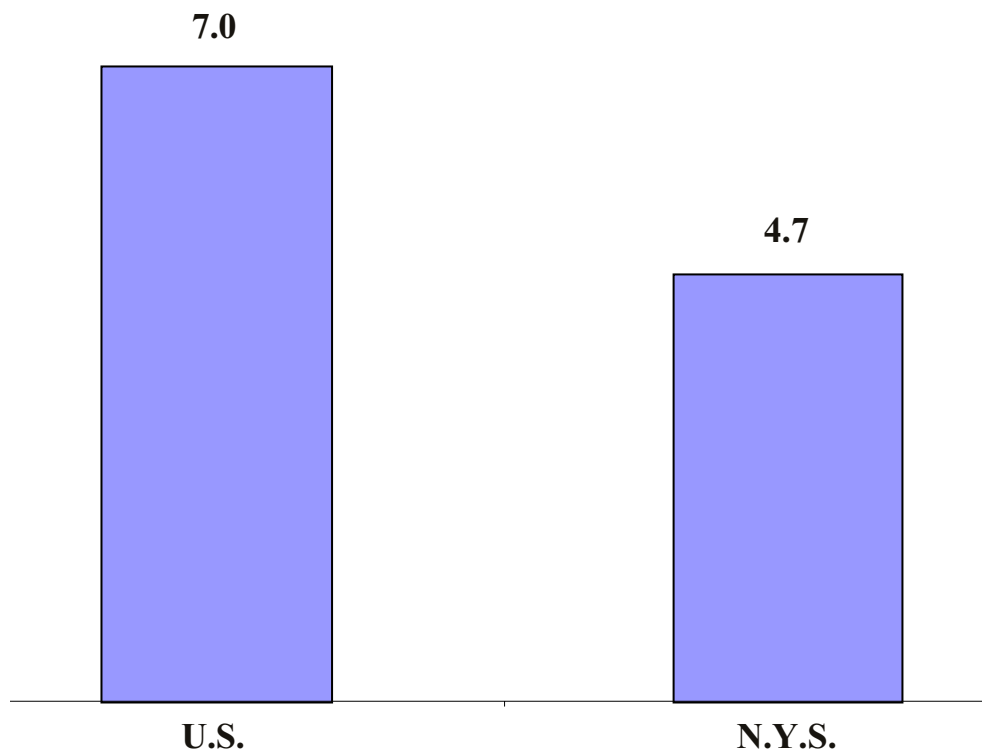


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Death Rates from Drug Abuse, 2000

Drug-Induced Death Rate
Per 100,000 Population



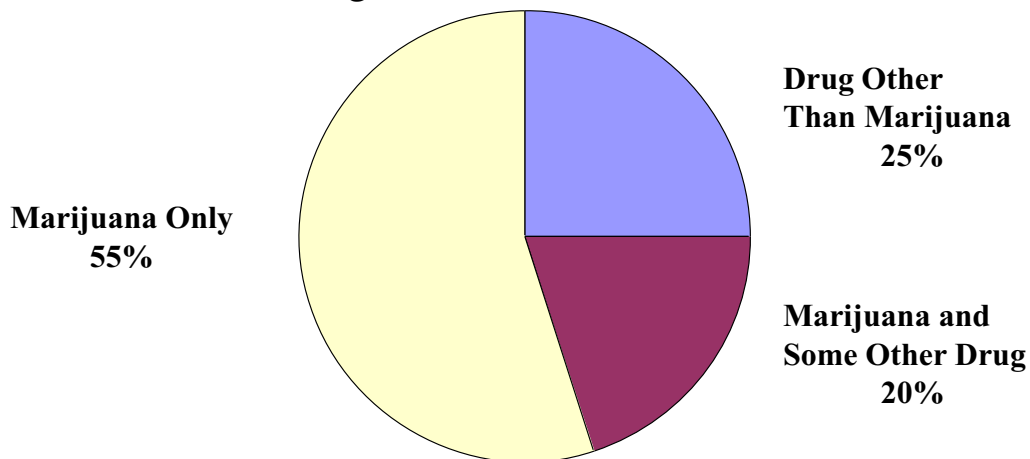
**19,698 Deaths in U.S.
901 Deaths in N.Y.S.**

Source: Morgan Quitndao Press citing U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics

In 2000, there were a total of 901 drug-induced deaths, down from 1,099 drug-induced deaths in 1999, in New York State, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Center for Health Statistics. Types of substance abuse include the use of drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and heroin; the nonmedical use of prescription drugs; and inhalants, according to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration.

