

**Table 4.15A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Alcohol in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs**

| YEAR              | NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s) |          |             | MEAN AGE | AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup> |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                   | All Ages                     | Under 18 | 18 or Older |          | 12-17                           | 18-25 |
| 1965              | 3,283                        | 1,824    | 1,459       | 17.4     | 95.6                            | 224.2 |
| 1966              | 2,954                        | 1,698    | 1,256       | 16.9     | 90.4                            | 200.7 |
| 1967              | 3,609                        | 2,013    | 1,595       | 17.1     | 108.2                           | 237.0 |
| 1968              | 3,648                        | 2,204    | 1,444       | 17.0     | 116.2                           | 207.1 |
| 1969              | 3,955                        | 2,217    | 1,738       | 17.1     | 115.7                           | 270.4 |
| 1970              | 4,064                        | 2,408    | 1,656       | 17.0     | 122.7                           | 265.6 |
| 1971              | 3,918                        | 2,430    | 1,488       | 16.8     | 122.6                           | 237.4 |
| 1972              | 4,320                        | 2,767    | 1,553       | 16.9     | 143.1                           | 258.2 |
| 1973              | 4,140                        | 2,676    | 1,464       | 16.5     | 141.9                           | 250.2 |
| 1974              | 4,053                        | 2,759    | 1,294       | 16.6     | 147.8                           | 225.9 |
| 1975              | 3,999                        | 2,630    | 1,368       | 16.8     | 140.5                           | 228.2 |
| 1976              | 3,900                        | 2,603    | 1,298       | 16.7     | 142.5                           | 219.0 |
| 1977              | 4,103                        | 2,850    | 1,253       | 16.4     | 161.4                           | 224.2 |
| 1978              | 3,938                        | 2,734    | 1,204       | 16.3     | 159.5                           | 215.8 |
| 1979              | 3,959                        | 2,773    | 1,186       | 16.3     | 169.6                           | 218.0 |
| 1980              | 3,596                        | 2,381    | 1,215       | 16.8     | 148.5                           | 217.0 |
| 1981              | 3,744                        | 2,526    | 1,218       | 16.5     | 161.2                           | 225.0 |
| 1982              | 3,642                        | 2,515    | 1,127       | 16.6     | 159.8                           | 208.1 |
| 1983              | 3,219                        | 2,195    | 1,024       | 16.6     | 140.0                           | 201.0 |
| 1984              | 3,407                        | 2,409    | 997         | 16.3     | 157.4                           | 202.0 |
| 1985              | 3,288                        | 2,233    | 1,055       | 16.8     | 147.9                           | 219.7 |
| 1986              | 3,207                        | 2,359    | 848         | 16.0     | 159.8                           | 178.6 |
| 1987              | 3,086                        | 2,101    | 985         | 16.6     | 145.9                           | 197.6 |
| 1988              | 3,046                        | 2,098    | 949         | 16.3     | 147.4                           | 187.9 |
| 1989              | 3,220                        | 2,121    | 1,099       | 16.7     | 151.8                           | 210.5 |
| 1990              | 2,884                        | 1,950    | 934         | 16.5     | 136.3                           | 185.6 |
| 1991              | 2,961                        | 1,887    | 1,074       | 16.7     | 127.0                           | 218.6 |
| 1992              | 3,182                        | 2,114    | 1,068       | 16.9     | 137.3                           | 206.4 |
| 1993              | 3,190                        | 2,234    | 956         | 16.4     | 141.3                           | 190.2 |
| 1994              | 3,252                        | 2,283    | 969         | 16.0     | 137.6                           | 198.2 |
| 1995              | 3,278                        | 2,258    | 1,021       | 16.2     | 133.5                           | 207.3 |
| 1996              | 3,462                        | 2,358    | 1,104       | 16.5     | 134.6                           | 218.8 |
| 1997              | 3,697                        | 2,635    | 1,062       | 16.1     | 146.0                           | 214.5 |
| 1998              | 3,949                        | 2,709    | 1,239       | 16.5     | 150.6                           | 236.7 |
| 1999              | 4,258                        | 3,007    | 1,251       | 16.3     | 165.5                           | 239.9 |
| 2000              | 5,079                        | 3,664    | 1,415       | 16.1     | 215.1                           | 287.7 |
| 2001 <sup>2</sup> | 5,259                        | 3,830    | 1,429       | 16.2     | 225.7                           | 288.8 |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | --                           | --       | 1,398       | --       | 219.1                           | 305.3 |

