

TABLE 7
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived by 8th Graders

<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																
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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	37.4	39.3
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	10.5	10.9
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	9.5	10.1
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^b	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.8	22.8	21.6	16.6	15.6	14.5	13.4	14.1
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	19.7	20.2
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	19.0	19.5
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	12.6	13.3
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	11.7	12.1
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	19.9	21.3
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	12.1	12.8
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	16.8	17.5
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	14.4	15.4
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	62.0	64.1
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	55.6	57.4
Vaping device ^{e,f}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,f}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E-liquid for marijuana vaping ^e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	17.0	16.8
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>	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	15,043	14,482

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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 <u>change</u>
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ^p ^h	2019 ^e ^h	2020	2021 ⁱ	2022	2023	
Marijuana	39.8	41.4	37.9	36.9	39.1	36.9	37.0	34.6	35.2	35.0	34.9	32.0	§	26.7*	26.0	25.8	-0.1
LSD	10.0	10.0	9.3	7.5	7.4	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.3	6.5	6.9	7.9	§	6.3*	5.4	6.4	+1.0
PCP ^b	9.1	8.0	7.9	6.7	5.8	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.6	6.1	§	4.4*	4.0	5.8	+1.8
MDMA (e.g. ecstasy, "Molly") ^b	13.1	12.9	12.0	9.6	9.5	10.1	9.6	8.7	8.0	7.2	8.5	8.6	§	6.4*	6.0	6.7	+0.7
Crack	18.6	17.9	15.7	14.4	13.7	12.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.6	9.0	8.3	§	7.5*	7.1	8.4	+1.3 ^s
Cocaine powder	17.8	16.6	14.9	14.1	13.5	11.9	11.6	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.5	8.6	§	7.7*	7.1	8.2	+1.0
Heroin	12.0	11.6	9.9	9.4	10.0	8.6	7.8	8.9	8.1	7.8	8.1	6.4	§	5.4*	4.8	5.5	+0.8
Narcotics other than Heroin ^{b,c}	11.8‡	14.6	12.3	10.6	9.7	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.3	9.3	8.7	§	6.0*	5.6	5.9	+0.3
Amphetamines ^d	20.2	19.6‡	15.0	13.4	12.8	12.1	11.8	12.1	11.0	11.6	12.8	12.4	§	11.4*	10.9	9.9	-1.0
Crystal methamphetamine (ice) ^b	11.9	10.9	9.6	8.8	8.5	7.7	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.9	6.5	§	4.9*	4.8	5.5	+0.8
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^e	15.9	15.3	12.6	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.6	9.0	10.8	§	8.1*	8.2	8.4	+0.2
Tranquilizers	14.1	13.7	12.0	10.5	10.4	9.8	9.8	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.7	10.9	§	7.5*	7.2	6.8	-0.4
Alcohol	61.8	61.1	59.0	57.5	56.1	54.4	53.6	52.7	53.2	53.9	53.1	46.1	§	47.9*	41.9	41.0	-0.8
Cigarettes	55.3	55.5	51.9	50.7	49.9	47.2	47.0	45.6	46.2	45.7	42.9	39.4	§	38.0*	33.8	33.0	-0.8
Vaping device ^{e,f}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.6	45.7	49.1	40.9	§	37.8*	34.6	34.1	-0.5
E-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,f}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.0	37.9	46.1	39.3	§	35.1*	32.7	31.9	-0.8
Flavored e-liquid with nicotine (for vaping) ^{e,j}	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	§	33.8*	31.2	29.9	-1.3
E-liquid for marijuana vaping ^e	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	§	23.8	23.2	21.9	-1.3
Steroids	15.2	14.2	13.3	12.5	12.9	11.8	11.6	12.6	11.6	10.9	11.4	9.6	§	9.1*	8.1	8.7	0.6
<i>Approximate weighted N =</i>																	
	13,989	14,485	15,233	14,235	13,605	13,208	13,494	15,628	14,042	12,315	5,712	6,688	§	9,790	8,519	5,081	

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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, (5) Very easy, and (6) Can't say, drug unfamiliar.

^bBeginning 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 form 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.

^cIn 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.

^dIn 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.

^eBeginning in 2017, data based on one half of N indicated.

^fPercentages for all years reported here include respondents who replied "can't say, drug unfamiliar" in the denominator. The percentage for 2017 published in late 2017 and early 2018 did not include these respondents in the denominator.

^gData based on three of four forms. N is two thirds of 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 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.

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