



# YRBSS

## National Youth Risk Behavior Survey: 1991-2003

### Trends in the Prevalence of Marijuana, Cocaine, and Other Illegal Drug Use

#### What Is the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)?

The national 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	Changes from 1991 – 2003 <sup>1</sup>	Change from 2001 – 2003 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Lifetime marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during their lifetime.)								
31.3 (±2.9) <sup>3</sup>	32.8 (±3.2)	42.4 (±3.0)	47.1 (±2.9)	47.2 (±2.5)	42.4 (±1.9)	40.2 (±2.8)	Increased, 1991 – 1997 Decreased, 1997 – 2003	No change
<b>Current marijuana use</b> (Used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.)								
14.7 (±2.1)	17.7 (±2.4)	25.3 (±1.8)	26.2 (±2.2)	26.7 (±2.5)	23.9 (±1.5)	22.4 (±2.1)	Increased, 1991 – 1997 Decreased, 1997 – 2003	No change
<b>Lifetime cocaine use</b> (Used any form of cocaine (e.g., powder, “crack,” or “freebase”) one or more times during their lifetime.)								
5.9 (±0.9)	4.9 (±0.8)	7.0 (±1.2)	8.2 (±1.1)	9.5 (±1.4)	9.4 (±1.2)	8.7 (±1.1)	Increased, 1991 – 1999 No change, 1999 – 2003	No change
<b>Current cocaine use</b> (Used cocaine one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.)								
1.7 (±0.5)	1.9 (±0.4)	3.1 (±0.8)	3.3 (±0.5)	4.0 (±0.7)	4.2 (±0.7)	4.1 (±0.9)	Increased, 1991 – 1999 No change, 1999 – 2003	No change
<b>Lifetime inhalant use</b> (Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high one or more times during their lifetime.)								
NA <sup>4</sup>	NA	20.3 (±2.0)	16.0 (±1.3)	14.6 (±1.7)	14.7 (±1.7)	12.1 (±1.2)	Decreased, 1995 – 2003	Decreased
<b>Lifetime illegal steroid use</b> (Took steroid pills or shots without a doctor’s prescription one or more times during their lifetime.)								
2.7 (±0.4)	2.2 (±0.5)	3.7 (±0.6)	3.1 (±0.5)	3.7 (±0.7)	5.0 (±0.5)	6.1 (±1.5)	Increased, 1991 – 2003	No change

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

<sup>2</sup> Based on T-test analyses.

<sup>3</sup> 95% confidence interval.

<sup>4</sup> Not available.

#### Where can I find more information?

More information about the YRBSS is available at [www.cdc.gov/yrbss](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbss) or call (888)231-6405.



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