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

**Table 4.16A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Alcohol in the United States by Underage and Legal Drinking Age Groups, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs**

| YEAR              | NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s) |          |             | MEAN AGE | AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup> |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                   | All Ages                     | Under 21 | 21 or Older |          | 12-20                           | 21-25 |
| 1965              | 3,283                        | 2,694    | 589         | 17.4     | 123.1                           | 172.2 |
| 1966              | 2,954                        | 2,571    | 383         | 16.9     | 117.2                           | 133.9 |
| 1967              | 3,609                        | 3,123    | 486         | 17.1     | 142.0                           | 148.9 |
| 1968              | 3,648                        | 3,149    | 499         | 17.0     | 141.4                           | 134.8 |
| 1969              | 3,955                        | 3,257    | 698         | 17.1     | 146.4                           | 228.3 |
| 1970              | 4,064                        | 3,344    | 720         | 17.0     | 148.5                           | 234.0 |
| 1971              | 3,918                        | 3,261    | 657         | 16.8     | 144.4                           | 197.3 |
| 1972              | 4,320                        | 3,617    | 702         | 16.9     | 163.0                           | 232.0 |
| 1973              | 4,140                        | 3,712    | 428         | 16.5     | 171.5                           | 135.1 |
| 1974              | 4,053                        | 3,581    | 472         | 16.6     | 167.5                           | 154.5 |
| 1975              | 3,999                        | 3,456    | 543         | 16.8     | 161.1                           | 165.3 |
| 1976              | 3,900                        | 3,426    | 474         | 16.7     | 163.2                           | 142.4 |
| 1977              | 4,103                        | 3,640    | 463         | 16.4     | 179.3                           | 153.9 |
| 1978              | 3,938                        | 3,471    | 467         | 16.3     | 176.3                           | 152.9 |
| 1979              | 3,959                        | 3,545    | 414         | 16.3     | 187.6                           | 142.0 |
| 1980              | 3,596                        | 3,168    | 428         | 16.8     | 171.4                           | 127.4 |
| 1981              | 3,744                        | 3,350    | 393         | 16.5     | 185.3                           | 122.3 |
| 1982              | 3,642                        | 3,211    | 431         | 16.6     | 178.2                           | 125.5 |
| 1983              | 3,219                        | 2,814    | 405         | 16.6     | 156.9                           | 140.1 |
| 1984              | 3,407                        | 3,022    | 384         | 16.3     | 172.6                           | 136.4 |
| 1985              | 3,288                        | 2,869    | 419         | 16.8     | 167.4                           | 148.9 |
| 1986              | 3,207                        | 2,900    | 307         | 16.0     | 171.5                           | 113.4 |
| 1987              | 3,086                        | 2,669    | 417         | 16.6     | 160.3                           | 150.3 |
| 1988              | 3,046                        | 2,638    | 408         | 16.3     | 157.3                           | 164.3 |
| 1989              | 3,220                        | 2,763    | 457         | 16.7     | 167.3                           | 169.8 |
| 1990              | 2,884                        | 2,472    | 412         | 16.5     | 147.7                           | 162.3 |
| 1991              | 2,961                        | 2,467    | 495         | 16.7     | 144.4                           | 194.5 |
| 1992              | 3,182                        | 2,647    | 535         | 16.9     | 149.7                           | 189.1 |
| 1993              | 3,190                        | 2,766    | 424         | 16.4     | 152.2                           | 160.6 |
| 1994              | 3,252                        | 2,871    | 381         | 16.0     | 151.9                           | 153.5 |
| 1995              | 3,278                        | 2,857    | 422         | 16.2     | 148.0                           | 172.9 |
| 1996              | 3,462                        | 3,011    | 451         | 16.5     | 152.3                           | 165.8 |
| 1997              | 3,697                        | 3,281    | 416         | 16.1     | 160.5                           | 169.7 |
| 1998              | 3,949                        | 3,493    | 455         | 16.5     | 170.8                           | 163.1 |
| 1999              | 4,258                        | 3,752    | 506         | 16.3     | 181.3                           | 190.9 |
| 2000              | 5,079                        | 4,526    | 554         | 16.1     | 231.1                           | 235.8 |
| 2001 <sup>2</sup> | 5,259                        | 4,654    | 605         | 16.2     | 239.2                           | 244.4 |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | --                           | --       | 539         | --       | 239.4                           | 224.6 |

