

Table 3.67

Reported drug use, alcohol use, and cigarette use in last 30 days among young adults

By type of drug, United States, 1986-96

Question: "On how many occasions, if any, have you used. . .during the last 30 days?"

Type of drug	Percent who used in last 30 days										
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Marijuana	22.0%	20.7%	17.9%	15.5%	13.9%	13.5%	13.3%	13.4%	14.1%	14.0%	15.1%
Inhalants ^a	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5
Adjusted ^b	0.7	0.9	0.9	NA	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	NA	NA
Nitrites ^c	0.5	0.5	0.4	NA	0.1	(d)	0.1	0.2	0.1	NA	NA
Hallucinogens	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.2
Adjusted ^e	1.4	1.2	1.1	NA	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.3
LSD	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.7
PCP ^f	0.2	0.1	0.3	NA	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1
Cocaine	8.2	6.0	5.7	3.8	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.2
Crack ^g	NA	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
Other cocaine ^g	NA	4.8	4.8	3.4	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.1
Heroin	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	(d)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other opiates ^h	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7
Stimulants ^h	4.0	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5
Crystal methamphetamine ⁱ	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.1	(d)	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3
Sedatives ^h	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barbiturates ^h	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8
Methaqualone ^h	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tranquilizers ^h	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.7
Alcohol ^j	75.1	75.4	74.0	72.4	71.2	70.6	69.0	68.3	67.7	68.1	66.7
Steroids ^c	NA	NA	NA	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Cigarettes	31.1	30.9	28.9	28.6	27.7	28.2	28.3	28.0	28.0	29.2	30.1

Note: See Notes, tables 3.58, 3.63, and 3.66. Some data for 1995 have been revised by the Source and will differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

^aThis drug was asked about in four of the five questionnaire forms in 1986-89, and five of the six questionnaire forms in 1990-96. Total N in 1996 is approximately 5,250.

^bAdjusted for underreporting of amyl and butyl nitrites.

^cThis drug was asked about in one questionnaire form. Total N in 1996 is approximately 1,050. Questions about nitrites were dropped in 1995.

^dLess than 0.05%.

^eAdjusted for underreporting of PCP.

^fThis drug was asked about in two of the five questionnaire forms in 1987-89, and in all six questionnaire forms in 1990-96.

^gThis drug was asked about in one of the five questionnaire forms in 1987-89, and in four of the six questionnaire forms in 1990-96. Total N in 1996 is approximately 4,200.

^hOnly drug use that was not under a doctor's orders is included here.

ⁱThis drug was asked about in two questionnaire forms. Total N in 1996 is approximately 2,100.

^jIn 1993, the question was changed slightly in half of the questionnaire forms to indicate that a "drink" meant "more than a few sips." Data for 1993 are from the revised question. Beginning in 1994, all forms include the revised wording.

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