

TABLE 13
Trends in Availability of Drugs as Perceived 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 ^a																
	Class of:																
	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
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
Amyl/butyl nitrites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.9	25.9	26.8	24.4	22.7
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
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	28.0
PCP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.8	24.9	28.9	27.7	27.6
MDMA (ecstasy)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.7	22.0	22.1
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
Crack	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.1	42.1	47.0	42.4	39.9
Cocaine powder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.9	50.3	53.7	49.0	46.0
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	30.6
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
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
Crystal meth. (ice)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.1	24.3
Sedatives (barbiturates) ^c	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
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
Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steroids	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.7
	<i>Approximate 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 2,476																

Cont.

Source: The Monitoring the Future study, the University of Michigan.

Notes: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: s = 0.05, ss = 0.01, sss = 0.001.

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

^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.

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	<u>Class of:</u>																
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Marijuana	82.7	83.0	85.5	88.5	88.7	89.6	90.4	88.9	88.5	88.5	87.2	<i>87.1</i>	85.8	85.6	84.9	83.9	-1.0
Amyl/butyl nitrites	25.9	25.9	26.7	26.0	23.9	23.8	25.1	21.4	23.3	22.5	<i>22.3</i>	<i>19.7</i>	20.0	19.7	18.4	18.1	-0.4
LSD	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	28.7	-0.3
Some other hallucinogen ^b	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	43.7	-0.3
PCP	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	21.0	-2.1
MDMA (ecstasy)	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	40.9	+0.7
Cocaine	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	47.1	+0.6
Crack	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	37.5	-1.2
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Sedatives (barbiturates) ^c	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	41.7	-2.1
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Alcohol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95.0	94.8	94.3	94.7	94.2	94.2	93.0	92.5	92.2	-0.3
Steroids	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	40.1	-1.0
	<i>Approximate N =</i> 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 2,420																

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