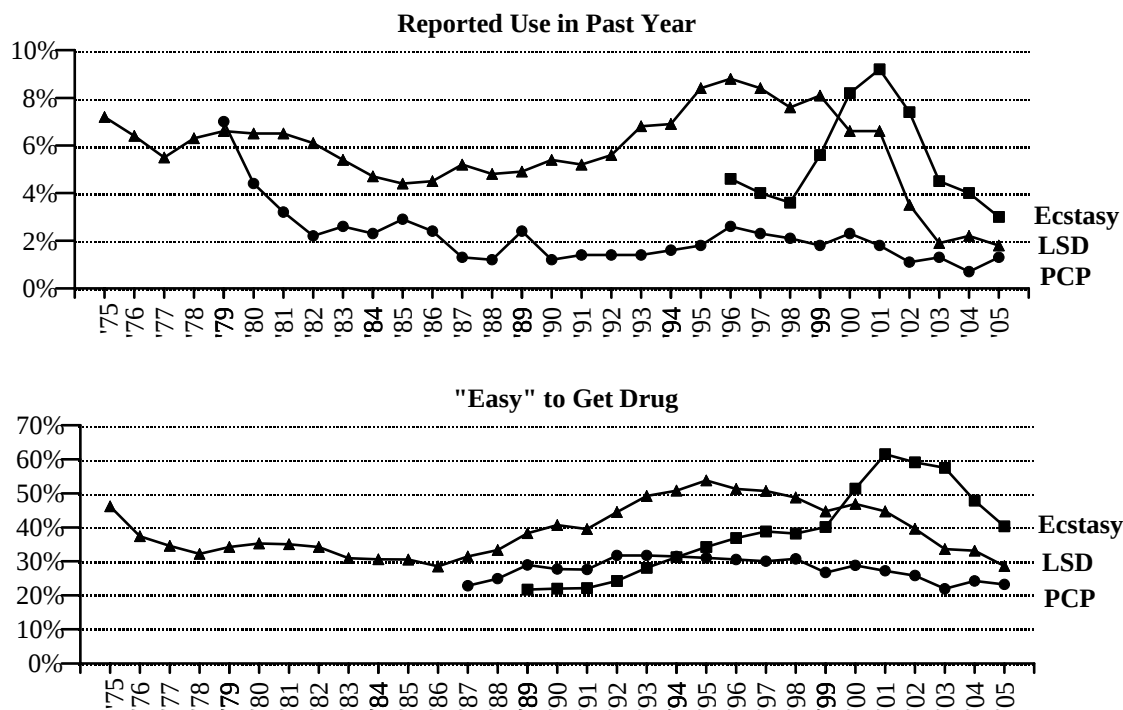


Hallucinogen Use Among High School Seniors Continues to Decline; Declines Also Found in Perceived Availability

Use of the hallucinogenic drugs ecstasy, LSD, and PCP among 12th graders has declined during the last five years, according to data from the national Monitoring the Future study. At the same time, the percentage of high school seniors who perceive these drugs as “easy” to obtain has also declined (see figures below). Some reasons why the availability of these drugs may be declining include increased ecstasy interdiction efforts, the dismantling of large ecstasy trafficking organizations, and the seizure of a major LSD-producing lab in late 2000.¹ In addition, some speculate that the death of Jerry Garcia in 1995, and the subsequent end of the Grateful Dead band tours, affected the availability and access to LSD.²

Percentage of U.S. 12th Grade Students Reporting Past Year Use and Perceived Availability of Ecstasy, LSD, and PCP, 1975 to 2005



¹National Drug Intelligence Center, *National Drug Threat Assessment 2005*, 2005. Available online at <http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/topics/ndtas.htm> (accessed 1/27/06).

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