.2
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>	<i>2,586</i>	<i>2,670</i>	<i>2,526</i>	<i>2,552</i>	<i>2,340</i>	<i>2,517</i>	<i>2,520</i>	<i>2,215</i>	<i>2,095</i>	<i>2,120</i>	<i>2,138</i>	<i>2,391</i>	<i>2,169</i>	<i>2,161</i>	<i>2,131</i>	<i>2,420</i>	<i>2,276</i>

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<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																2022–2023 change	
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ^p ^h	2019 ^e ^h	2020	2021 ⁱ	2022	2023		
Marijuana	81.1	82.1	82.2	81.6	81.4	81.3	79.5	81.0	79.8	79.7	78.0	78.8	§	69.6*	70.4	72.7	+2.4	
LSD	26.3	25.1	25.1	27.6	24.5	25.9	26.5	28.0	26.3	28.0	28.2	29.2	§	23.6*	24.7	21.5	-3.3	
Some other hallucinogen ^b	40.5	39.5	38.3	37.8	36.6	33.6	31.4	32.5	28.4	28.6	29.7	27.0	§	31.3*	30.6	31.1	+0.5	
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c	35.1	36.4	37.1	35.9	35.1	36.1	37.1	32.5	29.3	27.7	24.3	23.5	§	20.8*	17.5	18.0	+0.5	
Cocaine	39.4	35.5	30.5	29.8	30.5	29.2	29.1	28.6	27.3	28.1	24.2	28.4	§	17.2*	18.4	17.7	-0.6	
Crack	31.9	26.1	24.0	22.0	24.6	20.1	22.0	19.8	18.1	20.8	16.9	16.5	§	10.0*	11.3	11.8	+0.4	Table continued on next page.
Cocaine powder	33.9	29.0	26.4	25.1	28.4	22.3	25.8	22.9	21.3	23.0	19.9	18.3	§	11.4*	12.3	11.9	-0.4	
Heroin	27.4	24.1	20.8	19.9	22.1	20.2	20.4	20.0	19.1	18.4	16.1	18.1	§	9.9*	11.8	11.8	+0.0	
Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^d	36.1‡	54.2	50.7	50.4	46.5	42.2	39.0	39.3	35.8	32.5	31.0	30.9	§	18.7*	19.7	17.1	-2.6	
Amphetamines ^e	47.1	44.1‡	47.0	45.4	42.7	44.5	41.9	41.1	38.0	39.3	39.0	36.9	§	29.4*	33.2	31.0	-2.3	
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	22.3	18.3	17.1	14.5	17.2	13.7	15.3	14.5	13.6	13.6	11.9	12.1	§	7.6*	8.0	7.7	-0.4	
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^f	37.9	36.8	32.4	28.7	27.9	26.3	25.0	25.7	23.4	23.0	23.6	24.0	§	16.3*	18.6	20.1	+1.4	
Tranquilizers	21.2	18.4	16.8	14.9	15.0	14.4	14.9	15.2	14.9	13.0	14.7	15.8	§	25.5*	24.1	24.1	-0.0	
Alcohol	92.1	90.4	88.9	90.6	89.7	87.6	86.6	85.4	87.1	85.5	84.4	81.4	§	76.8*	78.4	81.7	+3.3	
Cigarettes ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77.9	75.1	74.7	71.0	§	57.9*	54.2	60.4	+6.2 ss	
Vaping device ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78.2	80.5	82.9	81.2	§	71.5*	69.3	75.6	+6.4 ss	
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.0	77.2	81.6	79.3	§	68.4*	66.5	72.6	+6.1 ss	
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{g,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	§	68.0*	66.0	72.3	+6.3 ss	
E-liquid for marijuana vaping ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	§	54.8	57.2	62.1	+4.9 s	
Steroids	30.3	27.3	26.1	25.0	28.5	22.0	23.7	21.3	20.1	21.1	19.2	14.1	§	12.9*	16.4	17.4	+1.1	
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>	2,243	2,395	2,337	2,280	2,092	2,066	2,181	1,958	1,882	1,931	868	1,085	§	1,219	1,315	1,090		

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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.

*Comparison of 2021+ estimates with previous years may be subject to a survey mode effect in 2019. The size and direction of the mode effect (if any) is indicated by the difference between the estimates in the '2019p' and the '2019e' columns. The '2019p' column reports estimates based on students in the randomly-selected half of schools that used paper-and-pencil questionnaires (used in 2018 and all previous years). The '2019e' column reports estimates on the other half that used electronic data collection on devices connected to the internet (used in 2021 and all subsequent years).

^aAnswer alternatives were: (1) Probably impossible, (2) Very difficult, (3) Fairly difficult, (4) Fairly easy, and (5) Very easy.

^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.

^cBeginning 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.

^dIn 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.

^eIn 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.

^fIn 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.

^gData based on 2 of 6 forms. N is twice the N indicated.

^hThe '2019p' column reports estimates from students in the randomly-selected half of schools that completed the 2019 questionnaire using paper and pencil. The '2019e' column reports estimates for the other half in schools that completed the 2019 questionnaire using web-connected electronic tablets. Estimates in italics indicate statistically significant ($p < .05$) differences in 2019 between the two survey modes.

ⁱSample is decreased by approximately 50% for the following drugs due to survey question experiments: marijuana, LSD, hallucinogens other than LSD, amphetamines, sedatives (barbiturates), tranquilizers, cocaine, heroin, and narcotics other than heroin.

^jQuestion asks specifically about "e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) with a flavor other than tobacco or menthol, such as mint or mango."