

Hard Drug Use

The Big Picture:

- The annual use of any illicit drug among college students stands at 37%, compared to 41% of high school graduates not attending college
- The rate of use for vicodin, cocaine, and narcotics other than heroin (codeine, opium) is considerably lower for college students when compared to high school graduates not attending college
- Annual use of LSD, Ketamine, Rohypol, GHB, crack, heroin, and inhalants is less prevalent among college students than among their non-college peers
- The use of the drug Ritalin among college students, however, is considerably higher annually than their non-college bound peers

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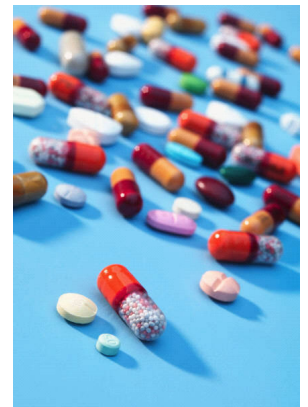
You know the name, but what are these drugs used for?

Ketamine, Rohypol, & GHB	Commonly known as "date-rape drugs"
Codeine	Extreme muscle relaxant
Sedatives/Barbiturates	Induces heavy sleep
Ritalin	Intranasal application heightens stimulant effect
Amphetamines	Stimulant
Methamphetamines	Greater stimulant effect than amphetamines

Trends among College students and their Non-College Peers

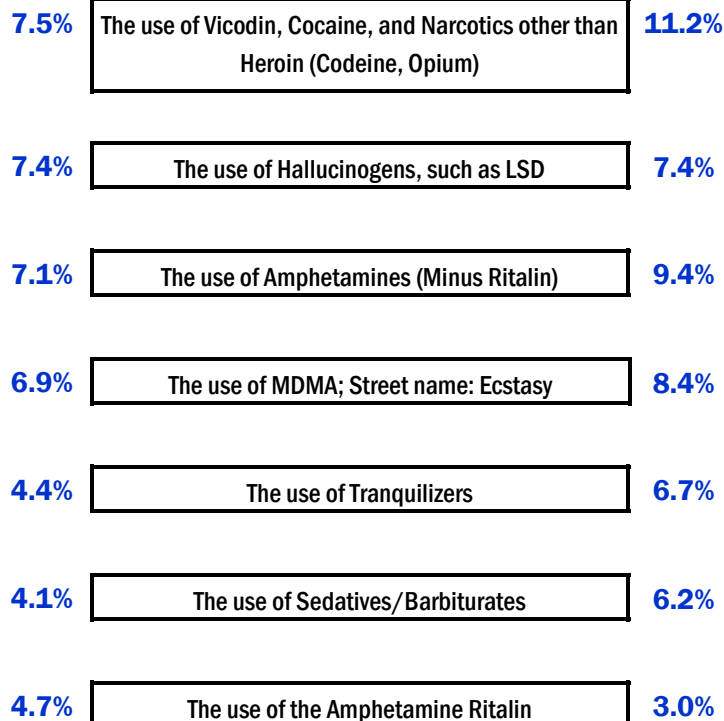
Monitoring the Future's 2003 study on Drug Abuse captures a representative sample of college students in the United States, as well as their non-college peers.

The age bracket includes individuals aged 19-22, an age range most typical for college attendance. This bracket includes 74% of all undergraduate students enrolled full-time in a University in 2002. The drugs under comparison are taken recreationally, and are not under a doctor's orders.



Students Enrolled in College:

Non-College Bound Peer Group:



Monitoring The Future:

The survey used a weighted sample of 1270 total college students and 880 total non-college peers of the same age bracket.

Students who dropped out of high school are not included in the non-college sample.

The college student sample includes those students who are enrolled full time.