

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

Percentage saying fairly easy or very easy to get ^a

<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>	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
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 ^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
PCP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.8	24.9	28.9	27.7
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "molly") ^c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	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) ^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
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
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.1
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
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 ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vaping device ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{g,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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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How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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	84.9
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	18.4
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	29.0
Some other hallucinogen ^b	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	43.9
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	23.1
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c	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	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	46.5
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	38.8
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	42.5
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	27.4
Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^d	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	39.6
Amphetamines ^e	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	52.9
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	26.7
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^f	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	43.8
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	24.4
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95.0	94.8	94.3	94.7	94.2	94.2	93.0	92.5
Cigarettes ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vaping device ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{g,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	41.1
<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	2,131

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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																2021–2022 change
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ^h	2020	2021 ⁱ	2022	
Marijuana	83.9	83.9	81.1	82.1	82.2	81.6	81.4	81.3	79.5	81.0	79.8	79.7	78.0	§	69.6*	70.4	+0.8
Amyl/butyl nitrites	18.1	16.9	15.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LSD	28.7	28.5	26.3	25.1	25.1	27.6	24.5	25.9	26.5	28.0	26.3	28.0	28.2	§	23.6*	24.7	+1.1
Some other hallucinogen ^b	43.7	42.8	40.5	39.5	38.3	37.8	36.6	33.6	31.4	32.5	28.4	28.6	29.7	§	31.3*	30.6	-0.8
PCP	21.0	20.6	19.2	18.5	17.2	14.2	15.3	11.1	13.8	12.6	10.6	10.8	11.0	§	—	—	—
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^c	40.9	41.9	35.1	36.4	37.1	35.9	35.1	36.1	37.1	32.5	29.3	27.7	24.3	§	20.8*	17.5	-3.4
Cocaine	47.1	42.4	39.4	35.5	30.5	29.8	30.5	29.2	29.1	28.6	27.3	28.1	24.2	§	17.2*	18.4	+1.2
Crack	37.5	35.2	31.9	26.1	24.0	22.0	24.6	20.1	22.0	19.8	18.1	20.8	16.9	§	10.0*	11.3	+1.4
Cocaine powder	41.2	38.9	33.9	29.0	26.4	25.1	28.4	22.3	25.8	22.9	21.3	23.0	19.9	§	11.4*	12.3	+0.9
Heroin	29.7	25.4	27.4	24.1	20.8	19.9	22.1	20.2	20.4	20.0	19.1	18.4	16.1	§	9.9*	11.8	+1.9
Some other narcotic (including methadone) ^d	37.3	34.9	36.1‡	54.2	50.7	50.4	46.5	42.2	39.0	39.3	35.8	32.5	31.0	§	18.7*	19.7	+1.0
Amphetamines ^e	49.6	47.9	47.1	44.1‡	47.0	45.4	42.7	44.5	41.9	41.1	38.0	39.3	39.0	§	29.4*	33.2	+3.8
Crystal methamphetamine (ice)	25.1	23.3	22.3	18.3	17.1	14.5	17.2	13.7	15.3	14.5	13.6	13.6	11.9	§	7.6*	8.0	+0.4
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^f	41.7	38.8	37.9	36.8	32.4	28.7	27.9	26.3	25.0	25.7	23.4	23.0	23.6	§	16.3*	18.6	+2.4
Tranquilizers	23.6	22.4	21.2	18.4	16.8	14.9	15.0	14.4	14.9	15.2	14.9	13.0	14.7	§	25.5*	24.1	-1.4
Alcohol	92.2	92.2	92.1	90.4	88.9	90.6	89.7	87.6	86.6	85.4	87.1	85.5	84.4	§	76.8*	78.4	+1.6
Cigarettes ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77.9	75.1	74.7	§	57.9*	54.2	-3.7
Vaping device ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78.2	80.5	82.9	§	71.5*	69.3	-2.2
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^g	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.0	77.2	81.6	§	68.4*	66.5	-1.9
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{g,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	§	68.0*	66.0	-2.0
Steroids	40.1	35.2	30.3	27.3	26.1	25.0	28.5	22.0	23.7	21.3	20.1	21.1	19.2	§	12.9*	16.4	+3.5 ^s
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>	2,420	2,276	2,243	2,395	2,337	2,280	2,092	2,066	2,181	1,958	1,882	1,931	868	§	1,219	1,315	

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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.

*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.

^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 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.

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."