

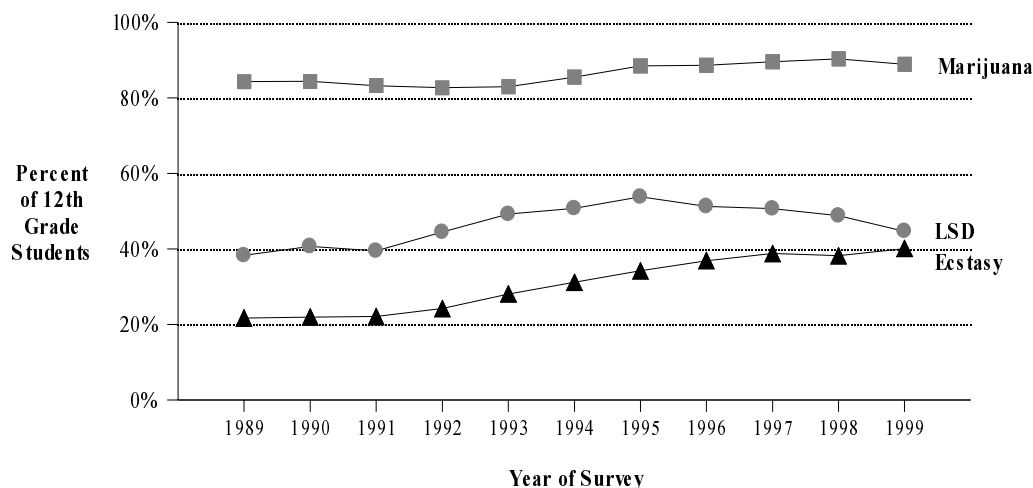
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Percentage of U.S. High School Seniors Who Say Ecstasy is Easy to Obtain Reaches a New Peak--Nearly Double Over Past Decade

The percentage of U.S. high school seniors reporting that MDMA (ecstasy) was “fairly easy” or “very easy” to obtain increased from 22% in 1989 to 40% in 1999, according to data from the Monitoring the Future high school survey. These findings support recent reports that ecstasy, traditionally associated with clubs and rave parties, is becoming more accessible to other mainstream populations (see CESAR FAX, Volume 9, Issue 35). While marijuana continues to be the illegal drug viewed as most easily accessible, the perceived availability of marijuana, LSD, and other drugs (such as PCP, cocaine, and heroin) has remained stable or decreased over the past decade.

Percentage of U.S. Twelfth Graders Reporting That It Is “Fairly Easy” or “Very Easy” to Get Marijuana, LSD, or Ecstasy, 1989-1999



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Johnston, Lloyd D., Patrick M. O'Malley, and Jerald G. Bachman, "The Monitoring the Future National Results on Adolescent Drug Use, Overview of Key Findings, 1999," 2000. Available online at www.monitoringthefuture.org.

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