

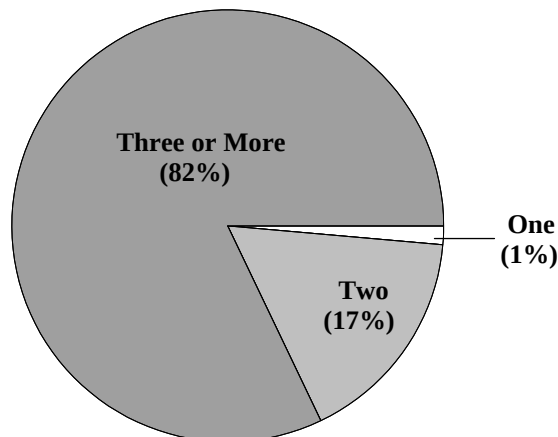
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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***Majority of U.S. Youths and Young Adults Who Have Used Club Drugs  
Have Used Three or More Types of Illicit Drugs***

The majority of club drug users are multiple drug users, according to a recent analysis of data from the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Overall, 20% of youths and young adults ages 16 to 23 reported ever using at least one or more of the club drugs methamphetamine, MDMA, LSD, GHB, ketamine, or flunitrazepam. Nearly one-fifth (17%) of these lifetime club drug users reported using two different types of illicit drugs and 82% reported using three or more different types of drugs in their lifetime.\* Users of GHB, ketamine, flunitrazepam, and methamphetamine were most likely to be multi-drug users—between 96% and 100% reported have ever used three or more types of illicit drugs. These findings are consistent with those of a study of multiple drug use among Maryland public high school students (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 14, Issue 35), which found users of less common drugs were more likely to use multiple drugs.

**Number of Types of Illicit Drugs Used by U.S. Club Drug Users Ages 16 to 23, 2002**  
(unweighted N=3,691)



\*Drug types: cocaine, inhalants, marijuana, heroin, hallucinogens, sedatives, tranquilizers, pain relievers, and stimulants.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Wu, L.-T.; Schlenger, W.E.; and Glavin, D.M. Concurrent Use of Methamphetamine, MDMA, LSD, Ketamine, GHB, and Flunitrazepam Among American Youths, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, In Press, 2006. For more information, contact Dr. Li-Tzy Wu at [litzywu@yahoo.com](mailto:litzywu@yahoo.com).

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