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

**Table 4.17A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Any Cigarettes in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs**

| YEAR              | NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s) |          |             | MEAN AGE | AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup> |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                   | All Ages                     | Under 18 | 18 or Older |          | 12-17                           | 18-25 |
| 1965              | 2,771                        | 2,145    | 626         | 15.0     | 121.6                           | 101.5 |
| 1966              | 2,621                        | 1,907    | 714         | 15.4     | 109.9                           | 101.3 |
| 1967              | 3,087                        | 2,368    | 719         | 15.4     | 140.1                           | 96.6  |
| 1968              | 3,020                        | 2,192    | 828         | 15.5     | 123.7                           | 108.5 |
| 1969              | 2,984                        | 2,340    | 645         | 15.4     | 134.9                           | 79.6  |
| 1970              | 3,152                        | 2,433    | 719         | 15.1     | 131.9                           | 92.9  |
| 1971              | 3,233                        | 2,506    | 727         | 15.2     | 135.3                           | 88.1  |
| 1972              | 3,520                        | 2,776    | 744         | 15.0     | 153.3                           | 90.1  |
| 1973              | 3,422                        | 2,785    | 637         | 14.7     | 154.5                           | 72.0  |
| 1974              | 3,387                        | 2,720    | 666         | 14.9     | 151.9                           | 76.3  |
| 1975              | 3,436                        | 2,715    | 721         | 15.2     | 158.7                           | 75.4  |
| 1976              | 3,348                        | 2,573    | 775         | 15.3     | 153.3                           | 80.5  |
| 1977              | 2,862                        | 2,239    | 624         | 15.1     | 135.2                           | 65.0  |
| 1978              | 3,139                        | 2,515    | 624         | 15.2     | 154.9                           | 60.6  |
| 1979              | 2,941                        | 2,270    | 671         | 15.3     | 141.9                           | 67.3  |
| 1980              | 2,724                        | 1,988    | 736         | 15.8     | 126.2                           | 70.9  |
| 1981              | 2,617                        | 1,953    | 665         | 15.4     | 125.5                           | 69.1  |
| 1982              | 2,514                        | 1,994    | 521         | 15.5     | 129.6                           | 50.0  |
| 1983              | 2,602                        | 2,031    | 571         | 15.9     | 134.6                           | 52.9  |
| 1984              | 2,412                        | 1,912    | 500         | 15.2     | 123.5                           | 52.1  |
| 1985              | 2,534                        | 1,959    | 575         | 15.3     | 128.2                           | 61.0  |
| 1986              | 2,364                        | 1,827    | 537         | 15.5     | 119.5                           | 55.9  |
| 1987              | 2,417                        | 1,797    | 620         | 15.5     | 116.1                           | 65.6  |
| 1988              | 2,484                        | 1,787    | 697         | 15.6     | 116.8                           | 71.3  |
| 1989              | 2,532                        | 1,831    | 701         | 16.0     | 123.0                           | 70.1  |
| 1990              | 2,420                        | 1,777    | 644         | 15.6     | 116.5                           | 64.1  |
| 1991              | 2,482                        | 1,831    | 652         | 15.5     | 116.3                           | 64.9  |
| 1992              | 2,625                        | 1,892    | 733         | 15.9     | 117.8                           | 67.9  |
| 1993              | 2,820                        | 2,152    | 668         | 15.2     | 131.6                           | 66.4  |
| 1994              | 2,866                        | 2,144    | 722         | 15.3     | 125.2                           | 70.4  |
| 1995              | 3,111                        | 2,392    | 718         | 15.3     | 139.2                           | 71.7  |
| 1996              | 3,249                        | 2,486    | 763         | 15.3     | 141.7                           | 79.9  |
| 1997              | 3,317                        | 2,454    | 863         | 15.6     | 136.7                           | 87.6  |
| 1998              | 3,257                        | 2,521    | 736         | 15.5     | 141.8                           | 75.9  |
| 1999              | 3,197                        | 2,408    | 788         | 15.8     | 138.6                           | 82.7  |
| 2000              | 2,966                        | 2,247    | 719         | 15.8     | 129.6                           | 74.1  |
| 2001 <sup>2</sup> | 2,677                        | 2,028    | 650         | 16.1     | 115.2                           | 65.3  |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | --                           | --       | 658         | --       | 100.1                           | 59.6  |

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

**Table 4.18A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who Began Daily Cigarette Use in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs**

| YEAR              | NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s) |          |             | MEAN AGE | AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup> |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                   | All Ages                     | Under 18 | 18 or Older |          | 12-17                           | 18-25 |
| 1965              | 1,518                        | 693      | 825         | 18.2     | 34.1                            | 62.4  |
| 1966              | 1,613                        | 843      | 770         | 17.8     | 41.7                            | 57.4  |
| 1967              | 1,691                        | 871      | 820         | 17.3     | 41.9                            | 60.2  |
| 1968              | 1,664                        | 684      | 979         | 18.2     | 30.5                            | 64.5  |
| 1969              | 1,929                        | 879      | 1,051       | 18.2     | 40.0                            | 67.7  |
| 1970              | 1,771                        | 882      | 890         | 18.1     | 40.4                            | 50.5  |
| 1971              | 1,851                        | 938      | 913         | 17.7     | 42.5                            | 51.6  |
| 1972              | 2,021                        | 1,052    | 970         | 17.4     | 47.4                            | 56.1  |
| 1973              | 2,137                        | 1,117    | 1,020       | 17.6     | 48.5                            | 52.8  |
| 1974              | 2,003                        | 1,130    | 874         | 17.5     | 49.7                            | 46.4  |
| 1975              | 2,218                        | 1,317    | 901         | 17.3     | 58.7                            | 46.1  |
| 1976              | 1,971                        | 1,107    | 864         | 17.7     | 50.7                            | 40.7  |
| 1977              | 1,927                        | 1,074    | 853         | 17.7     | 49.6                            | 40.2  |
| 1978              | 1,930                        | 1,024    | 906         | 18.2     | 48.3                            | 41.4  |
| 1979              | 1,776                        | 939      | 837         | 17.9     | 45.5                            | 37.6  |
| 1980              | 1,707                        | 872      | 835         | 18.3     | 41.7                            | 34.6  |
| 1981              | 1,611                        | 863      | 748         | 18.0     | 43.0                            | 32.1  |
| 1982              | 1,699                        | 864      | 835         | 18.2     | 42.8                            | 36.0  |
| 1983              | 1,496                        | 737      | 760         | 18.4     | 36.8                            | 32.3  |
| 1984              | 1,425                        | 729      | 696         | 18.0     | 37.7                            | 30.8  |
| 1985              | 1,421                        | 778      | 642         | 17.6     | 40.1                            | 29.7  |
| 1986              | 1,364                        | 783      | 581         | 18.0     | 41.5                            | 24.2  |
| 1987              | 1,421                        | 739      | 682         | 18.2     | 38.6                            | 28.8  |
| 1988              | 1,302                        | 618      | 684         | 18.8     | 33.9                            | 28.8  |
| 1989              | 1,317                        | 634      | 683         | 18.4     | 34.6                            | 30.6  |
| 1990              | 1,441                        | 704      | 737         | 18.7     | 39.1                            | 31.6  |
| 1991              | 1,525                        | 676      | 849         | 19.1     | 36.8                            | 34.9  |
| 1992              | 1,485                        | 735      | 750         | 18.7     | 39.1                            | 31.1  |
| 1993              | 1,394                        | 787      | 608         | 17.8     | 40.9                            | 27.1  |
| 1994              | 1,627                        | 845      | 782         | 18.2     | 42.1                            | 34.0  |
| 1995              | 1,606                        | 875      | 731         | 17.9     | 42.4                            | 33.6  |
| 1996              | 1,940                        | 1,038    | 902         | 18.8     | 49.2                            | 38.6  |
| 1997              | 2,020                        | 1,085    | 935         | 18.5     | 50.6                            | 42.8  |
| 1998              | 1,866                        | 1,024    | 842         | 18.0     | 46.6                            | 40.7  |
| 1999              | 1,869                        | 1,030    | 839         | 18.4     | 46.6                            | 38.7  |
| 2000              | 1,911                        | 1,030    | 881         | 18.4     | 45.5                            | 38.6  |
| 2001              | 1,617                        | 879      | 738         | 19.0     | 38.9                            | 30.8  |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | 1,360                        | 734      | 626         | 19.4     | 31.8                            | 24.6  |

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<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

**Table 4.19A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Smokeless Tobacco in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs**

| YEAR              | NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s) |          |             | MEAN AGE | AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup> |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                   | All Ages                     | Under 18 | 18 or Older |          | 12-17                           | 18-25 |
| 1965              | 595                          | 384      | 210         | 17.5     | 16.7                            | 8.0   |
| 1966              | 410                          | 202      | 208         | 18.2     | 7.0                             | 8.4   |
| 1967              | 630                          | 334      | 296         | 17.8     | 12.0                            | 11.2  |
| 1968              | 536                          | 310      | 226         | 17.0     | 11.6                            | 9.4   |
| 1969              | 598                          | 369      | 229         | 17.1     | 13.3                            | 8.1   |
| 1970              | 655                          | 371      | 285         | 16.6     | 12.9                            | 11.4  |
| 1971              | 668                          | 366      | 303         | 17.7     | 12.0                            | 8.9   |
| 1972              | 756                          | 464      | 292         | 17.1     | 15.8                            | 9.0   |
| 1973              | 866                          | 514      | 351         | 17.2     | 19.5                            | 12.0  |
| 1974              | 860                          | 553      | 307         | 16.7     | 19.3                            | 10.5  |
| 1975              | 940                          | 594      | 346         | 17.1     | 19.2                            | 10.3  |
| 1976              | 963                          | 627      | 336         | 17.0     | 23.1                            | 9.0   |
| 1977              | 1,195                        | 718      | 477         | 17.5     | 27.4                            | 13.7  |
| 1978              | 1,309                        | 843      | 466         | 16.5     | 31.8                            | 13.6  |
| 1979              | 1,410                        | 933      | 477         | 17.1     | 37.7                            | 11.9  |
| 1980              | 1,281                        | 811      | 470         | 17.6     | 34.4                            | 13.3  |
| 1981              | 1,391                        | 864      | 526         | 17.2     | 37.8                            | 14.6  |
| 1982              | 1,426                        | 884      | 542         | 17.4     | 37.5                            | 15.2  |
| 1983              | 1,282                        | 897      | 385         | 16.9     | 41.4                            | 11.2  |
| 1984              | 1,475                        | 985      | 490         | 17.1     | 48.5                            | 14.4  |
| 1985              | 1,149                        | 836      | 313         | 16.1     | 41.9                            | 9.8   |
| 1986              | 1,213                        | 852      | 361         | 16.5     | 44.1                            | 12.6  |
| 1987              | 974                          | 630      | 344         | 17.6     | 32.9                            | 11.0  |
| 1988              | 1,038                        | 673      | 365         | 17.8     | 34.6                            | 12.0  |
| 1989              | 930                          | 580      | 350         | 17.1     | 30.3                            | 13.6  |
| 1990              | 966                          | 622      | 344         | 17.6     | 32.6                            | 11.3  |
| 1991              | 964                          | 580      | 385         | 18.6     | 29.9                            | 12.0  |
| 1992              | 1,081                        | 689      | 393         | 18.0     | 34.3                            | 14.0  |
| 1993              | 976                          | 655      | 321         | 16.6     | 31.7                            | 13.2  |
| 1994              | 1,029                        | 655      | 373         | 18.6     | 30.5                            | 12.0  |
| 1995              | 1,014                        | 666      | 348         | 17.8     | 29.9                            | 12.0  |
| 1996              | 1,022                        | 688      | 334         | 17.3     | 29.7                            | 13.1  |
| 1997              | 1,007                        | 662      | 345         | 18.2     | 28.4                            | 13.0  |
| 1998              | 978                          | 614      | 364         | 17.6     | 25.7                            | 13.0  |
| 1999              | 996                          | 652      | 344         | 17.3     | 26.7                            | 13.2  |
| 2000              | 1,046                        | 622      | 424         | 18.4     | 26.0                            | 14.3  |
| 2001              | 1,008                        | 574      | 434         | 18.6     | 24.3                            | 14.9  |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | 1,006                        | 595      | 412         | 18.7     | 24.9                            | 12.2  |

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<sup>1</sup> The numerator of each rate is the number of persons in the age group who first used the drug in the year, while the denominator is the person-time exposure of persons in the age group measured in thousands of years.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated using 2003 data only.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 and 2003.

