

**TABLE 12**  
**Trends in Disapproval of Drug Use in Grade 8**

Do you disapprove of people who . . .	Percentage who disapprove or strongly disapprove <sup>a</sup>															
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Try marijuana once or twice <sup>b</sup>	84.6	82.1	79.2	72.9	70.7	67.5	67.6	69.0	70.7	72.5	72.4	73.3	73.8	75.9	75.3	76.0
Smoke marijuana occasionally <sup>b</sup>	89.5	88.1	85.7	80.9	79.7	76.5	78.1	78.4	79.3	80.6	80.6	80.9	81.5	83.1	82.4	82.2
Smoke marijuana regularly <sup>b</sup>	92.1	90.8	88.9	85.3	85.1	82.8	84.6	84.5	84.5	85.3	84.5	85.3	85.7	86.8	86.3	86.1
Try inhalants once or twice <sup>c</sup>	84.9	84.0	82.5	81.6	81.8	82.9	84.1	83.0	85.2	85.4	86.6	86.1	85.1	85.1	84.6	83.4
Take inhalants regularly <sup>c</sup>	90.6	90.0	88.9	88.1	88.8	89.3	90.3	89.5	90.3	90.2	90.5	90.4	89.8	90.1	89.8	89.0
Take LSD once or twice <sup>d</sup>	—	—	77.1	75.2	71.6	70.9	72.1	69.1	69.4	66.7	64.6	62.6	61.0	58.1	58.5	53.9
Take LSD regularly <sup>d</sup>	—	—	79.8	78.4	75.8	75.3	76.3	72.5	72.5	69.3	67.0	65.5	63.5	60.5	60.7	55.8
Try ecstasy (MDMA, Molly) once or twice <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69.0	74.3	77.7	76.3	75.0	66.7
Take ecstasy (MDMA, Molly) occasionally <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	73.6	78.6	81.3	79.4	77.9	69.8
Try cocaine once or twice <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Take cocaine occasionally <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Try crack once or twice <sup>c</sup>	91.7	90.7	89.1	86.9	85.9	85.0	85.7	85.4	86.0	85.4	86.0	86.2	86.4	87.4	87.6	87.2
Take crack occasionally <sup>c</sup>	93.3	92.5	91.7	89.9	89.8	89.3	90.3	89.5	89.9	88.8	89.8	89.6	89.8	90.3	90.5	90.0
Try cocaine powder once or twice <sup>c</sup>	91.2	89.6	88.5	86.1	85.3	83.9	85.1	84.5	85.2	84.8	85.6	85.8	85.6	86.8	87.0	86.5
Take cocaine powder occasionally <sup>c</sup>	93.1	92.4	91.6	89.7	89.7	88.7	90.1	89.3	89.9	88.8	89.6	89.9	89.8	90.3	90.7	90.2
Try heroin once or twice without using a needle <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	85.8	85.0	87.7	87.3	88.0	87.2	87.2	87.8	86.9	86.6	86.9	87.2
Take heroin occasionally without using a needle <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	88.5	87.7	90.1	89.7	90.2	88.9	88.9	89.6	89.0	88.6	88.5	88.5
Try one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) <sup>b</sup>	51.7	52.2	50.9	47.8	48.0	45.5	45.7	47.5	48.3	48.7	49.8	51.1	49.7	51.1	51.2	51.3
Take one or two drinks nearly every day <sup>b</sup>	82.2	81.0	79.6	76.7	75.9	74.1	76.6	76.9	77.0	77.8	77.4	78.3	77.1	78.6	78.7	78.7
Have five or more drinks once or twice each weekend <sup>b</sup>	85.2	83.9	83.3	80.7	80.7	79.1	81.3	81.0	80.3	81.2	81.6	81.9	81.9	82.3	82.9	82.0
Smoke one to five cigarettes per day <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.1	79.1	80.4	81.1	81.4	83.1	82.9	83.5
Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day <sup>f</sup>	82.8	82.3	80.6	78.4	78.6	77.3	80.3	80.0	81.4	81.9	83.5	84.6	84.6	85.7	85.3	85.6
Use electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) regularly <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vape an e-liquid with nicotine occasionally <sup>e,h</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vape an e-liquid with nicotine regularly <sup>e,h</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vape marijuana occasionally <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vape marijuana regularly <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Use JUUL occasionally <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Use JUUL regularly <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Use smokeless tobacco regularly <sup>b</sup>	79.1	77.2	77.1	75.1	74.0	74.1	76.5	76.3	78.0	79.2	79.4	80.6	80.7	81.0	82.0	81.0
Take steroids <sup>g</sup>	89.8	90.3	89.9	87.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Approximate weighted N = 17,400 18,500 18,400 17,400 17,600 18,000 18,800 18,100 16,700 16,700 16,200 15,100 16,500 17,000 16,800 16,500

