TABLE 15
Trends in <u>Availability</u> of Drugs as Perceived by <u>8th Graders</u>

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	2006
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
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
PCP [b]	—	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
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") [b]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.8	22.8	21.6	16.6	15.6	14.5
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
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
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
Narcotics other than Heroin [b,c]	—	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
Amphetamines [d]	—	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
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) [b]	—	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
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
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
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
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
Vaping device [e,f]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) [e,f]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
JUUL vaping device [g]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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
Approximate weighted N =		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

TABLE 15 (cont.)
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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]														
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u> [h]	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u> [i]
Marijuana	37.4	39.3	39.8	41.4	37.9	36.9	39.1	36.9	37.0	34.6	35.2	35.0	34.9	§	26.7*
LSD	10.5	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.3	7.5	7.4	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.9	§	6.3*
PCP [b]	9.5	10.1	9.1	8.0	7.9	6.7	5.8	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.6	§	4.4*
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") [b]	13.4	14.1	13.1	12.9	12.0	9.6	9.5	10.1	9.6	8.7	8.0	7.2	8.5	§	6.4*
Crack	19.7	20.2	18.6	17.9	15.7	14.4	13.7	12.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.6	9.0	§	7.5*
Cocaine powder	19.0	19.5	17.8	16.6	14.9	14.1	13.5	11.9	11.6	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.5	§	7.7*
Heroin	12.6	13.3	12.0	11.6	9.9	9.4	10.0	8.6	7.8	8.9	8.1	7.8	8.1	§	5.4*
Narcotics other than Heroin [b,c]	11.7	12.1	11.8‡	14.6	12.3	10.6	9.7	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.3	9.3	§	6.0*
Amphetamines [d]	19.9	21.3	20.2	19.6‡	15.0	13.4	12.8	12.1	11.8	12.1	11.0	11.6	12.8	§	11.4*
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) [b]	12.1	12.8	11.9	10.9	9.6	8.8	8.5	7.7	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.9	§	4.9*
Sedatives (barbiturates) [e]	16.8	17.5	15.9	15.3	12.6	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.6	9.0	§	8.1*
Tranquilizers	14.4	15.4	14.1	13.7	12.0	10.5	10.4	9.8	9.8	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.7	§	7.5*
Alcohol	62.0	64.1	61.8	61.1	59.0	57.5	56.1	54.4	53.6	52.7	53.2	53.9	53.1	§	47.9*
Cigarettes	55.6	57.4	55.3	55.5	51.9	50.7	49.9	47.2	47.0	45.6	46.2	45.7	42.9	§	38.0*
Vaping device [e,f]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.6	45.7	49.1	§	37.8*
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) [e,f]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.0	37.9	46.1	§	35.1*
JUUL vaping device [g]	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51.5	§	43.6*
Steroids	17.0	16.8	15.2	14.2	13.3	12.5	12.9	11.8	11.6	12.6	11.6	10.9	11.4	§	9.1*
Approximate weighted N =	*15,043*	*14,482*	*13,989*	*14,485*	*15,233*	*14,235*	*13,605*	*13,208*	*13,494*	*15,628*	*14,042*	*12,315*	*5,712*	§	*9,790*

TABLE 15 (cont.)
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 8th Graders

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.

*Results may not be comparable to previous years. In 2021 MTF conducted survey administrations via the internet for the first time, and responses, especially on attitudes, can be sensitive to mode effects.

[a]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.

[b]Beginning 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 from 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.

[c]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.

[d]In 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 2012 results.

[e]Beginning in 2017, data based on one half of *N* indicated.

[f] Percentages for all years reported here include respondents who replied "can't say, drug unfamiliar" in the deniminator. The percentage for 2017 published in late 2017 and early

2018 did not include these respondents in the deniminator.

[g] Data based on three of four forms. *N* is two thirds of *N* indicated.

[h]The *N* for 2019 is approximately one-half of that for the full sample, because it is based on the half-sample who received the traditional paper and pencil questionnaire form.

[i]Sample is decreased by as much as 50% for the following drugs due to survey question experiments: crack, cocaine powder, heroin, narcotics other than heroin, tranquilizers, crystal methamphetamine (ice),

alcohol, cigarettes, steroids, and vaping.