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Table 11 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in Alabama, by Age Group: Estimated Numbers (in Thousands), Annual Averages Based on 2015-2016 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	289	26	88	174	262
Past Year Marijuana Use	386	38	135	212	348
Past Month Marijuana Use	213	20	74	119	193
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	1,413	130	92	1,191	1,283
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	41	15	21	5	26
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	136	8	43	85	128
Past Year Cocaine Use	49	1	15	32	48
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	3,186	227	383	2,576	2,959
Past Year Heroin Use	13	0	4	9	13
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	3,579	256	448	2,875	3,323
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ^{2,5}	209	19	53	137	190
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	1,656	31	265	1,361	1,626
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁶	861	17	175	669	844
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	1,891	168	209	1,514	1,723
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁷ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	103	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{6,7} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	65	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁸	1,169	29	190	951	1,140
Past Month Cigarette Use	920	18	144	758	901
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	2,854	257	334	2,262	2,597
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,9}	121	10	40	71	111
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,5,9}	38	2	8	28	36
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁹	169	6	47	115	163
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,9}	258	15	72	171	243
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,10}	107	10	37	60	98
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ¹⁰	164	7	45	111	157
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,10}	238	13	68	157	225
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,11}	--	--	27	129	156
Any Mental Illness ^{4,11}	--	--	105	575	680
Received Mental Health Services ¹²	--	--	55	423	478
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹³	--	--	38	94	132
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,14}	--	42	52	193	245

-- Not available.

NOTE: Estimates are based on a survey-weighted hierarchical Bayes estimation approach.

NOTE: Estimated numbers appearing as 0 in this table mean that the estimate is greater than 0 but less than 500 because estimated numbers are shown in thousands.

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015 and 2016.

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Table 12 Selected Drug Use, Perceptions of Great Risk, Past Year Substance Use Disorder and Treatment, and Past Year Mental Health Measures in Alabama, by Age Group: Percentages, Annual Averages Based on 2015-2016 NSDUHs

Measure	12+	12-17	18-25	26+	18+
ILLICIT DRUGS					
Past Month Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2}	7.10	6.99	16.91	5.50	7.12
Past Year Marijuana Use	9.50	10.11	25.90	6.72	9.44
Past Month Marijuana Use	5.25	5.20	14.25	3.77	5.25
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking Marijuana Once a Month	34.79	34.45	17.52	37.71	34.82
First Use of Marijuana ^{3,4}	1.53	4.19	6.39	0.27	1.12
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana ^{1,2}	3.35	2.10	8.14	2.70	3.47
Past Year Cocaine Use	1.21	0.33	2.96	1.02	1.30
Perceptions of Great Risk from Using Cocaine Once a Month	78.48	60.04	73.25	81.54	80.35
Past Year Heroin Use	0.31	0.01	0.68	0.29	0.35
Perceptions of Great Risk from Trying Heroin Once or Twice	88.18	67.66	85.75	91.00	90.25
Past Year Misuse of Pain Relievers ^{2,5}	5.14	5.05	10.11	4.33	5.15
ALCOHOL					
Past Month Alcohol Use	40.79	8.08	50.76	43.06	44.16
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ⁶	21.21	4.45	33.51	21.18	22.93
Perceptions of Great Risk from Having Five or More Drinks of an Alcoholic Beverage Once or Twice a Week	46.56	44.37	39.94	47.93	46.79
Past Month Alcohol Use ⁷ (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	17.32	--	--	--	--
Past Month Binge Alcohol Use ^{6,7} (Individuals Aged 12 to 20)	10.94	--	--	--	--
TOBACCO PRODUCTS					
Past Month Tobacco Product Use ⁸	28.79	7.65	36.26	30.09	30.96
Past Month Cigarette Use	22.65	4.83	27.51	23.98	24.48
Perceptions of Great Risk from Smoking One or More Packs of Cigarettes per Day	70.28	67.98	63.96	71.60	70.52
PAST YEAR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT					
Illicit Drug Use Disorder ^{1,2,9}	2.99	2.74	7.68	2.24	3.01
Pain Reliever Use Disorder ^{2,5,9}	0.94	0.47	1.49	0.90	0.98
Alcohol Use Disorder ⁹	4.16	1.67	9.08	3.64	4.42
Substance Use Disorder ^{1,2,9}	6.35	3.87	13.79	5.41	6.60
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use ^{1,2,10}	2.64	2.52	7.15	1.91	2.66
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use ¹⁰	4.03	1.79	8.70	3.52	4.26
Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Substance Use ^{1,2,10}	5.86	3.42	13.08	4.96	6.11
PAST YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES					
Serious Mental Illness ^{4,11}	--	--	5.07	4.09	4.23
Any Mental Illness ^{4,11}	--	--	20.07	18.20	18.47
Received Mental Health Services ¹²	--	--	10.60	13.38	12.98
Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide ¹³	--	--	7.27	2.96	3.57
Major Depressive Episode ^{4,14}	--	11.18	9.99	6.12	6.66

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