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**TABLE 12 (cont.)**  
**Trends in Disapproval of Drug Use in Grade 8**

Do you disapprove of people who . . .	Percentage who disapprove or strongly disapprove <sup>a</sup>														2019–2020 change
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 <sup>i</sup>	2020	
Try marijuana once or twice <sup>b</sup>	78.7	76.6	75.3	73.5	74.4	75.1	72.0	70.5	70.3	70.1	67.3	64.5	62.3	62.7	+0.4
Smoke marijuana occasionally <sup>b</sup>	84.5	82.6	81.9	79.9	81.1	81.6	78.8	77.7	77.5	77.5	75.5	73.1	70.3	71.2	+0.9
Smoke marijuana regularly <sup>b</sup>	87.7	86.8	85.9	84.3	85.7	85.6	83.8	82.2	82.2	82.3	81.2	79.3	76.0	75.9	-0.1
Try inhalants once or twice <sup>c</sup>	84.1	82.3	83.1	83.1	82.9	83.1	81.6	80.7	80.6	78.3	77.4	75.0	72.9	74.0	+1.0
Take inhalants regularly <sup>c</sup>	89.5	88.5	88.4	88.9	88.5	88.6	86.8	85.5	85.4	83.3	82.8	81.3	78.8	82.0	+3.2
Take LSD once or twice <sup>d</sup>	53.5	52.6	53.2	53.7	55.4	51.8	52.0	52.8	56.0	55.2	56.1	55.9	59.4	51.3	-8.1 ss
Take LSD regularly <sup>d</sup>	55.6	54.7	55.7	55.8	57.6	54.1	53.6	54.8	58.1	57.6	58.2	59.4	62.1	56.0	-6.1 s
Try ecstasy (MDMA, Molly) once or twice <sup>e</sup>	65.7	63.5	62.3	62.4	64.2	60.2	60.9	61.0†	68.2	64.8	63.0	63.7	64.7	59.1	-5.6
Take ecstasy (MDMA, Molly) occasionally <sup>e</sup>	68.3	66.5	65.7	65.9	67.5	63.2	63.4	64.1†	71.7	67.5	65.8	67.1	67.6	63.9	-3.6
Try cocaine once or twice <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	86.7	—
Take cocaine occasionally <sup>d</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89.5	—
Try crack once or twice <sup>c</sup>	88.6	87.2	88.4	89.1	88.5	89.0	88.1	88.0	87.5	87.0	87.5	86.1	84.4	—	—
Take crack occasionally <sup>c</sup>	91.2	90.3	91.0	91.5	91.0	91.2	90.3	89.8	89.8	88.8	89.6	88.4	86.1	—	—
Try cocaine powder once or twice <sup>c</sup>	88.2	86.8	88.1	88.4	88.3	88.6	88.0	87.7	87.5	86.8	86.8	85.6	83.8	—	—
Take cocaine powder occasionally <sup>c</sup>	91.0	90.1	90.7	91.4	91.3	91.5	90.6	90.1	90.1	89.3	90.0	88.9	86.5	—	—
Try heroin once or twice without using a needle <sup>d</sup>	88.4	86.9	88.6	89.5	87.5	86.8	87.2	87.1	87.1	85.6	87.9	85.5	84.6	86.0	+1.4
Take heroin occasionally without using a needle <sup>d</sup>	89.7	88.2	90.1	90.6	89.0	87.7	88.2	88.1	88.0	86.7	88.7	86.8	85.5	87.6	+2.0
Try one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) <sup>b</sup>	54.0	52.5	52.7	54.2	54.0	54.1	53.3	53.3	53.7	52.6	51.0	47.4	51.0	46.0	-4.9
Take one or two drinks nearly every day <sup>b</sup>	80.4	79.2	78.5	79.5	80.7	81.3	80.2	79.6	79.7	79.1	79.5	77.9	77.8	78.1	+0.2
Have five or more drinks once or twice each weekend <sup>b</sup>	83.8	83.2	83.2	83.6	84.8	86.0	85.0	84.9	85.4	84.9	84.7	83.7	81.3	82.8	+1.5
Smoke one to five cigarettes per day <sup>e</sup>	85.3	85.0	83.6	84.7	86.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day <sup>f</sup>	87.0	86.7	87.1	87.0	88.0	88.8	88.0	87.5	88.8	88.1	88.8	87.6	85.5	87.8	+2.3
Use electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) regularly <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58.4	65.0	66.6	—	—	—	—	—
Vape an e-liquid with nicotine occasionally <sup>e,h</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63.2	60.8	65.0	73.0	+8.0 s
Vape an e-liquid with nicotine regularly <sup>e,h</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69.9	68.9	73.4	79.1	+5.7
Vape marijuana occasionally <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.7	—
Vape marijuana regularly <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	79.4	—
Use JUUL occasionally <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63.0	71.7	+8.7 sss
Use JUUL regularly <sup>e</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.4	79.5	+9.0 sss
Use smokeless tobacco regularly <sup>b</sup>	82.3	82.1	81.5	81.2	82.6	82.7	81.5	80.2	82.5	81.1	81.3	79.9	79.1	81.4	+2.3
Take steroids <sup>g</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Approximate weighted N = 16,100 15,700 15,000 15,300 16,000 15,100 14,600 14,600 14,400 16,900 15,300 14,000 6,800 3,100

