

**TABLE 13**  
**Long-Term Trends in Perceived Availability of Drugs by Twelfth 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 <sup>a</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | '02-'03<br>change |      |      |                     |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------------------|------|------|---------------------|
|   | 1975   | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000  |                   | 2001 | 2002 | 2003                |
| 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 | 82.7 | 83.0 | 85.5 | 88.5 | 88.7 | 89.6 | 90.4 | 88.9 | 88.5  | 88.5              | 87.2 | 87.1 | 0.0                 |
| Amyl/butyl nitrites   | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 23.9 | 25.9 | 26.8 | 24.4 | 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 | -2.7                |
| 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 | 44.5 | 49.2 | 50.8 | 53.8 | 51.3 | 50.7 | 48.8 | 44.7 | 46.9  | 44.7              | 39.6 | 33.6 | -5.9 <sup>sss</sup> |
| Some other psychedelic/hallucinogen <sup>b</sup>  | 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 | 29.9 | 33.5 | 33.8 | 35.8 | 33.9 | 33.9 | 35.1 | 29.5 | 34.5‡ | 48.5              | 47.7 | 47.2 | -0.5                |
| PCP   | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 22.8 | 24.9 | 28.9 | 27.7 | 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 | -3.8 <sup>ss</sup>  |
| MDMA (Ecstasy)  | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 21.7 | 22.0 | 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 | -1.6                |
| 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 | 52.7 | 48.5 | 46.6 | 47.7 | 48.1 | 48.5 | 51.3 | 47.6 | 47.8  | 46.2              | 44.6 | 43.3 | -1.4                |
| Crack   | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 41.1 | 42.1 | 47.0 | 42.4 | 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 | -3.2                |
| Cocaine powder  | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 52.9 | 50.3 | 53.7 | 49.0 | 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 | -2.8                |
| 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 | 34.9 | 33.7 | 34.1 | 35.1 | 32.2 | 33.8 | 35.6 | 32.1 | 33.5  | 32.3              | 29.0 | 27.9 | -1.1                |
| Some other narcotic (including methadone)   | 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 | 37.1 | 37.5 | 38.0 | 39.8 | 40.0 | 38.9 | 42.8 | 40.8 | 43.9  | 40.5              | 44.0 | 39.3 | -4.6 <sup>s</sup>   |
| Amphetamines  | 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 | 58.8 | 61.5 | 62.0 | 62.8 | 59.4 | 59.8 | 60.8 | 58.1 | 57.1  | 57.1              | 57.4 | 55.0 | -2.4                |
| Crystal meth. (Ice)   | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 24.1 | 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 | -2.1                |
| Barbiturates  | 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 | 44.0 | 44.5 | 43.3 | 42.3 | 41.4 | 40.0 | 40.7 | 37.9 | 37.4  | 35.7              | 36.6 | 35.3 | -1.3                |
| 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 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 39.2 | 37.8 | 36.0 | 35.4 | 36.2 | 32.7 | 33.8  | 33.1              | 32.9 | 29.8 | -3.1                |
| Alcohol   | —  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 95.0 | 94.8  | 94.3              | 94.7 | 94.2 | -0.5                |
| 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 | -4.8 <sup>s</sup>   |
| <i>Approx. N = 2627 2865 3065 3598 3172 3240 3578 3602 3385 3269 3274 3077 3271 3231 2806 2549 2476 2586 2670 2526 2552 2340 2517 2520 2215 2095 2120 2138 2391</i> |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |                   |      |      |                     |

NOTES: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: s = .05, ss = .01, sss = .001. '—' indicates data not available.

‡ indicates some change in the question. See relevant footnote.

Any apparent inconsistency between the change estimate and the prevalence of use estimates for the two most recent classes is due to rounding error.

SOURCE: The Monitoring the Future Study, the University of Michigan.

<sup>a</sup>Answer alternatives were: (1) Probably impossible, (2) Very difficult, (3) Fairly difficult, (4) Fairly easy, and (5) Very easy.

<sup>b</sup>In 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.