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| **Domain:** | Substance Use-related Community Factors |
| **Measure:** | Perceived Availability of Illegal Drugs and Alcohol |
| **Definition:** | Instrument used to gather respondents’ perceptions of the availability of substances including illegal drugs and alcohol. |
| **Purpose:** | The purpose of this measure is to collect information from respondents on how readily available different types of substances are to them. The substances included in the protocol are marijuana, LSD, PCP (angel dust), MDMA (ecstasy), crystal meth ("ice"), steroids, cigarettes, and alcohol. |
| **Essential PhenX Measures:** | Current Age Gender |
| **Related PhenX Measures:** |  |
| **Collections:** | Neighborhood Substance Use-related Community Factors |
| **Keywords:** | Perceived harm, Perceived risk, Offers to use, Monitoring the Future, MTF, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Substance abuse, Adolescents, Adults, Marijuana, LSD, PCP, Angel dust, MDMA, Ecstasy, Crystal meth, Ice, Steroids, SAA, Substance Use-related Community Factors |

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| **Protocol Release Date:** | February 24, 2012 |
| **PhenX Protocol Name:** | Perceived Availability of Illegal Drugs and Alcohol |
| **Protocol Name from Source:** | The Expert Review Panel has not reviewed this measure yet. |
| **Description:** | The Monitoring the Future (MTF) project studies changes in the beliefs, attitudes, and behavior of young people in the United States. The MTF is a repeated series of surveys in which the same segments of the population (8th-, 10th-, and 12th-graders; college students; and young adults) are presented with the same set of questions over a period of years to see how answers change over time. Respondents complete self-administered questionnaires. |
| **Specific Instructions:** | Results are typically analyzed in terms of the fraction of respondents reporting that it is either "Very easy" or "Fairly easy" to get the drug/substance. Analysis of the variable constructed in this fashion can be directly compared to findings in Monitoring the Future (MTF) and National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) samples. |
| **Protocol:** | How difficult do you think it would be for you to get each of the following types of drugs, if you wanted some? (Mark one circle for each line.)  a. Marijuana (pot, weed)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  b. LSD  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  c. PCP (angel dust)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  d. MDMA (ecstasy)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  e. Amphetamines (uppers, pep pills, bennies, speed)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  f. Sedatives/barbiturates (downers)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  g. Tranquilizers (Librium®, Valium®, Xanax®, etc.)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  h. "Crack" cocaine  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  i. Cocaine in powder form  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  j. Heroin  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  k. Some other narcotic (codeine, Vicodin®, OxyContin®, Percocet®, etc.)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  l. Crystal meth ("ice")  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  m. Steroids (anabolic steroids)  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  n. Cigarettes  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  o. Alcohol  [ ] 1 Probably Impossible  [ ] 2 Very Difficult  [ ] 3 Fairly Difficult  [ ] 4 Fairly Easy  [ ] 5 Very Easy  [ ] 8 Can’t Say, Drug Unfamiliar  (see https://www.phenxtoolkit.org/index.php?pageLink=browse.protocoldetails&id=31101 for example)  *Librium® a registered trademark, Valeant Pharmaceuticals International; Valium® a registered trademark, Hoffman LaRoche Inc.; Xanax® a registered trademark, UpJohn Company; OxyContin® a registered trademark, Purdue Pharma, LP; Percocet® a registered trademark, Endo Pharmaceuticals.* |
| **Selection Rationale:** | The Monitoring the Future (MTF) protocol was chosen because it has been used in a comprehensive research project with large samples that are nationally representative. The measures for this questionnaire have been validated and used widely in the literature. |
| **Source:** | National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, Monitoring the Future (MTF), 2010. Form 1, Part D, Question 8a-o. |
| **Life Stage:** | Adult Adolescent |
| **Language of source:** | English |
| **Participant:** | Adolescents and adults aged 13 years or older |
| **Personnel and Training Required:** | None |
| **Equipment Needs:** | None |
| **Standards:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Standard** | **Name** | **ID** | **Source** | | Common Data Element (CDE) | Substance use Perceived Availability Questionnaire Assessment Score | 3373247 | [CDE Browser](https://cdebrowser.nci.nih.gov/CDEBrowser/search?elementDetails=9&FirstTimer=0&PageId=ElementDetailsGroup&publicId=3373247&version=1.0) | |
| **General references:** | Johnston, L. D., O’Malley, P. M., Bachman, J. G., & Schulenberg, J. E. (2011). *Monitoring the Future national survey results on drug use, 1975-2010. Volume I: Secondary school students*. Ann Arbor: Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.  Swaim, R. (2003). Individual and school level effects of perceived harm, perceived availability, and community size on marijuana use among 12th-grade students: A random effects Model. *Prevention Science 4*(2), 89-98. |
| **Mode of Administration:** | Self-administered questionnaire |
| **Derived Variables:** | None |
| **Requirements:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Requirement Category** | **Required** | | Major equipment | No | | Specialized training | No | | Specialized requirements for biospecimen collection | No | | Average time of greater than 15 minutes in an unaffected individual | No | |
| **Process and Review:** | The Expert Review Panel has not reviewed this measure yet. |