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**TABLE 12 (cont.)**  
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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. Any apparent inconsistency between the change estimate and the prevalence estimates for the two most recent years is due to rounding. '‡' indicates that the question changed the following year.

<sup>a</sup>Answer alternatives were: (1) Don't disapprove, (2) Disapprove, (3) Strongly disapprove, and (4) Can't say, drug unfamiliar. Percentages are shown for categories (2) and (3) combined.

<sup>b</sup>Beginning in 2012, data based on two thirds of  $N$  indicated.

<sup>c</sup>Beginning in 1997, data based on two thirds of  $N$  indicated.

<sup>d</sup>Data based on one of two forms in 1993–1996;  $N$  is one half of  $N$  indicated. Beginning in 1997, data based on one third of  $N$  indicated due to changes in questionnaire forms.

<sup>e</sup>Data based on one third of  $N$  indicated. For MDMA "Molly" was added to the question text in 2015; 2014 and 2015 data are not comparable due to this change.

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

<sup>g</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.

<sup>h</sup>Percentages 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.

<sup>i</sup>Drug prevalence results in 2019 combine results from paper-and-pencil surveys with those completed using electronic tablets. In 2019 students in a randomly-selected half of schools completed MTF surveys on paper-and-pencil and students in the other half completed the surveys using electronic tablets. Analysis of this randomized controlled trial demonstrated that these results did not significantly differ across survey mode (Miech, R.A., Couper, M.P., Heeringa, S. G., and Patrick M. E. Forthcoming. The Impact of Survey Mode on US National Estimates of Adolescent Drug Prevalence: Results from a Randomized Controlled Study, Addiction). Results for student attitudes and beliefs in 2019 are based on answers from electronic tablets only because these appear more susceptible to survey mode effects. Readers are cautioned that large changes in these results from 2018 to 2019 may stem from survey mode effects.