

Table 4.15C Standard Errors of 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	191	137	129	0.3	7.7	20.7
1966	168	129	106	0.2	7.1	16.8
1967	187	142	126	0.2	8.0	19.3
1968	175	133	114	0.2	7.5	17.6
1969	190	131	136	0.2	7.2	21.2
1970	188	123	131	0.2	6.5	21.1
1971	160	105	119	0.2	5.5	19.3
1972	170	122	119	0.3	6.5	21.3
1973	154	118	97	0.2	6.5	16.7
1974	149	118	89	0.3	6.3	16.0
1975	151	114	91	0.2	6.4	15.9
1976	144	111	84	0.2	6.3	14.3
1977	151	121	85	0.2	7.0	15.2
1978	141	121	73	0.1	7.3	13.7
1979	141	120	75	0.2	7.6	14.8
1980	136	112	80	0.3	6.8	14.8
1981	145	117	87	0.2	7.8	16.3
1982	147	120	81	0.2	7.7	15.2
1983	128	102	70	0.2	6.9	14.6
1984	137	111	74	0.2	7.3	15.5
1985	130	103	80	0.4	6.9	16.0
1986	121	98	68	0.2	6.7	14.7
1987	119	92	75	0.3	6.7	14.9
1988	114	89	70	0.2	6.8	14.7
1989	127	103	79	0.2	7.5	15.5
1990	115	87	70	0.2	6.3	14.7
1991	108	76	75	0.2	5.6	15.2
1992	112	82	78	0.3	5.3	15.5
1993	96	73	69	0.2	4.7	14.2
1994	97	58	74	0.1	3.6	15.5
1995	90	57	65	0.2	3.2	14.4
1996	87	58	63	0.2	3.3	13.0
1997	86	60	54	0.1	3.3	10.7
1998	80	59	52	0.2	3.3	10.7
1999	80	60	53	0.1	3.2	10.4
2000	92	68	58	0.1	3.9	11.2
2001 ²	119	91	69	0.2	5.3	13.7
2002 ²	--	--	79	--	5.5	15.2

*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 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.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.16C Standard Errors of 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 21	21 or Older		12-20	21-25
1965	191	168	86	0.3	7.9	27.9
1966	168	155	63	0.2	7.1	23.3
1967	187	183	73	0.2	8.6	25.3
1968	175	160	64	0.2	7.5	20.2
1969	190	171	88	0.2	7.7	31.3
1970	188	159	91	0.2	7.2	32.5
1971	160	129	82	0.2	5.9	26.8
1972	170	139	101	0.3	6.5	39.6
1973	154	142	68	0.2	6.7	23.9
1974	149	138	67	0.3	6.3	22.9
1975	151	136	65	0.2	6.5	22.6
1976	144	131	58	0.2	6.5	18.2
1977	151	138	69	0.2	6.8	22.3
1978	141	133	48	0.1	6.8	17.7
1979	141	134	46	0.2	7.2	17.1
1980	136	128	52	0.3	6.9	16.7
1981	145	134	52	0.2	7.6	15.7
1982	147	135	51	0.2	7.5	17.4
1983	128	119	46	0.2	6.8	17.6
1984	137	124	46	0.2	7.0	17.7
1985	130	116	58	0.4	6.7	19.2
1986	121	112	44	0.2	6.7	17.0
1987	119	108	52	0.3	6.7	19.2
1988	114	102	50	0.2	6.5	21.9
1989	127	120	52	0.2	7.3	22.3
1990	115	101	47	0.2	6.2	20.5
1991	108	91	51	0.2	5.6	22.1
1992	112	98	56	0.3	5.5	20.6
1993	96	88	47	0.2	4.8	19.5
1994	97	81	50	0.1	4.5	22.2
1995	90	77	48	0.2	3.8	19.9
1996	87	71	45	0.2	3.6	18.8
1997	86	70	43	0.1	3.4	18.5
1998	80	67	43	0.2	3.2	17.8
1999	80	68	41	0.1	3.1	16.4
2000	92	80	45	0.1	3.8	20.6
2001 ²	119	107	53	0.2	5.3	20.5
2002 ²	--	--	56	--	5.4	19.6

