

**Table 66 (page 1 of 2). Use of selected substances in the past month by persons 12 years of age and over, according to age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin: United States, selected years 1979–95**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the population 12 years of age and over]

| <i>Substance, age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin</i> | 1979 | 1982 | 1985 | 1988 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Cigarettes  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Percent of population                                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 12–17 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | 29   | 23   | 22   | 21   | 18   | 19   | 19   | 20   |
| 12–13 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 9    | 11   |
| 14–15 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 20   | 21   |
| 16–17 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 29   | 30   |
| 12–17 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | 31   | 24   | 24   | 23   | 18   | 18   | 20   | 21   |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | 28   | 22   | 21   | 19   | 18   | 19   | 18   | 20   |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | 33   | 27   | 26   | 24   | 22   | 21   | 22   | 23   |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | 17   | 10   | *    | 8    | 6    | 8    | 12   | 12   |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | 21   | 15   | 21   | 17   | 14   | 16   | 14   | 16   |
| 18–25 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 37   | 38   |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 32   | 32   |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 39   | 39   |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 25   | 24   |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 28   | 28   |
| Alcohol   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 12 years and over . . . . .                           | 63   | 57   | 60   | 55   | 53   | 52   | 49   | 51   | 54   | 52   |
| 12–17 years . . . . .                                 | 50   | 35   | 41   | 33   | 33   | 27   | 21   | 24   | 22   | 21   |
| 12–13 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 9    | 8    |
| 14–15 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 22   | 21   |
| 16–17 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 36   | 34   |
| 18–25 years . . . . .                                 | 75   | 67   | 70   | 65   | 63   | 63   | 59   | 59   | 63   | 61   |
| 26–34 years . . . . .                                 | 72   | 72   | 71   | 65   | 64   | 63   | 62   | 64   | 65   | 63   |
| 35 years and over . . . . .                           | 60   | 53   | 58   | 63   | 50   | 50   | 47   | 50   | 54   | 53   |
| 12–17 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | 52   | 36   | 44   | 36   | 34   | 30   | 22   | 24   | 22   | 22   |
| Female . . . . .                                      | 47   | 34   | 38   | 31   | 31   | 24   | 19   | 23   | 21   | 20   |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | 53   | 39   | 46   | 36   | 37   | 27   | 22   | 26   | 24   | 23   |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | 30   | 22   | 21   | 28   | 18   | 18   | 18   | 15   |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | 27   | 32   | 24   | 28   | 20   | 22   | 18   | 19   |
| 18–25 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 71   | 68   |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 55   | 55   |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 68   | 67   |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 52   | 48   |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 54   | 49   |
| Binge alcohol <sup>1</sup>                            |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 12 years and over . . . . .                           | ---  | ---  | 20   | 15   | 14   | 16   | 15   | 15   | 17   | 16   |
| 12–17 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | 22   | 15   | 15   | 13   | 10   | 11   | 8    | 8    |
| 12–13 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 2    | 2    |
| 14–15 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 8    | 8    |
| 16–17 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 16   | 15   |
| 18–25 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | 34   | 28   | 30   | 31   | 30   | 29   | 34   | 30   |
| 26–34 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | 28   | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23   | 22   | 24   | 24   |
| 35 years and over . . . . .                           | ---  | ---  | 13   | 10   | 8    | 10   | 9    | 10   | 12   | 12   |
| 12–17 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | 29   | 19   | 19   | 17   | 13   | 15   | 10   | 9    |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | 14   | 11   | 12   | 9    | 7    | 7    | 7    | 6    |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | 26   | 18   | 18   | 16   | 11   | 13   | 10   | 9    |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | 6    | 3    | *    | 6    | 6    | 3    | 4    | 3    |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | 15   | 13   | 11   | 11   | 9    | 12   | 5    | 7    |
| 18–25 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 47   | 41   |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 21   | 19   |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 40   | 34   |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 17   | 16   |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 26   | 23   |

See footnotes at end of table.

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| <i>Substance, age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin</i> | 1979 | 1982 | 1985 | 1988 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Marijuana</b>                                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Percent of population                                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 12 years and over . . . . .                           | 13   | 12   | 10   | 6    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    |
| 12–17 years . . . . .                                 | 14   | 10   | 10   | 5    | 4    | 4    | 3    | 4    | 6    | 8    |
| 12–13 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 2    | 2    |
| 14–15 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 5    | 10   |
| 16–17 years . . . . .                                 | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 12   | 13   |
| 18–25 years . . . . .                                 | 36   | 27   | 22   | 15   | 13   | 13   | 11   | 11   | 12   | 12   |
| 26–34 years . . . . .                                 | 20   | 19   | 19   | 12   | 10   | 8    | 9    | 8    | 7    | 7    |
| 35 years and over . . . . .                           | 3    | 4    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| 12–17 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | 16   | 11   | 11   | 5    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 7    | 9    |
| Female . . . . .                                      | 12   | 9    | 9    | 6    | 4    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 7    |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | 16   | 11   | 12   | 6    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 6    | 8    |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | 10   | 7    | 6    | 3    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 3    | 6    | 8    |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | 8    | *    | 6    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 6    | 8    |
| 18–25 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 16   | 15   |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 9    | 9    |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 13   | 13   |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 12   | 12   |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 8    | 7    |
| <b>Cocaine</b>  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 12 years and over . . . . .                           | 2.6  | 2.4  | 3.0  | 1.6  | 0.9  | 1.0  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  |
| 12–17 years . . . . .                                 | 1.5  | 1.9  | 1.5  | 1.2  | 0.6  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.8  |
| 18–25 years . . . . .                                 | 9.9  | 7.0  | 8.1  | 4.8  | 2.3  | 2.2  | 2.0  | 1.6  | 1.2  | 1.3  |
| 26–34 years . . . . .                                 | 3.0  | 3.5  | 6.3  | 2.8  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.5  | 1.0  | 1.3  | 1.2  |
| 35 years and over . . . . .                           | 0.2  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 0.4  | 0.4  |
| 12–17 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | 2.2  | 2.4  | 1.9  | 0.9  | 0.8  | 0.5  | 0.3  | 0.5  | 0.3  | 0.8  |
| Female . . . . .                                      | 0.8  | 1.5  | 1.1  | 1.5  | 0.5  | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.7  |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | 1.4  | 1.6  | 1.5  | 1.4  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.9  |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | *    | *    | 1.3  | 0.5  | 0.8  | 0.5  | 0.3  | 0.3  | 0.1  | 0.1  |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | 2.1  | *    | 2.6  | 1.4  | 2.0  | 1.4  | 1.3  | 1.1  | 0.8  | 0.8  |
| 18–25 years:  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Male . . . . .  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 0.9  | 1.7  |
| Female . . . . .                                      | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 0.6  | 0.9  |
| White, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 1.2  | 1.5  |
| Black, non-Hispanic . . . . .                         | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 0.7  | 0.7  |
| Hispanic . . . . .                                    | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---  | 2.2  | 1.1  |

--- Data not available.

\* Estimates with relative standard error greater than 17.5 percent of the log transformation of the proportion are not shown.

<sup>1</sup>Five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once in the past month.

NOTES: In 1994 the survey underwent major changes. Estimates for 1993 and earlier years are adjusted to be comparable with data from the redesigned survey. See [Appendix I, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#). Estimates of the use of substances from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse and the Monitoring the Future Study differ because of different methodologies, sampling frames, and tabulation categories.

SOURCES: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies: Preliminary Estimates from the 1995 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse: Advance Report 18 and Preliminary Tables from the 1995 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse.