



Trends in the Prevalence of Marijuana, Cocaine, and Other Illegal Drug Use National YRBS: 1991–2007

The national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	Changes from 1991 2007 ¹	Change from 2005 2007 ²
Lifetime marijuana use (Used marijuana one or more times during their life.)										
31.3 (28.4–34.4) ³	32.8 (29.6–36.2)	42.4 (39.4–45.5)	47.1 (44.1–50.1)	47.2 (44.7–49.7)	42.4 (40.5–44.3)	40.2 (37.4–43.1)	38.4 (35.9–41.0)	38.1 (35.5–40.7)	Increased, 1991–1999 Decreased, 1999–2007	No change
Current marijuana use (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey.)										
14.7 (12.6–17.0)	17.7 (15.3–20.3)	25.3 (23.5–27.3)	26.2 (24.0–28.5)	26.7 (24.2–29.4)	23.9 (22.3–25.5)	22.4 (20.2–24.6)	20.2 (18.6–22.0)	19.7 (17.8–21.8)	Increased, 1991–1999 Decreased, 1999–2007	No change
Lifetime cocaine use (Used any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase one or more times during their life.)										
5.9 (5.1–6.9)	4.9 (4.1–5.8)	7.0 (5.9–8.3)	8.2 (7.2–9.4)	9.5 (8.2–11.1)	9.4 (8.2–10.7)	8.7 (7.6–9.9)	7.6 (6.7–8.7)	7.2 (6.2–8.2)	Increased, 1991–1999 Decreased, 1999–2007	No change
Lifetime methamphetamine use (Used methamphetamines [also called speed, crystal, crank, or ice] one or more times during their life.)										
NA ⁴	NA	NA	NA	9.1 (7.9–10.5)	9.8 (8.3–11.5)	7.6 (6.7–8.7)	6.2 (5.3–7.2)	4.4 (3.7–5.3)	No change, 1999–2001 Decreased, 2001–2007	Decreased
Lifetime inhalant use (Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their life.)										
NA	NA	20.3 (18.3–22.5)	16.0 (14.7–17.3)	14.6 (12.9–16.5)	14.7 (13.1–16.6)	12.1 (10.9–13.4)	12.4 (11.1–13.8)	13.3 (12.1–14.6)	Decreased, 1995–2003 No change, 2003–2007	No change
Lifetime illegal steroid use (Took steroid pills or shots without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life.)										
2.7 (2.3–3.2)	2.2 (1.7–2.8)	3.7 (3.1–4.3)	3.1 (2.7–3.6)	3.7 (3.1–4.5)	5.0 (4.4–5.5)	6.1 (4.7–7.8)	4.0 (3.5–4.6)	3.9 (3.4–4.6)	Increased, 1991–2003 Decreased, 2003–2007	No change

¹ Based on trend analyses using a logistic regression model controlling for sex, race/ethnicity, and grade.

² Based on t-test analyses, $p < .05$.

³ 95% confidence interval.

⁴ Not available.



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