*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 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.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.17C Standard Errors of 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	157	135	78	0.2	9.0	12.8
1966	144	117	83	0.3	7.6	12.3
1967	161	141	83	0.3	9.0	11.4
1968	163	120	102	0.2	7.5	14.0
1969	163	125	94	0.3	7.9	11.6
1970	146	118	88	0.2	6.9	11.4
1971	141	108	90	0.3	6.2	10.9
1972	142	120	77	0.2	7.0	9.6
1973	132	118	59	0.2	7.0	7.1
1974	138	119	74	0.2	7.0	8.0
1975	143	117	79	0.2	7.4	8.6
1976	126	112	67	0.2	7.3	7.0
1977	125	109	60	0.2	7.0	6.6
1978	128	113	60	0.2	7.4	5.6
1979	122	110	60	0.2	7.1	6.2
1980	121	92	71	0.2	6.4	6.9
1981	119	98	64	0.2	6.5	6.7
1982	113	102	49	0.2	6.8	5.1
1983	115	97	60	0.5	6.5	5.8
1984	109	99	46	0.1	6.7	5.2
1985	112	98	53	0.2	6.5	5.9
1986	103	87	53	0.2	6.2	5.9
1987	105	88	58	0.2	6.2	6.4
1988	103	80	59	0.2	5.8	6.2
1989	111	91	55	0.2	6.6	5.7
1990	93	77	50	0.2	5.9	5.1
1991	93	76	58	0.2	5.5	6.1
1992	93	67	64	0.2	4.6	6.6
1993	86	64	54	0.1	4.1	5.6
1994	86	53	68	0.2	3.2	7.0
1995	71	58	50	0.1	3.5	5.4
1996	76	55	52	0.1	3.3	5.7
1997	78	56	53	0.2	3.3	5.6
1998	70	54	42	0.2	3.1	4.2
1999	68	51	45	0.2	3.1	4.6
2000	67	52	39	0.2	3.1	3.5
2001 ²	86	69	49	0.2	3.9	4.7
2002 ²	--	--	82	--	3.4	4.2

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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¹ 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.

² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.18C Standard Errors of 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	121	78	97	0.4	4.0	7.7
1966	117	89	83	0.4	4.5	6.4
1967	118	83	86	0.2	4.1	6.3
1968	129	70	108	0.4	3.2	7.4
1969	132	78	103	0.3	3.6	6.9
1970	120	69	99	0.4	3.3	5.6
1971	123	72	94	0.3	3.2	5.6
1972	109	71	85	0.2	3.3	5.1
1973	109	72	88	0.3	3.2	4.6
1974	108	79	75	0.2	3.5	4.1
1975	121	77	90	0.3	3.5	4.7
1976	99	73	68	0.3	3.4	3.2
1977	105	79	70	0.3	3.7	3.4
1978	103	70	73	0.4	3.4	3.3
1979	99	71	70	0.3	3.4	3.2
1980	100	70	73	0.4	3.4	3.0
1981	94	67	64	0.3	3.3	2.7
1982	99	68	69	0.3	3.5	3.2
1983	90	63	63	0.3	3.2	2.9
1984	83	60	55	0.2	3.2	2.6
1985	81	59	54	0.2	3.1	2.6
1986	78	58	53	0.4	3.1	2.1
1987	80	53	58	0.4	2.8	2.6
1988	72	46	58	0.4	2.6	2.6
1989	77	49	57	0.3	2.8	2.8
1990	73	51	54	0.3	2.9	2.5
1991	86	50	68	0.5	2.8	3.2
1992	74	44	60	0.3	2.4	2.9
1993	64	41	48	0.2	2.2	2.3
1994	72	34	63	0.3	1.7	2.8
1995	63	35	51	0.2	1.7	2.6
1996	71	35	63	0.4	1.7	2.7
1997	69	35	58	0.3	1.7	2.8
1998	58	34	47	0.2	1.5	2.3
1999	56	34	42	0.4	1.6	1.9
2000	58	30	49	0.3	1.4	1.9
2001	52	31	41	0.4	1.4	1.4
2002 ²	64	36	55	0.7	1.6	1.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.19C Standard Errors of 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	79	66	48	0.9	3.2	2.1
1966	59	39	42	0.9	1.7	2.2
1967	82	54	61	0.9	2.3	2.3
1968	71	52	47	0.7	2.3	2.0
1969	68	53	43	0.7	2.2	1.7
1970	64	38	52	0.5	1.5	2.2
1971	64	40	49	0.6	1.6	1.7
1972	67	47	50	0.6	1.8	1.8
1973	70	50	49	0.5	2.1	1.8
1974	72	53	51	0.6	2.1	1.9
1975	70	51	48	0.9	1.9	1.4
1976	72	57	51	0.6	2.4	1.4
1977	85	61	59	0.5	2.6	1.9
1978	83	62	56	0.4	2.8	1.6
1979	96	71	61	0.6	3.1	1.4
1980	84	66	52	0.7	3.1	1.5
1981	84	62	55	0.5	2.9	1.7
1982	85	61	58	0.6	2.9	1.7
1983	76	61	49	0.6	3.1	1.5
1984	87	63	56	0.5	3.4	1.8
1985	73	57	41	0.3	3.0	1.5
1986	75	63	40	0.4	3.5	1.5
1987	65	49	44	0.7	2.8	1.6
1988	65	52	40	0.5	2.9	1.6
1989	58	42	42	0.4	2.5	1.8
1990	70	48	49	0.5	2.8	1.7
1991	67	39	54	0.9	2.3	1.7
1992	60	41	43	0.6	2.3	1.7
1993	53	33	40	0.3	1.7	1.8
1994	63	28	55	1.0	1.3	1.8
1995	50	28	41	0.7	1.3	1.5
1996	45	31	31	0.5	1.4	1.2
1997	44	28	35	0.8	1.3	1.2
1998	38	26	26	0.3	1.1	1.0
1999	39	27	28	0.4	1.1	1.0
2000	46	25	38	0.5	1.1	1.3
2001	39	21	34	0.4	0.9	1.1
2002 ²	60	31	49	0.8	1.3	1.1

