Majority of U.S. Household Residents Have Used Alcohol and Tobacco, One-Third Report Having Tried Marijuana

Alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are the most frequently used drugs among household residents, according to the recently released 2000 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse. Eighty-one percent of household residents 12 or older report that they have used alcohol at least once in their lifetime and 71% report lifetime tobacco use. Just over one-third—an estimated 76.3 million people—report using marijuana at least once in their lifetime. Other drugs used by 10% or more of householders were hallucinogens, cocaine, pain relievers, inhalants, stimulants, and tranquilizers. The full report is available online at www.samhsa.gov/oas/oas.html.

Estimated Percentage of U.S. Household Residents (Age 12 and Older) Reporting Lifetime Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs, 2000

*Nonmedical use only; does not include over-the-counter drugs.