

# **1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse**

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**and**

### **Volume 2: Standard Errors and P-Values**

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## Introduction

### How to Use This Report

If you already know the type of 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) data analysis that you want and are familiar with navigating in Portable Document Format (PDF) files, it is recommended that you first go to the *Index of Tables*, which is organized according to selected variables, such as standard age groups, population density, geographic region, State, and level of past month cigarette and alcohol use. Click on the appropriate table number within the Index of Tables to go to the initial table with that number in the report's numbered sets of tables. Or you can use the *List of Tables*, which sequentially lists all of the tables contained in this report. In that list, click on the table number to the left of the table title to link to the initial table in its table set.

If you are unsure about what sort of NHSDA data that you want or you just want to browse, click on one of the boxed-in table groupings listed in the *Table of Contents* to link to the files containing the Two-Year Tables, Trend Tables, Incidence Tables, Risk/Availability Tables, and California/Arizona Tables. Or electronically search the Index of Tables or List of Tables for a specific topic of analysis (using Adobe's Edit/Find). Once you have found the table(s) with the data you need, click on the boxed-in table number in the Index of Tables or List of Tables to link to the file containing the table.

For those unfamiliar with how to maneuver within and between PDF files, the following is a brief tutorial. Within every PDF file comprising this report are *bookmarks* displayed in a navigation pane. The report has been set up so that a navigation pane opens automatically whenever a file is opened, but the pane can be hidden by clicking the navigation pane button in the status bar or by clicking the left border of the document pane. In the navigation pane, just click on a bookmark to be taken to the bookmark's assigned destination. Each navigation pane contains bookmarks for each item in the opened file, as well as bookmarks to other report parts. Linking the many PDF table set files with the report's front matter (i.e., the Table of Contents, the Index of Tables, and the List of Tables) are active *links* (shown as boxed-in text or numbers), that when clicked will link you to another PDF file in this report. The active links are always visible as boxed-in text or numbers.

So, in order to find a specific table in this report, say, Table 16D, you have several options:

1. *From the Table of Contents:* Click on the 1 to 16 phrase in the Two-Year Tables part of the Table of Contents to link to the file containing those sets of tables. Scroll down the bookmarks in that file's navigation pane until you reach the title for the Table 16 Set: Males Aged 15 to 44. Click on the plus sign (+) next to the title of that table set to open the bookmarks nested within the set, then click on the Table 16D description. You will be taken directly to Table 16D, which if necessary can be magnified by hiding the navigation pane (as described above), using the Zoom-In tool (i.e., a magnifying glass icon), or by using a command in Adobe's View menu. To return to this page's file, the Index of Tables file, or the List of Tables file to do another search, use the bookmarks near the bottom of the navigation pane.
2. *From the Index of Tables:* Click on any cell containing the number 16 within the Index of Tables to link to the file containing those sets of tables. Once there, use the same advice on bookmarks as noted in option 1.

3. *From the List of Tables:* Scroll past Table Sets 1 to 15 in the List of Tables file, then click on the boxed-in number to the left of the table title for Table 16D to reach the file containing Table Sets 1 to 16. Once there, use the same advice on bookmarks as noted in option 1.

Adobe has provided many navigation tools for exploring PDF files, which are usually just a right click away when you are in a file's document pane. For detailed hints and advice, please refer to your browser's on-line help.

### **Key to Selected Variables in the Index of Tables**

The Index of Tables is arranged according to the following NHSDA variables:

*Age Groups (in years):* 12 to 17, 18 to 25, 26 to 34, More Than or Equal to 35

*Detailed Age Categories (in years):* 12 to 13, 14 to 15, 16 to 17, 18 to 20, 21 to 25, 26 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, More Than or Equal to 50

*Population Density:* Large Metropolitan, Small Metropolitan, Nonmetropolitan

*Expanded Population Density:* Large Metropolitan, Population Greater Than or Equal to 250,000, Population Less Than or Equal to 250,000, Urban, Rural

*Geographic Division:* New England, Mid-Atlantic, East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central, Mountain, Pacific

*State:* California, Arizona, United States Excluding California and Arizona

*Levels of Past Month Cigarette and Alcohol Use:* Any Cigarette Use, No Cigarette Use, Heavy Alcohol Use, "Binge" Alcohol Use But Not Heavy Use, Alcohol Use But Not "Binge" Use, No Alcohol Use (During Past Month)

### **Description of the Types of Tables in the Table Sets**

There are many numbered NHSDA table sets in this report with numbers ranging from 1 to 420. Within each table set are seven possible table types. However, not every number from 1 to 420 has a table set associated with it (e.g., 17, 92 to 100, 171 to 200, 214 to 300, 322 to 400). The following list describes the seven types of tables in this report:

*A:* Presents estimates of the numbers of persons in the populations described by the column and row headings who have used the drug(s)

*B:* Presents estimates of the percentages of the populations described by the column and row headings who have used the drug(s)

*C:* Presents the standard error associated with each of the estimates in the "A" tables

*D:* Presents the standard error associated with each of the estimates in the "B" tables

*N:* Presents the number of cases in the specified NHSDA sample with the characteristics defined by the column and row headings

*P*: Presents the p-values from tests of the statistical significance of differences between columns in the "B" tables

*BB*: Presents estimates of the percentages of the populations described by the column and row headings who have used the drug(s); these estimates are identical to those in the "B" tables, except that these estimates are rounded to two decimal places while "B" table estimates are rounded to only one decimal place

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