

Table 5.14a Mean age of first drug use in the Netherlands in seven samples: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and five categories of address density municipalities, 1997 and 2001 (weighted)

<i>Drug</i>	<i>Mean age of first use Highest address density</i>									
	<i>The Netherlands</i>		<i>Amsterdam</i>		<i>Rotterdam</i>		<i>Other</i>		<i>Total highest a.d.</i>	
	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>
Tobacco	17.0	16.8	17.5	17.4	17.5	16.9	17.4	17.1	17.5	17.2
Alcohol	18.0	17.5	17.9	17.4	18.7	18.1	18.2	17.5	18.2	17.6
Hypnotics	41.1	38.8	37.0	35.3	42.6	38.5	39.5	36.6	39.3	36.6
Sedatives	35.3	34.1	33.7	31.4	38.9	32.7	34.7	32.2	35.2	32.1
Cannabis	19.7	19.7	20.3	19.9	20.1	20.0	20.7	19.3	20.5	19.6
Cocaine	23.4	22.8	24.6	24.9	23.9	22.4	24.6	22.2	24.5	23.3
Amphetamines	21.4	20.8	22.4	22.7	21.4	20.5	22.2	20.9	22.1	21.5
Ecstasy	23.4	22.4	26.4	25.9	-	23.9	23.2	23.0	24.8	24.2
Hallucinogens all	21.0	21.5	22.7	22.3	-	-	22.6	20.7	22.4	21.4
LSD	.	20.6	.	22.4	.	-	.	-	.	21.2
Mushrooms	23.5	22.3	25.4	24.8	22.9	22.8	23.5	23.1	24.3	23.7
Opiates all	32.6	31.0	28.7	31.0	32.8	30.5	32.6	28.7	31.2	29.8
Morphine	34.0	32.6	33.3	34.3	35.8	31.7	35.6	32.2	34.5	32.9
Codeine	33.4	31.0	28.9	31.2	32.2	31.8	31.9	29.1	30.6	30.3
Heroin	22.6	23.2	23.7	-	-	-	-	-	23.6	22.3
Inhalants	19.1	18.5	20.1	21.6	-	-	-	-	19.3	19.8
Smart drugs all	.	24.2	.	25.0	.	27.5	.	23.5	.	24.6
Herbal ecstasy	.	22.3	.	25.7	.	-	.	22.3	.	23.9
Guarana etc.	.	25.0	.	25.9	.	-	.	24.4	.	25.6
Perform. enh.	24.0	26.9	23.3	-	-	-	-	-	24.9	24.9
Difficult drugs	22.2	21.9	23.4	23.6	21.9	21.9	23.7	21.4	23.3	22.4
Total respondents	21,959	17,655	3,710	3,934	2,320	2,547	6,766	2,330	12,796	8,811

Difficult drugs are cocaine, amphetamines, ecstasy, hallucinogens, heroin.

Source: Manja D. Abraham, Hendrien L. Kaal, & Peter D.A. Cohen (2002), *Licit and Illicit Drug Use in the Netherlands, 2001*. Amsterdam: CEDRO / Mets & Schilt. p. 165.

Table 5.14b Mean age of first drug use in the Netherlands in seven samples: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and five categories of address density municipalities, 1997 and 2001 (weighted) (continued)

<i>Drug</i>	<i>Highest a.d.</i>		<i>High a.d.</i>		<i>Mean age of first use</i> <i>Moderate a.d.</i>		<i>Low a.d.</i>		<i>Lowest a.d.</i>	
	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>2001</i>
Tobacco	17.5	17.2	17.0	17.0	17.0	16.8	16.9	16.6	17.7	16.6
Alcohol	18.2	17.6	18.1	17.6	18.1	17.6	17.8	17.4	16.6	17.3
Hypnotics	39.3	36.6	41.8	38.3	40.0	38.4	43.1	41.1	41.1	40.4
Sedatives	35.2	32.1	35.0	32.9	35.6	36.5	35.0	35.1	36.1	34.2
Cannabis	20.5	19.6	19.4	19.8	18.9	19.5	20.0	19.5	19.5	19.9
Cocaine	24.5	23.3	-	22.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amphetamines	22.1	21.5	-	20.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ecstasy	24.8	24.2	-	21.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hallucinogens all	22.4	21.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSD	.	21.2	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Mushrooms	24.3	23.7	-	21.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opiates all	31.2	29.8	33.0	30.7	32.7	31.2	33.6	33.0	33.0	30.1
Morphine	34.5	32.9	35.7	32.0	33.1	33.3	31.5	33.0	35.2	31.2
Codeine	30.6	30.3	33.8	30.6	33.6	30.2	35.9	33.7	33.9	30.1
Heroin	23.6	22.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inhalants	19.3	19.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smart drugs all	.	24.6	.	24.7	.	-	.	-	.	-
Herbal ecstasy	.	23.9	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Guarana etc.	.	25.6	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Perform. enh.	24.9	24.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difficult drugs	23.3	22.4	21.8	21.7	20.9	21.4	21.3	22.7	22.6	20.7
Total respondents	12,796	8,811	2,295	2,640	2,276	2,123	2,288	2,149	2,304	1,932

Difficult drugs are cocaine, amphetamines, ecstasy, hallucinogens, heroin.

Source: Manja D. Abraham, Hendrien L. Kaal, & Peter D.A. Cohen (2002), *Licit and Illicit Drug Use in the Netherlands, 2001*. Amsterdam: CEDRO / Mets & Schilt. p. 166.