

CONTINUED USE OF ATOD

Relatively high proportions of students who have ever used ATOD have continued to use currently, i.e., in the 30 days prior to the survey.

Drugs with the highest percentage of lifetime users still using are cigarette (63%), alcohol (61%) and marijuana (60%). The lowest percentage of continued use is observed for inhalants, prescription drugs of abuse, cocaine and ice or crystal methamphetamine.

Even for drugs which show the lowest rates of continuing use (the lowest percentages of lifetime users who reported 30-day use), around 4 in 10 students who had begun using these drugs also used them within 30 days of the survey.

Fifty-nine percent of students who had ever used one or more illegal drugs were using one or more such drug in the 30 days prior to the survey.

Percent of Lifetime Users Who Currently Use Substances by Type of Drug or Substance Among Tennessee High School Students, 1995/1997

<u>Drugs</u>	<u>Percentage²</u>
Cigarettes	63%
Alcohol	61%
Marijuana	60%
Any illegal drugs	59%
Smokeless tobacco	53%
LSD/hallucinogens	53%
Heroin	51%
Steroids for bodybuilding	50%
Ice (crystal meth)	47%
Cocaine	42%
Prescription drug abuse	40%
Inhalants	38%

That all of these drugs are addictive, although differentially so, is clear from levels of self-reported addiction among students and differences between reports of lifetime and current addiction by drug.

²Percentages are the number of students reporting using a particular drug in the past 30 days divided by the number of students ever using that drug multiplied by 100. The results approximate a continued use rate by drug.