

Table 3. Estimated Number of Hardcore and Occasional Users of Cocaine and Heroin (Thousands), 1988–2000

Year	Cocaine users		Heroin users	
	Occasional ¹	Hardcore ²	Occasional ¹	Hardcore ²
1988	6,000	3,873	170	923
1989	5,300	3,315	150	886
1990	4,600	3,186	140	797
1991	4,478	3,170	395	681
1992	3,503	3,259	304	630
1993	3,332	3,350	230	694
1994	2,930	3,367	281	795
1995	3,082	3,555	428	855
1996	3,425	3,410	455	917
1997	3,487	3,503	597	935
1998	3,216	3,343	253	980
1999*	2,411	3,348	484	977
2000*	2,155	3,325	514	977

Note: Data in this table are preliminary composite estimates derived from the *National Household Survey on Drug Abuse* (NHSDA) and the *Drug Use Forecasting* (DUF) program (see W. Rhodes “Synthetic Estimation Applied to the Prevalence of Drug Use,” *Journal of Drug Issues*, 23(2):297–321, 1993 for a detailed description of the methodology). The NHSDA was not administered in 1989. Estimates for 1989 are the average for 1988 and 1989.

* Estimates for 1999 and 2000 are projections.

¹ “Occasional” means used less often than weekly.

² “Hardcore” means used at least weekly.

Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy. 2000. *What America’s Users Spend on Illegal Drugs, 1988–1998*.