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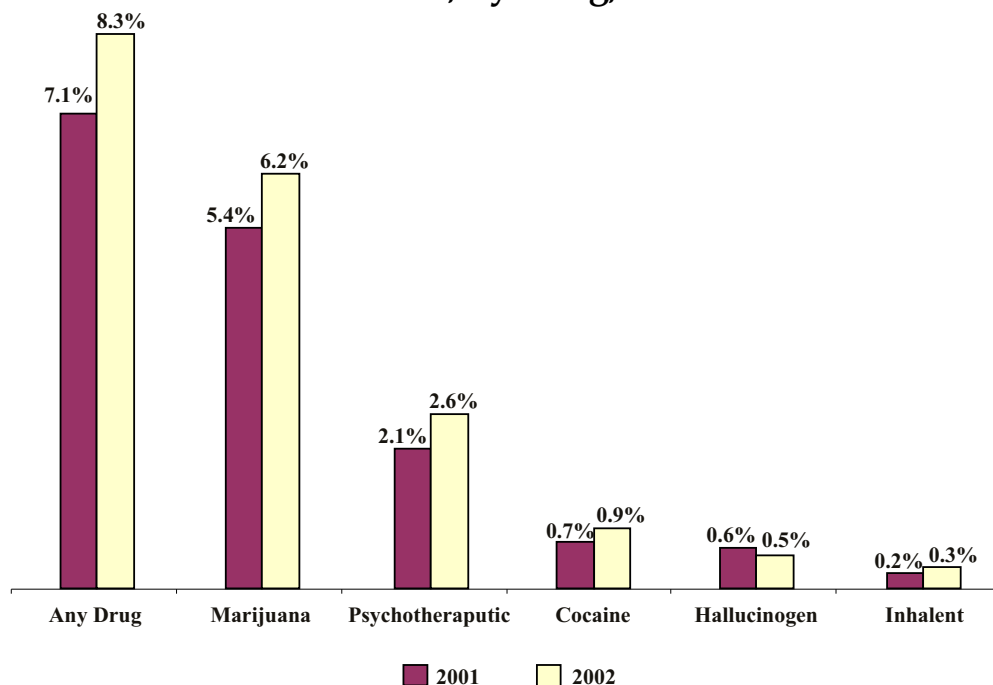
Types of Illicit Drugs Used by Americans Aged 12 and Older, 2002



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2002

In 2002, an estimated 19.5 million Americans were illicit drug users, meaning that they had used an illicit drug during the month prior to the interview, according to the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. This estimate represents 8.3 percent of the population 12 years old and older.

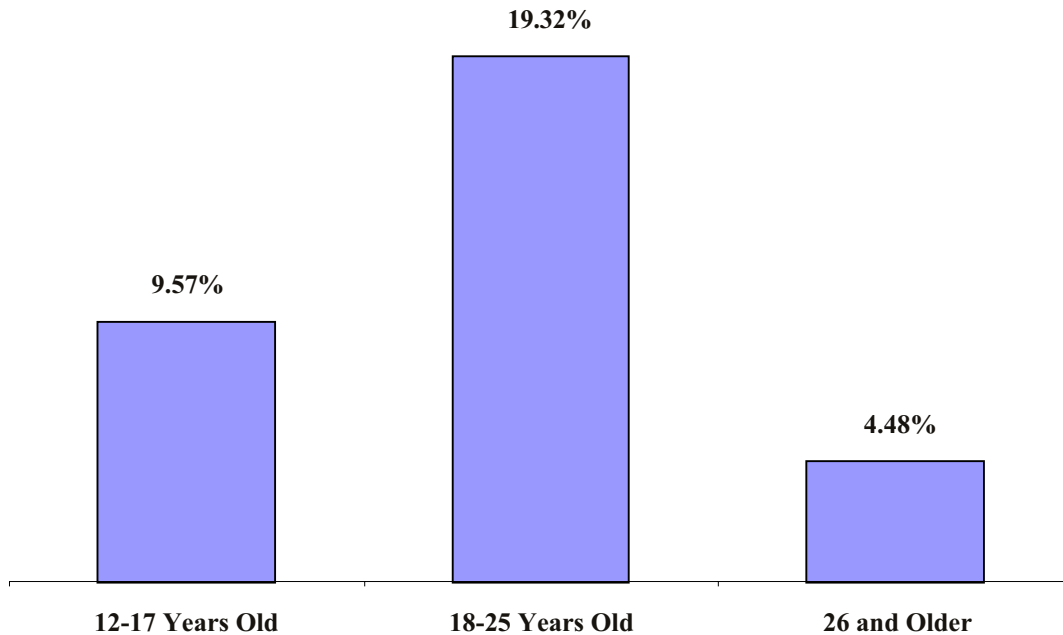
Past Month Illicit Drug Use Among Persons Aged 12 and Older in the United States, by Drug, 2001 and 2002



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2002

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Past Month Illicit Drug Use Among Persons in New York, by Age Group, 2000 and 2001



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2001

During 2002 in the United States, an estimated 8.3 percent of the population aged 12 and older were illicit drug users. Fifty-five percent of those users solely used marijuana, while 25 percent used an illicit drug other than marijuana. In 2000, approximately one million New Yorkers were using illicit drugs. Of those one million users, 212,00 had tried marijuana for the first time.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2001 and 2002



Some Useful Sites for Information on Drug Abuse

- [Substance Dependence - World Health Organization](#)
- [Substance Abuse Topics - U.S. National Library of Medicine](#)
- [Substance Abuse Resource Center - The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)