**Table 4.20A Numbers (in Thousands) of Persons Who First Used Cigars in the United States, Their Mean Age at First Use, and Rates of First Use (Per 1,000 Person-Years of Exposure): 1965-2002, Based on 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs**

| YEAR              | NUMBER OF INITIATES (1,000s) |          |             | MEAN AGE | AGE-SPECIFIC RATES <sup>1</sup> |       |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                   | All Ages                     | Under 18 | 18 or Older |          | 12-17                           | 18-25 |
| 1965              | 1,007                        | 352      | 655         | 19.8     | 14.8                            | 33.9  |
| 1966              | 1,295                        | 597      | 698         | 18.3     | 27.0                            | 40.6  |
| 1967              | 1,232                        | 497      | 735         | 19.0     | 22.3                            | 36.2  |
| 1968              | 1,270                        | 470      | 801         | 19.2     | 20.9                            | 38.9  |
| 1969              | 1,519                        | 615      | 904         | 20.2     | 25.1                            | 36.7  |
| 1970              | 1,282                        | 444      | 838         | 19.9     | 18.0                            | 36.0  |
| 1971              | 1,292                        | 499      | 792         | 19.8     | 20.7                            | 32.6  |
| 1972              | 1,540                        | 651      | 889         | 18.9     | 27.0                            | 37.2  |
| 1973              | 1,560                        | 599      | 961         | 18.8     | 24.4                            | 42.6  |
| 1974              | 1,387                        | 506      | 881         | 20.2     | 19.9                            | 31.8  |
| 1975              | 1,564                        | 605      | 959         | 19.4     | 24.0                            | 36.4  |
| 1976              | 1,453                        | 520      | 933         | 20.6     | 21.9                            | 31.4  |
| 1977              | 1,237                        | 456      | 781         | 19.8     | 18.8                            | 27.6  |
| 1978              | 1,290                        | 426      | 864         | 20.1     | 18.3                            | 30.5  |
| 1979              | 1,312                        | 429      | 883         | 20.5     | 18.2                            | 29.3  |
| 1980              | 1,387                        | 390      | 997         | 21.0     | 16.6                            | 32.7  |
| 1981              | 1,195                        | 331      | 864         | 21.0     | 14.7                            | 26.4  |
| 1982              | 1,476                        | 384      | 1,092       | 22.1     | 17.8                            | 32.7  |
| 1983              | 1,238                        | 430      | 808         | 20.5     | 19.8                            | 23.4  |
| 1984              | 1,240                        | 322      | 918         | 20.8     | 15.3                            | 30.6  |
| 1985              | 1,231                        | 395      | 836         | 20.5     | 19.3                            | 27.6  |
| 1986              | 1,169                        | 391      | 777         | 20.6     | 19.7                            | 23.9  |
| 1987              | 1,369                        | 291      | 1,079       | 23.0     | 14.4                            | 32.7  |
| 1988              | 1,566                        | 375      | 1,191       | 22.0     | 18.9                            | 36.4  |
| 1989              | 1,619                        | 351      | 1,267       | 23.5     | 17.2                            | 35.3  |
| 1990              | 1,480                        | 346      | 1,134       | 22.4     | 18.0                            | 35.4  |
| 1991              | 1,646                        | 443      | 1,203       | 22.2     | 21.9                            | 35.5  |
| 1992              | 1,893                        | 465      | 1,427       | 23.0     | 22.6                            | 41.0  |
| 1993              | 2,119                        | 559      | 1,560       | 23.7     | 26.9                            | 42.2  |
| 1994              | 2,446                        | 765      | 1,681       | 22.3     | 36.4                            | 50.2  |
| 1995              | 2,684                        | 923      | 1,761       | 21.6     | 42.8                            | 57.8  |
| 1996              | 3,197                        | 1,030    | 2,167       | 21.9     | 46.6                            | 73.3  |
| 1997              | 3,557                        | 1,192    | 2,364       | 22.2     | 54.0                            | 78.4  |
| 1998              | 3,686                        | 1,402    | 2,284       | 22.0     | 62.5                            | 76.9  |
| 1999              | 3,524                        | 1,371    | 2,152       | 21.5     | 61.9                            | 77.6  |
| 2000              | 3,527                        | 1,494    | 2,033       | 21.9     | 67.8                            | 67.9  |
| 2001              | 3,291                        | 1,509    | 1,782       | 21.7     | 69.5                            | 63.1  |
| 2002 <sup>2</sup> | 3,003                        | 1,381    | 1,622       | 20.9     | 62.4                            | 56.0  |

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

NOTE: Comparisons between years, particularly between recent estimates and those from 10 or more years prior, should be made with caution due to potential reporting and other biases.

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