

Table SU08.11 Perceived Risk and Availability of Substances, by Age Group: Comparison of Percentages and Standard Errors from Restricted-Use File and Public Use File Estimates, 2008 NSDUH

Risk/Availability	TOTAL						AGED 12-17						AGED 18-25						AGED 26+						
	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs	RUF Estimate	PUF Estimate	Ratio of Estimates	RUF SE	PUF SE	Ratio of SEs	
PERCEPTIONS OF GREAT RISK¹																									
Cigarettes																									
Smoke One or More Packs Per Day	73.5	73.6	1.00	0.32	0.39	1.20	69.5	69.6	1.00	0.41	0.38	0.94	68.8	68.8	1.00	0.44	0.52	1.18	74.8	75.0	1.00	0.40	0.47	1.17	
Marijuana																									
Smoke Once a Month	36.9	37.1	1.01	0.38	0.43	1.12	33.4	33.4	1.00	0.46	0.52	1.15	22.7	22.3	0.99	0.39	0.48	1.22	39.8	40.2	1.01	0.48	0.52	1.08	
Smoke Once or Twice a Week	48.7	48.8	1.00	0.38	0.45	1.18	52.8	52.8	1.00	0.45	0.54	1.20	33.1	32.9	0.99	0.44	0.55	1.23	50.9	51.0	1.00	0.48	0.54	1.14	
Cocaine																									
Use Once a Month	70.1	70.0	1.00	0.33	0.38	1.14	49.4	49.2	1.00	0.44	0.55	1.25	61.8	62.1	1.00	0.43	0.45	1.05	74.2	74.0	1.00	0.42	0.47	1.11	
Use Once or Twice a Week	88.6	88.7	1.00	0.24	0.28	1.18	79.1	79.2	1.00	0.39	0.42	1.08	85.7	86.1	1.00	0.31	0.32	1.03	90.3	90.4	1.00	0.30	0.34	1.14	
Heroin																									
Try Once or Twice	81.8	82.1	1.00	0.27	0.39	1.45	57.4	57.6	1.00	0.44	0.50	1.14	77.2	77.1	1.00	0.36	0.40	1.09	85.8	86.1	1.00	0.33	0.50	1.48	
Use Once or Twice a Week	93.6	93.8	1.00	0.17	0.19	1.10	81.3	81.3	1.00	0.38	0.42	1.10	92.9	92.9	1.00	0.24	0.23	0.97	95.3	95.5	1.00	0.21	0.24	1.17	
LSD																									
Try Once or Twice	70.8	70.9	1.00	0.32	0.37	1.15	50.2	49.8	0.99	0.45	0.50	1.13	61.2	61.3	1.00	0.48	0.54	1.14	75.0	75.2	1.00	0.40	0.49	1.20	
Use Once or Twice a Week	87.7	87.8	1.00	0.22	0.27	1.24	73.8	73.7	1.00	0.42	0.44	1.04	83.3	83.0	1.00	0.34	0.34	1.00	90.2	90.4	1.00	0.27	0.36	1.32	
Alcohol																									
Have Four or Five Drinks Nearly Every Day	69.0	68.7	1.00	0.34	0.39	1.13	65.6	65.5	1.00	0.44	0.47	1.07	62.9	62.6	1.00	0.44	0.49	1.10	70.5	70.2	0.99	0.44	0.48	1.09	
Have Five or More Drinks Once or Twice a Week	41.3	41.0	0.99	0.38	0.47	1.23	40.0	39.9	1.00	0.45	0.51	1.14	33.0	32.7	0.99	0.46	0.54	1.17	42.9	42.6	0.99	0.48	0.59	1.22	
PERCEIVED AVAILABILITY²																									
Fairly or Very Easy to Obtain ³																									
Marijuana	56.0	56.2	1.00	0.37	0.45	1.20	49.4	49.4	1.00	0.45	0.51	1.12	75.3	75.1	1.00	0.43	0.44	1.03	53.5	53.7	1.01	0.47	0.55	1.19	
Cocaine	29.3	29.4	1.00	0.35	0.41	1.20	22.1	22.1	1.00	0.39	0.41	1.04	38.1	38.1	1.00	0.44	0.54	1.22	28.7	28.9	1.00	0.44	0.50	1.13	
Crack	26.8	26.7	1.00	0.35	0.42	1.21	23.2	23.4	1.01	0.40	0.39	0.96	29.0	29.0	1.00	0.44	0.54	1.24	26.8	26.8	1.00	0.44	0.50	1.14	
Heroin	17.0	17.2	1.01	0.30	0.35	1.19	12.9	12.8	0.99	0.31	0.36	1.16	17.9	17.9	1.00	0.36	0.46	1.26	17.4	17.7	1.02	0.38	0.42	1.09	
LSD	16.3	16.5	1.01	0.29	0.34	1.20	13.7	13.9	1.01	0.32	0.33	1.03	19.5	19.7	1.01	0.37	0.45	1.22	16.1	16.3	1.01	0.37	0.42	1.14	
Approached in the Past Month by Someone Selling Drugs	7.1	7.1	1.00	0.15	0.13	0.88	13.8	13.7	0.99	0.32	0.39	1.23	18.5	18.4	1.00	0.37	0.40	1.09	4.3	4.3	1.00	0.17	0.14	0.83	

* Low precision; no estimate reported.

LSD = lysergic acid diethylamide; PUF = public use file, which refers to estimates produced from a NSDUH public use file (a PUF is a NSDUH restricted-use file that has undergone statistical disclosure limitation treatment); RUF = restricted-use file, which refers to estimates produced from a NSDUH RUF and published in NSDUH's detailed tables available at <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/>; SE = standard error that is associated with the estimate.NOTE: Some 2008 RUF estimates and SEs may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section B.3 in Appendix B of the *Results from the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings*).NOTE: $\text{Ratio of estimates} = \text{PUF estimate} \div \text{RUF estimate}$; $\text{Ratio of SEs} = \text{PUF SE} \div \text{RUF SE}$.¹ Response categories for the Perception of Risk questions include "No risk," "Slight risk," "Moderate risk," and "Great risk." The estimates in this table correspond to individuals reporting "Great risk." Respondents with unknown Perception of Risk data were excluded.² Respondents with unknown Perceived Availability data were excluded.³ Response categories for the Perceived Availability questions pertaining to the listed illicit drugs include "Probably impossible," "Very difficult," "Fairly difficult," "Fairly easy," and "Very easy." The estimates in this table correspond to individuals reporting "Fairly easy" or "Very easy."

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008.