

Table 4.36A Numbers (in Thousands) of Males 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 21	21 or Older		12-20	21-25
1965	1,803	1,618	185	16.5	172.1	193.9
1966	1,554	1,486	68	15.9	158.7	82.4
1967	1,838	1,663	175	16.4	176.0	177.3
1968	1,882	1,721	161	15.7	179.3	142.5
1969	2,041	1,867	175	16.3	195.9	147.0
1970	1,973	1,752	221	16.0	178.0	287.0
1971	1,998	1,742	256	16.1	176.9	280.5
1972	2,160	2,000	159	15.6	205.7	177.7
1973	2,030	1,921	110	15.8	207.2	126.2
1974	1,949	1,820	129	15.5	201.5	154.2
1975	2,001	1,847	154	15.8	202.5	199.3
1976	1,890	1,764	126	15.6	196.2	164.9
1977	1,887	1,779	108	15.4	202.3	157.9
1978	1,909	1,796	113	15.5	211.3	147.3
1979	1,850	1,781	68	15.3	222.1	84.7
1980	1,561	1,453	108	15.6	181.8	128.8
1981	1,647	1,561	86	15.4	194.9	97.5
1982	1,801	1,650	151	15.7	205.5	165.6
1983	1,529	1,362	167	15.7	169.8	217.8
1984	1,620	1,547	73	15.2	192.9	99.5
1985	1,630	1,490	140	15.8	195.6	160.8
1986	1,523	1,459	64	15.0	191.2	64.6
1987	1,547	1,357	190	16.0	182.7	219.8
1988	1,424	1,298	127	15.5	171.4	156.4
1989	1,446	1,292	154	16.1	172.2	175.2
1990	1,351	1,214	137	15.7	154.8	171.9
1991	1,460	1,237	223	16.0	153.9	276.3
1992	1,600	1,409	192	16.3	170.2	207.4
1993	1,540	1,362	178	15.8	159.8	212.0
1994	1,511	1,403	108	15.1	153.6	147.8
1995	1,555	1,404	152	15.6	150.1	180.1
1996	1,654	1,504	150	15.8	157.6	160.7
1997	1,808	1,620	188	15.8	162.5	209.0
1998	1,984	1,802	182	15.9	178.2	188.7
1999	2,090	1,908	183	15.7	185.5	186.1
2000	2,474	2,251	223	15.7	235.2	249.5
2001 ²	2,458	2,232	225	15.8	233.0	225.0
2002 ²	--	--	199	--	215.3	202.3

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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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.

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

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.37A Numbers (in Thousands) of Males 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	1,453	1,224	229	14.1	154.1	106.0
1966	1,413	1,114	299	14.6	145.2	132.8
1967	1,603	1,258	345	14.7	164.9	146.2
1968	1,551	1,242	308	14.6	156.8	120.8
1969	1,609	1,310	299	15.0	171.1	110.0
1970	1,674	1,390	284	14.5	170.1	107.4
1971	1,463	1,243	220	14.3	150.3	76.7
1972	1,594	1,376	218	14.2	170.3	76.4
1973	1,532	1,323	208	14.1	154.4	65.2
1974	1,506	1,266	240	14.4	153.5	72.4
1975	1,598	1,333	264	14.7	160.2	69.6
1976	1,539	1,299	240	14.5	167.6	65.3
1977	1,432	1,202	230	14.5	155.9	59.1
1978	1,452	1,201	251	14.5	157.2	62.9
1979	1,223	959	264	15.0	125.3	62.8
1980	1,225	927	298	15.3	120.9	70.9
1981	1,210	937	273	15.1	127.7	69.4
1982	1,267	1,020	246	15.1	138.6	59.8
1983	1,270	1,017	253	15.0	137.5	57.1
1984	1,241	980	261	15.0	130.0	59.2
1985	1,228	944	284	15.4	129.7	63.6
1986	1,229	959	270	15.4	128.5	60.0
1987	1,230	915	315	15.5	124.9	72.3
1988	1,227	909	318	15.5	119.8	71.3
1989	1,264	934	330	15.7	129.5	76.2
1990	1,268	934	334	15.4	126.9	76.0
1991	1,273	898	375	15.5	115.7	88.0
1992	1,340	956	385	15.5	119.2	83.6
1993	1,393	1,093	300	14.9	138.4	70.2
1994	1,509	1,095	413	15.3	129.8	94.9
1995	1,538	1,228	310	14.9	144.7	69.2
1996	1,643	1,268	375	15.1	146.5	91.7
1997	1,724	1,268	456	15.6	141.0	104.6
1998	1,607	1,232	375	15.7	138.7	87.8
1999	1,599	1,238	361	15.4	142.9	88.8
2000	1,482	1,160	322	15.5	133.0	78.3
2001 ²	1,377	1,049	328	16.1	117.6	72.0
2002 ²	--	--	352	--	91.3	65.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.38A Numbers (in Thousands) of Males 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	709	337	372	18.0	34.9	71.9
1966	1,034	645	389	17.2	67.0	72.5
1967	1,013	509	504	17.4	50.4	93.4
1968	919	402	518	17.4	36.9	86.9
1969	1,084	611	474	17.4	59.0	77.2
1970	870	487	383	17.1	47.0	58.2
1971	966	534	432	17.2	49.9	62.0
1972	1,069	586	483	17.0	54.8	67.2
1973	999	507	492	17.2	44.3	64.5
1974	972	580	392	17.2	53.5	47.8
1975	1,080	661	418	16.9	61.1	50.3
1976	922	520	402	17.3	48.5	43.4
1977	875	508	367	17.2	48.1	40.2
1978	910	517	393	17.3	50.5	38.7
1979	757	410	347	17.5	41.2	36.0
1980	748	451	298	17.1	45.2	29.8
1981	654	367	287	17.2	36.8	29.1
1982	776	417	359	17.7	42.0	33.4
1983	749	354	395	18.1	36.6	35.3
1984	706	355	351	17.7	37.0	34.3
1985	690	386	304	17.4	39.3	28.9
1986	660	359	301	18.0	39.4	26.9
1987	795	415	380	17.9	45.5	35.3
1988	643	320	323	18.4	35.3	28.6
1989	678	330	348	18.1	36.7	33.0
1990	722	340	382	18.9	38.2	33.0
1991	768	335	433	18.1	37.3	41.3
1992	785	384	401	18.5	41.5	35.1
1993	713	384	329	17.7	40.1	30.6
1994	782	426	356	18.1	43.3	32.3
1995	771	403	369	17.8	38.8	36.5
1996	996	517	479	19.1	49.1	41.7
1997	1,088	560	528	18.6	51.6	50.1
1998	984	522	462	18.0	46.9	48.6
1999	865	490	376	17.4	43.7	40.0
2000	998	544	454	18.3	47.3	39.7
2001	834	463	371	18.5	40.1	34.2
2002 ²	674	384	290	19.0	32.5	26.8

