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ACQUISITIONS USE AND CONSEQUENCES OF COCAINE

Trends in Past Year and Past Month Use of Cocaine, 1972-1991

Year	Percent of the Household Population							
	Total Population		Age 12-17		Age 18-25		Age 26 and Older	
	Past Year	Past Month	Past Year	Past Month	Past Year	Past Month	Past Year	Past Month
1972	NA	NA	1.5	0.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	NA	NA	2.7	1.0	8.1	3.1	*	*
1976	NA	NA	2.3	1.0	7.0	2.0	0.6	*
1977	NA	1.0	2.6	0.8	10.2	3.7	0.9	*
1979	NA	2.5	4.2	1.4	19.6	9.3	2.0	0.9
1982	NA	2.3	4.1	1.6	18.8	6.8	3.8	1.2
1985	NA	2.9	4.0	1.5	16.3	7.6	4.2	2.0
1988	4.1	1.5	2.9	1.1	12.1	4.5	2.7	0.9
1990	3.1	0.8	2.2	0.6	7.5	2.2	2.4	0.6
1991	3.1	0.9	1.5	0.4	7.7	2.0	2.5	0.8

NA = Not Available
* = Low precision; no estimate reported.

Source: NIDA, National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, Main Findings, 1991

1991 Population Estimates of Cocaine Use

	Total	Age 12-17	Age 18-25	Age 26 & Older
Ever Used Cocaine	23,715,000	491,000	5,099,000	18,125,000
Used In Past Year	6,383,000	311,000	2,194,000	3,878,000
Current Cocaine Use	1,892,000	83,000	582,000	1,226,000

Note: Current use: Use in the month prior to the survey.
Source: NIDA, National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, Population Estimates, 1991.

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**Trends in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month Use of Cocaine and Crack
by High School Seniors and College Students--1981-1990**

High School Seniors

Graduating Class	Cocaine			Crack	
	Ever Used	Used in Past Year	Used in Past Month	Ever Used	Used in Past Month
1981	16.5	12.4	5.8	NA	NA
1982	16.0	11.5	5.0	NA	NA
1983	16.2	11.4	4.9	NA	NA
1984	16.1	11.6	5.8	NA	NA
1985	17.3	13.1	6.7	NA	NA
1986	16.9	12.7	6.2	NA	NA
1987	15.2	10.3	4.3	5.4	1.3
1988	12.1	7.9	3.4	4.8	1.6
1989	10.3	6.5	2.8	4.7	1.4
1990	9.4	5.3	1.9	3.5	0.7

College Students

College Students	Cocaine			Crack	
	Ever Used	Used in Past Year	Used in Past Month	Ever Used	Used in Past Month
1981	21.5	16.0	7.3	NA	NA
1982	22.4	17.2	7.9	NA	NA
1983	23.1	17.3	6.5	NA	NA
1984	21.7	16.3	7.6	NA	NA
1985	22.9	17.3	6.9	NA	NA
1986	23.3	17.1	7.0	NA	NA
1987	20.6	13.7	4.6	3.3	0.4
1988	15.8	10.0	4.2	3.4	0.5
1990	14.6	8.2	2.8	2.4	0.2

NA = Not Available

Terms:

Ever Used: Used at least one time.

Used in Last Year: Used at least once in the 12 months prior to the survey.

Used in Past Month: Used at least once in the 30 days prior to the survey.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Drug Use Among American High School Seniors, College Students, and Young Adults, 1975-1990, Volume I, High School Seniors, Volume II, College Students and Young Adults, 1991

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Hospital Emergency Room Mentions
for Cocaine
for 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991 (First and Second Quarters)

Total DAWN System and Metropolitan Areas	Emergency Room Mentions					
	1988	1989	1990	1990 Fourth Quarter	1991 First Quarter	1991 Second Quarter
Total	104,732	110,013	80,355	19,381	22,282	25,370
Atlanta	1,394	3,315	2,743	669	662	765
Baltimore	2,069	1,839	3,023	986	1,091	1,435
Boston	2,502	2,550	1,961	452	531	656
Buffalo	287	297	282	71	125	108
Chicago	6,413	6,509	4,904	1,066	1,287	1,333
Dallas	1,595	1,314	1,028	218	297	360
Denver	848	870	569	118	110	199
Detroit	6,463	6,324	3,888	994	970	1,430
Los Angeles	6,988	6,999	4,129	903	980	1,301
Miami	745	974	748	186	358	395
Minneapolis	771	551	299	63	92	96
Newark	4,336	4,618	3,752	851	1,089	1,067
New Orleans	3,462	3,608	3,397	839	739	1,095
New York	16,927	14,926	12,633	3,286	4,099	3,833
Philadelphia	10,209	12,688	8,920	2,044	2,541	2,319
Phoenix	1,547	943	614	107	137	214
St. Louis	594	709	700	180	199	326
San Diego	559	715	725	179	176	197
San Francisco	2,025	3,180	2,297	632	780	868
Seattle	1,632	1,680	777	93	154	241
Washington, D.C.	8,960	7,854	4,788	1,141	1,063	1,056

Source: Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)

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