Table 5.15a Mean age of current drug users (reported last month) in the Netherlands in seven samples: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and five categories of address density municipalities, 1997 and 2001 (weighted)

| | | | Mean age of current use Highest address density | | | | | | | |
| | The Netherlands | | Amsterdam | | Rotterdam | | Other | | Total highest a.d. | |
Drug	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001
Tobacco	40.1	40.6	39.7	39.5	39.8	40.3	39.8	39.2	39.8	39.5
Alcohol	42.6	43.3	42.0	41.9	44.5	43.8	42.3	42.4	42.7	42.5
Hypnotics	61.8	58.2	55.7	56.0	60.5	58.3	60.4	54.7	59.0	55.8
Sedatives	53.1	50.9	50.3	48.8	56.1	49.5	51.3	52.0	51.9	50.6
Cannabis	27.8	27.9	31.0	31.1	28.5	30.5	27.8	28.2	29.2	29.7
Cocaine	28.9	29.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.9	31.2
Amphetamines	30.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ecstasy	24.9	26.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.1	28.7
Hallucinogens all	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSD	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Mushrooms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opiates all	45.2	44.5	42.3	-	-	-	45.9	-	44.1	46.0
Morphine	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Codeine	46.5	44.3	42.0	-	-	-	-	-	43.8	47.4
Heroin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inhalants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smart drugs all	.	28.1	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	29.1
Herbal ecstasy	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Guarana etc.	.	30.3	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Perform. enh.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difficult drugs	28.6	28.8	32.1	32.4	26.8	-	-	-	29.4	30.7
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. 167.

Table 5.15b Mean age of current drug users (reported last month) in the Netherlands in seven samples: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and five categories of address density municipalities, 1997 and 2001 (weighted) (continued)

| | Highest a.d. | | High a.d. | | Moderate a.d. | | Low a.d. | | Lowest a.d. | |
Drug	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001
					Mean age of current use					
Tobacco	39.8	39.5	39.9	39.9	39.5	41.4	40.8	41.1	42.3	41.3
Alcohol	42.7	42.5	42.8	43.0	42.9	43.7	42.4	44.1	40.7	43.1
Hypnotics	59.0	55.8	63.8	58.2	61.9	61.3	62.8	58.4	60.6	56.8
Sedatives	51.9	50.6	53.8	49.7	53.3	52.7	53.6	51.1	52.6	51.2
Cannabis	29.2	29.7	29.6	27.5	24.3	27.4	26.3	-	25.8	-
Cocaine	30.9	31.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amphetamines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ecstasy	27.1	28.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hallucinogens all	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSD	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Mushrooms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opiates all	44.1	46.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morphine	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Codeine	43.8	47.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heroin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inhalants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smart drugs all	.	29.1	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Herbal ecstasy	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Guarana etc.	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-	.	-
Perform. enh.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difficult drugs	29.4	30.7	31.7	-	24.6	-	32.8	-	22.1	-
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. 168.