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

-- Not available.

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² Estimated using 2003 data only.

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

Table 4.20C Standard Errors of 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 ¹	
	All Ages	Under 18	18 or Older		12-17	18-25
1965	110	55	86	0.7	2.7	4.8
1966	112	73	85	0.4	3.6	5.0
1967	111	68	89	0.5	3.3	4.7
1968	110	63	88	0.4	3.0	4.6
1969	126	69	105	0.7	3.0	4.7
1970	98	52	86	0.5	2.3	4.0
1971	104	50	85	0.5	2.1	3.8
1972	99	57	85	0.4	2.4	3.6
1973	123	55	101	0.3	2.3	4.5
1974	93	46	80	0.5	1.9	3.0
1975	94	52	79	0.5	2.2	3.1
1976	101	53	86	0.7	2.3	3.0
1977	95	50	77	0.6	2.1	2.7
1978	89	47	78	0.5	2.1	2.7
1979	84	42	73	0.6	1.8	2.4
1980	93	42	81	0.5	1.9	2.7
1981	80	35	71	0.6	1.7	2.1
1982	90	42	80	0.6	2.0	2.7
1983	77	42	66	0.5	2.0	2.0
1984	78	37	68	0.3	1.8	2.5
1985	80	44	66	0.5	2.2	2.4
1986	70	39	59	0.4	2.0	2.0
1987	87	34	78	0.8	1.8	2.6
1988	99	40	90	0.6	2.1	2.7
1989	97	35	93	0.7	1.9	2.6
1990	86	37	77	0.5	2.0	2.8
1991	85	42	74	0.4	2.3	2.5
1992	98	37	90	0.4	1.9	3.0
1993	93	32	87	0.5	1.6	2.8
1994	103	37	95	0.4	1.8	3.4
1995	104	35	98	0.4	1.7	3.8
1996	105	34	100	0.3	1.6	3.9
1997	109	39	101	0.3	1.7	3.8
1998	104	40	98	0.4	1.7	3.2
1999	91	41	79	0.3	1.9	3.1
2000	95	40	87	0.4	1.9	2.8
2001	85	39	72	0.6	1.7	2.1
2002 ²	112	49	104	0.5	2.2	2.8

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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