

Table 94. Prescription drug use in the past month, by sex, age, race and Hispanic origin: United States, selected years 1988–1994 through 2005–2008

[Data are based on a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Sex and age	Not Hispanic or Latino							
	All persons ¹		White only ²		Black or African American only ²		Mexican ^{2,3}	
	1988–1994	2005–2008	1988–1994	2005–2008	1988–1994	2005–2008	1988–1994	2005–2008
Percent of population with at least one prescription drug in past month								
Both sexes, age-adjusted ⁴	39.1	47.2	41.1	52.0	36.9	42.1	31.7	32.2
Male	32.7	41.8	34.2	46.1	31.1	37.2	27.5	28.8
Female	45.0	52.4	47.6	57.9	41.4	46.0	36.0	35.6
Both sexes, crude	37.8	47.9	41.4	55.0	31.2	39.5	24.0	24.5
Male	30.6	41.7	33.5	48.4	25.5	33.9	20.1	21.4
Female	44.6	53.9	48.9	61.5	36.2	44.4	28.1	27.9
Under 18 years	20.5	25.3	22.9	29.9	14.8	20.8	16.1	17.0
18–44 years	31.3	37.8	34.3	45.1	27.8	29.4	21.1	17.7
45–64 years	54.8	64.8	55.5	67.7	57.5	62.6	48.1	50.1
65 years and over	73.6	90.1	74.0	91.1	74.5	89.1	67.7	76.7
Male:								
Under 18 years	20.4	25.3	22.3	29.2	15.5	23.4	16.3	17.3
18–44 years	21.5	27.5	23.5	33.3	21.1	20.9	14.9	14.2
45–64 years	47.2	59.3	48.1	62.3	48.2	54.7	43.8	46.0
65 years and over	67.2	89.7	67.4	91.6	64.4	85.1	61.3	67.8
Female:								
Under 18 years	20.6	25.2	23.6	30.7	14.2	18.1	16.0	16.7
18–44 years	40.7	47.9	44.7	56.6	33.4	36.6	28.1	22.0
45–64 years	62.0	70.2	62.6	73.0	64.4	69.1	52.2	54.1
65 years and over	78.3	90.5	78.8	90.7	81.3	91.7	73.0	83.9
Percent of population with three or more prescription drugs in past month								
Both sexes, age-adjusted ⁴	11.8	20.8	12.4	22.3	12.6	20.0	9.0	13.8
Male	9.4	18.3	9.9	19.5	10.2	17.5	7.0	11.6
Female	13.9	23.2	14.6	25.1	14.3	21.8	11.0	15.9
Both sexes, crude	11.0	21.4	12.5	25.3	9.2	17.5	4.8	7.8
Male	8.3	17.8	9.5	21.3	7.0	14.4	3.4	6.1
Female	13.6	24.8	15.4	29.1	11.1	20.2	6.4	9.7
Under 18 years	2.4	4.4	3.2	5.3	1.5	3.6	*1.2	2.7
18–44 years	5.7	9.8	6.3	12.1	5.4	7.3	3.0	2.7
45–64 years	20.0	34.1	20.9	35.6	21.9	34.5	16.0	24.5
65 years and over	35.3	65.0	35.0	65.7	41.2	67.0	31.3	52.5
Male:								
Under 18 years	2.6	5.0	3.3	5.7	1.7	5.3	*	3.5
18–44 years	3.6	6.2	4.1	8.0	4.2	*4.9	*1.8	*1.5
45–64 years	15.1	28.6	15.8	29.4	18.7	29.0	11.6	19.7
65 years and over	31.3	64.6	30.9	66.3	31.7	61.5	27.6	45.0
Female:								
Under 18 years	2.3	3.8	3.0	4.8	*1.2	*1.9	*1.5	1.8
18–44 years	7.6	13.3	8.5	16.1	6.4	9.4	4.3	4.1
45–64 years	24.7	39.4	25.8	41.8	24.3	39.1	20.3	29.0
65 years and over	38.2	65.3	38.0	65.3	47.7	70.6	34.5	58.6

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%.

¹Includes persons of all races and Hispanic origins, not just those shown separately.

²Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The two non-Hispanic race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group. Prior to data year 1999, estimates were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards. Estimates for single-race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

³Persons of Mexican origin may be of any race.

⁴Age-adjusted to the 2000 standard population using four age groups: Under 18 years, 18–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. Age-adjusted estimates in this table may differ from other age-adjusted estimates based on the same data and presented elsewhere if different age groups are used in the adjustment procedure. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

NOTES: See Appendix II, Drug. Standard errors are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>. Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.