## TABLE 13
## Trends in <u>Availability</u> of Drugs as Perceived by <u>12th Graders</u>

| *How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some?* | Percentage saying "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get[a] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | <u>1975</u> | <u>1976</u> | <u>1977</u> | <u>1978</u> | <u>1979</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1981</u> | <u>1982</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>1985</u> | <u>1986</u> | <u>1987</u> | <u>1988</u> | <u>1989</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1991</u> |
| 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 |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 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)[c] | 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 methamphetamine (ice) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 24.1 | 24.3 |
| Sedatives (barbiturates)[d] | 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 |
| *Approximate weighted N =* | *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* |

**TABLE 13 (cont.)**

**Trends in <u>Availability</u> of Drugs as Perceived by <u>12th Graders</u>**

| How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some? | Percentage saying "fairly easy" or "very easy" to get[a] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2009–2010 change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | |
| Marijuana | 82.7 | 83.0 | 85.5 | 88.5 | 88.7 | 89.6 | 90.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 88.5 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 85.8 | 85.6 | 84.9 | 83.9 | 83.9 | 81.1 | 82.1 | +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 | 22.3 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 19.7 | 18.4 | 18.1 | 16.9 | 15.7 | — | — |
| 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 | 28.5 | 26.3 | 25.1 | -1.2 |
| 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 | 42.8 | 40.5 | 39.5 | -1.0 |
| 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 | 20.6 | 19.2 | 18.5 | -0.8 |
| Ecstasy (MDMA) | 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 | 41.9 | 35.1 | 36.4 | +1.3 |
| 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 | 42.4 | 39.4 | 35.5 | -3.9 s |
| 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 | 35.2 | 31.9 | 26.1 | -5.9 sss |
| Cocaine powder | 48.0 | 45.4 | 43.7 | 43.8 | 44.4 | 43.3 | 45.7 | 43.7 | 44.6 | 40.7 | 40.2 | 37.4 | 41.7 | 41.6 | 42.5 | 41.2 | 38.9 | 33.9 | 29.0 | -4.9 ss |
| Heroin | 34.9 | 33.7 | 34.1 | 35.1 | 32.2 | 33.8 | 35.6 | 32.1 | 33.5 | 32.3 | 29.0 | 27.9 | 29.6 | 27.3 | 27.4 | 29.7 | 25.4 | 27.4 | 24.1 | -3.3 s |
| Some other narcotic (including methadone)[c] | 37.1 | 37.5 | 38.0 | 39.8 | 40.0 | 38.9 | 42.8 | 40.8 | 43.9 | 40.5 | 44.0 | 39.3 | 40.2 | 39.2 | 39.6 | 37.3 | 34.9 | 36.1‡ | 54.2 | — |
| Amphetamines | 58.8 | 61.5 | 62.0 | 62.8 | 59.4 | 59.8 | 60.8 | 58.1 | 57.1 | 57.1 | 57.4 | 55.0 | 55.4 | 51.2 | 52.9 | 49.6 | 47.9 | 47.1 | 44.1 | -3.0 |
| Crystal methamphetamine (ice) | 26.0 | 26.6 | 25.6 | 27.0 | 26.9 | 27.6 | 29.8 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 26.1 | 26.7 | 27.2 | 26.7 | 25.1 | 23.3 | 22.3 | 18.3 | -3.9 s |
| Sedatives (barbiturates)[d] | 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 | 38.8 | 37.9 | 36.8 | -1.1 |
| Tranquilizers | 40.9 | 41.1 | 39.2 | 37.8 | 36.0 | 35.4 | 36.2 | 32.7 | 33.8 | 33.1 | 32.9 | 29.8 | 30.1 | 25.7 | 24.4 | 23.6 | 22.4 | 21.2 | 18.4 | -2.8 |
| Alcohol | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 95.0 | 94.8 | 94.3 | 94.7 | 94.2 | 94.2 | 93.0 | 92.5 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.1 | 90.4 | -1.7 |
| 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 | 35.2 | 30.3 | 27.3 | -3.0 |
| Approximate weighted N = | 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 | 2,276 | 2,243 | 2,395 | |

*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 some change in the question. 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.

[a]Answer alternatives were: (1) Probably impossible, (2) Very difficult, (3) Fairly difficult, (4) Fairly easy, and (5) Very easy.

[b]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.

[c]In 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.

[d]In 2004 the question text was changed from "barbiturates" to "sedatives/barbiturates" and the list of examples was changed from "downers, goofballs, reds, yellows, etc." to just "downers." These changes likely explain the discontinuity in the 2004 results.