

Table 2: Drug War Statistics (1979-2003).

YEAR	COST OF DRUGS ¹		PURITY		DRUG USE ²		DEATH RATE	ARRESTS	
	Average price per pure gram of Cocaine (\$)	Average price per pure gram of Heroin (\$)	Purity of Cocaine (%)	Purity of Heroin (%)	Current use of any illicit drug - Age 12 and older (%)	Current use of any illicit drug - Age 12-17 (%)	Death Rates per 100,000 Population from Drug-Induced Causes	All Drug Abuse Violations (number)	All Drug Abuse Violations (as % of all arrests)
1979	-	-	-	-	14.1	16.3	3.2	558,600	—
1982	591	1,588	43	17	—	—	3.2	676,000	—
1985	390	1,352	51	23	12.1	13.2	3.6	811,400	—
1988	224	1,044	73	29	7.7	8.1	4.5	1,155,200	—
1990	235	948	58	24	6.7	7.1	3.8	1,089,500	7.6
1991	198	896	63	31	6.6	5.8	4.1	1,010,000	7.1
1992	154	744	67	37	5.8	5.3	4.6	1,066,400	7.5
1993	156	620	68	41	5.9	5.7	5.1	1,126,300	8
1994	147	615	66	41	6	8.2	5.3	1,351,400	9.2
1995	182	545	61	45	6.1	10.9	5.4	1,476,100	9.7
1996	150	516	73	38	6.1	9	5.6	1,506,200	9.9
1997	146	491	65	45	6.4	11.4	6	1,583,600	10.3
1998	132	433	69	44	6.2	9.9	7.5	1,559,100	10.7
1999	136	426	65	42	6.3	9.8	6.8	1,532,200	10.9
2000	161	414	61	43	6.3	9.7	7	1,579,566	10.9
2001	168	398	58	39	7.1	10.8	7.6	1,586,902	11.5
2002	125	372	69	41	8.3	11.6	—	1,538,813	11.2
2003	107	362	70	32	—	—	—	1,678,192	12.3

¹ Quantities purchased at the “retail” level of 1 gram or less.

² Reported to use an illicit drug at least once in 30 days prior to survey.

Sources: Office of National Drug Control Policy, *National Drug Control Strategy (2004)*. Columns 1-4: Table 43, Average Price and Purity of Cocaine and Heroin in the United States, 1981–2000. Columns 5-6: Table 2, Percentages Reporting Use of Selected Illegal Drugs, 1979–2002. Column 7: Table 27, Death Rates per 100,000 Population from Drug-Induced Causes, 1979–2001. Column 8-9: Table 34, Total Estimated Arrests and Drug Arrests, 1989–2002; “Marijuana Arrests in the United States,” NORML

Columns 5-6: National Institute on Drug Abuse (1979–1991), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (1992–2001), National Household Survey on Drug Abuse; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2002), National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Columns 8-9: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States (2003)*. Table 29, Estimated Number of Arrests, United States, 2003.