*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.

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

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.39A Numbers (in Thousands) of Males 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	536	344	192	17.5	32.9	18.0
1966	360	162	198	19.3	14.0	18.2
1967	572	277	295	18.3	21.7	26.0
1968	443	256	187	17.1	21.8	18.5
1969	534	321	213	17.6	26.3	17.0
1970	565	307	258	16.9	22.5	23.3
1971	567	289	278	18.2	20.0	19.0
1972	665	378	287	17.8	29.0	20.4
1973	759	443	316	17.3	35.5	24.3
1974	780	499	282	16.7	37.5	22.1
1975	811	525	285	16.6	38.2	20.4
1976	833	532	301	17.3	45.3	18.0
1977	1,080	642	438	17.5	55.1	29.4
1978	1,173	730	443	16.8	63.2	29.7
1979	1,270	838	433	17.4	80.5	24.4
1980	1,100	717	383	17.0	71.6	26.5
1981	1,183	716	467	17.3	74.1	32.6
1982	1,244	749	495	17.8	76.6	34.0
1983	1,061	721	341	17.1	78.4	25.9
1984	1,274	830	444	17.5	99.2	33.8
1985	980	727	252	16.0	87.7	20.9
1986	1,040	713	327	16.7	88.8	31.6
1987	793	508	285	17.6	63.6	26.1
1988	864	556	308	18.1	66.9	27.5
1989	778	486	292	17.2	59.3	32.4
1990	798	508	289	18.0	60.3	25.3
1991	823	497	326	18.5	57.5	29.6
1992	881	577	304	17.9	64.5	31.1
1993	727	504	223	16.3	54.2	26.5
1994	802	519	283	18.7	52.9	24.4
1995	803	549	254	17.4	53.2	23.4
1996	812	547	265	17.3	50.6	27.5
1997	819	544	275	18.2	50.2	26.0
1998	754	483	271	17.4	43.1	25.4
1999	791	524	266	17.4	45.4	25.5
2000	851	506	345	18.3	44.1	29.7
2001	790	455	334	18.4	40.1	28.1
2002 ²	770	478	292	18.6	41.1	21.2

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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Table 4.40A Numbers (in Thousands) of Males 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	898	310	587	19.9	29.2	83.9
1966	1,171	559	612	18.0	54.6	101.3
1967	1,074	444	630	19.0	42.8	90.5
1968	1,084	420	664	19.2	40.6	91.9
1969	1,330	546	784	20.2	48.1	88.1
1970	977	371	605	19.4	32.3	75.4
1971	1,027	390	636	19.5	35.2	75.8
1972	1,261	505	755	18.9	44.3	89.6
1973	1,262	470	792	18.7	41.8	98.3
1974	1,059	422	638	19.3	36.0	69.1
1975	1,168	431	737	19.1	38.9	77.4
1976	1,136	427	710	19.5	39.4	71.1
1977	960	363	597	19.8	32.9	55.6
1978	1,011	351	661	19.8	32.4	63.3
1979	1,083	373	710	20.3	34.2	62.1
1980	1,080	330	750	20.7	31.4	66.9
1981	929	279	650	20.3	26.1	58.2
1982	1,120	301	819	22.1	29.9	64.0
1983	959	317	641	20.6	31.4	49.5
1984	964	266	698	20.4	27.5	61.9
1985	962	327	635	20.1	33.5	55.6
1986	921	305	616	20.7	32.6	49.3
1987	1,062	249	813	21.8	26.3	65.8
1988	1,185	307	879	21.2	32.4	73.0
1989	1,262	283	979	23.4	29.1	68.6
1990	1,132	271	861	21.6	29.3	72.8
1991	1,250	367	883	21.2	38.4	73.4
1992	1,370	373	998	21.7	38.2	81.7
1993	1,522	445	1,076	22.5	45.5	83.8
1994	1,612	571	1,041	21.2	57.5	85.5
1995	1,734	658	1,075	20.6	64.1	96.0
1996	1,969	701	1,268	20.9	65.8	121.2
1997	2,164	780	1,384	21.7	74.2	124.7
1998	2,077	917	1,160	20.6	84.6	112.5
1999	1,989	887	1,102	20.1	83.0	115.8
2000	1,958	967	991	20.1	91.0	101.6
2001	1,880	944	936	20.9	90.0	97.9
2002 ²	1,660	904	757	18.6	83.6	85.1

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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