

**TABLE 6**  
**Trends in Harmfulness of Drugs as Perceived by Tenth Graders**

<i>How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways), if they . . .</i>	Percentage saying "great risk" <sup>a</sup>														'03-'04 change
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
Try marijuana once or twice	30.0	31.9	29.7	24.4	21.5	20.0	18.8	19.6	19.2	18.5	17.9	19.9	21.1	22.0	+0.9
Smoke marijuana occasionally	48.6	48.9	46.1	38.9	35.4	32.8	31.9	32.5	33.5	32.4	31.2	32.0	34.9	36.2	+1.3
Smoke marijuana regularly	82.1	81.1	78.5	71.3	67.9	65.9	65.9	65.8	65.9	64.7	62.8	60.8	63.9	65.6	+1.7
Try inhalants once or twice <sup>b</sup>	37.8	38.7	40.9	42.7	41.6	47.2	47.5	45.8	48.2	46.6	49.9	48.7	47.7	46.7	-1.0
Try inhalants regularly <sup>b</sup>	69.8	67.9	69.6	71.5	71.8	75.8	74.5	73.3	76.3	75.0	76.4	73.4	72.2	73.0	+0.8
Take LSD once or twice <sup>c</sup>	—	—	48.7	46.5	44.7	45.1	44.5	43.5	45.0	43.0	41.3	40.1	40.8	40.6	-0.2
Take LSD regularly <sup>c</sup>	—	—	78.9	75.9	75.5	75.3	73.8	72.3	73.9	72.0	68.8	64.9	63.0	63.1	+0.1
Try MDMA (ecstasy) once or twice <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.4	43.5	49.7	52.0	+2.3
Take MDMA (ecstasy) occasionally <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64.8	67.3	71.7	74.6	+3.0 s
Try crack once or twice <sup>b</sup>	70.4	69.6	66.6	64.7	60.9	60.9	59.2	58.0	57.8	56.1	57.1	57.4	57.6	56.7	-0.9
Take crack occasionally <sup>b</sup>	87.4	86.4	84.4	83.1	81.2	80.3	78.7	77.5	79.1	76.9	77.3	75.7	76.4	76.7	+0.3
Try cocaine powder once or twice <sup>b</sup>	59.1	59.2	57.5	56.4	53.5	53.6	52.2	50.9	51.6	48.8	50.6	51.3	51.8	50.7	-1.1
Take cocaine powder occasionally <sup>b</sup>	82.2	80.1	79.1	77.8	75.6	75.0	73.9	71.8	73.6	70.9	72.3	71.0	71.4	72.2	+0.8
Try heroin once or twice without using a needle <sup>c</sup>	—	—	—	—	70.7	72.1	73.1	71.7	73.7	71.7	72.0	72.2	70.6	72.0	+1.4
Take heroin occasionally without using a needle <sup>c</sup>	—	—	—	—	85.1	85.8	86.5	84.9	86.5	85.2	85.4	83.4	83.5	85.4	+1.9
Try one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor)	9.0	10.1	10.9	9.4	9.3	8.9	9.0	10.1	10.5	9.6	9.8	11.5	11.5	10.8	-0.8
Take one or two drinks nearly every day	36.1	36.8	35.9	32.5	31.7	31.2	31.8	31.9	32.9	32.3	31.5	31.0	30.9	31.3	+0.4
Have five or more drinks once or twice each weekend	54.7	55.9	54.9	52.9	52.0	50.9	51.8	52.5	51.9	51.0	50.7	51.7	51.6	51.7	0.0
Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day <sup>e</sup>	60.3	59.3	60.7	59.0	57.0	57.9	59.9	61.9	62.7	65.9	64.7	64.3	65.7	68.4	+2.8 s
Use smokeless tobacco regularly	40.3	39.6	44.2	42.2	38.2	41.0	42.2	42.8	44.2	46.7	46.2	46.9	48.0	47.8	-0.2
Take steroids <sup>f</sup>	67.1	72.7	73.4	72.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Approx. N =</i> 14700 14800 15300 15900 17000 15700 15600 15000 13600 14300 14000 14300 15800 16400															

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

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) No risk, (2) Slight risk, (3) Moderate risk, (4) Great risk, and (5) Can't say, drug unfamiliar.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in 1997, data based on two-thirds of N indicated due to changes in questionnaire forms.

<sup>c</sup>Data based on one of two forms in 1993–96; N is one-half of N indicated. Beginning in 1997, data based on one-third of N indicated due to changes in questionnaire forms.

<sup>d</sup>Data based on one-third of N indicated due to changes in questionnaire forms.

<sup>e</sup>Beginning in 1999, data based on two-thirds of N indicated due to changes in questionnaire forms.

<sup>f</sup>Data based on two forms in 1991 and 1992. Data based on one of two forms in 1993 and 1994; N is one-half of N indicated.