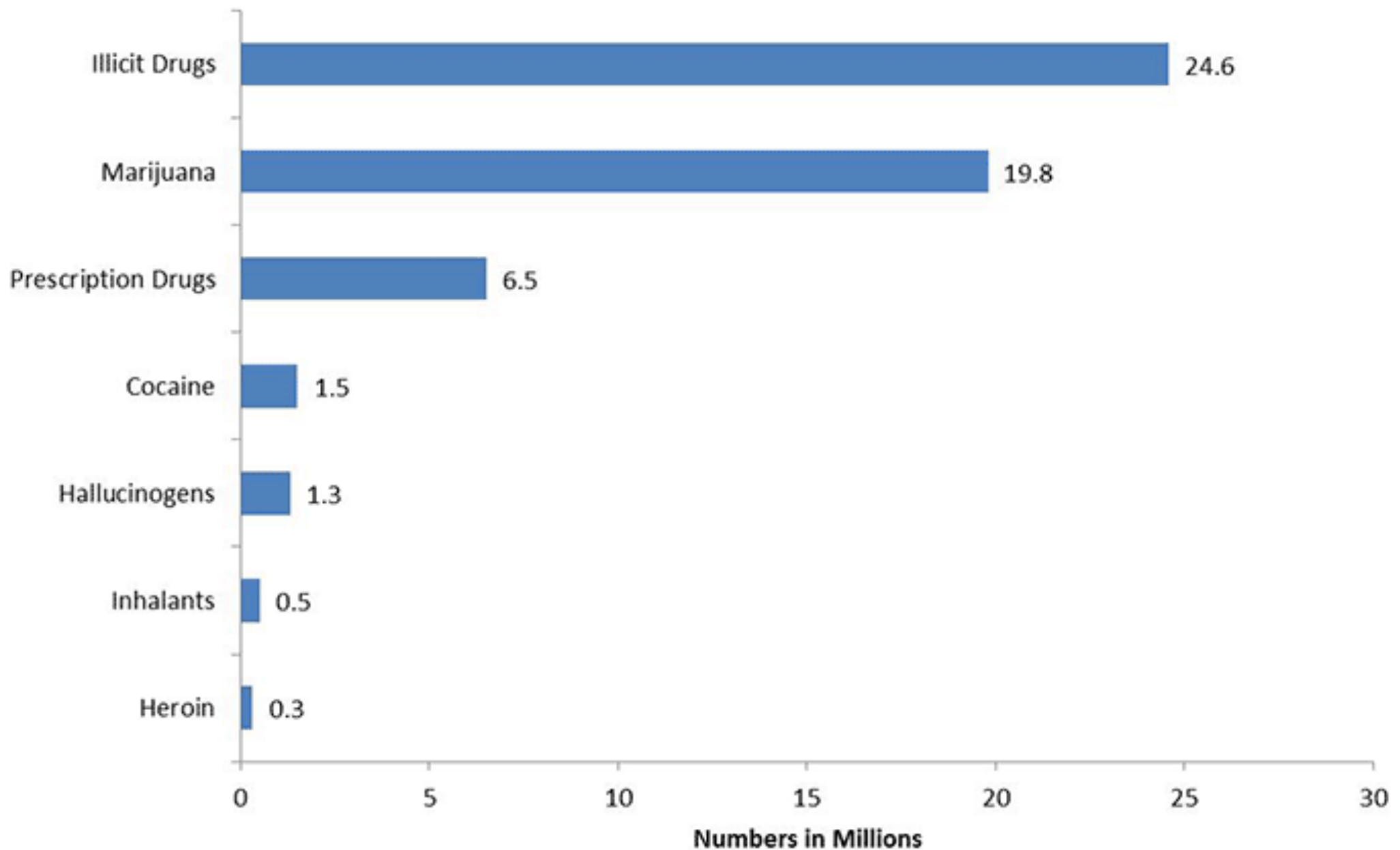


American Drug Stats



Which drug is used the most by Americans?

Past-Month Illicit Drug Use 2013



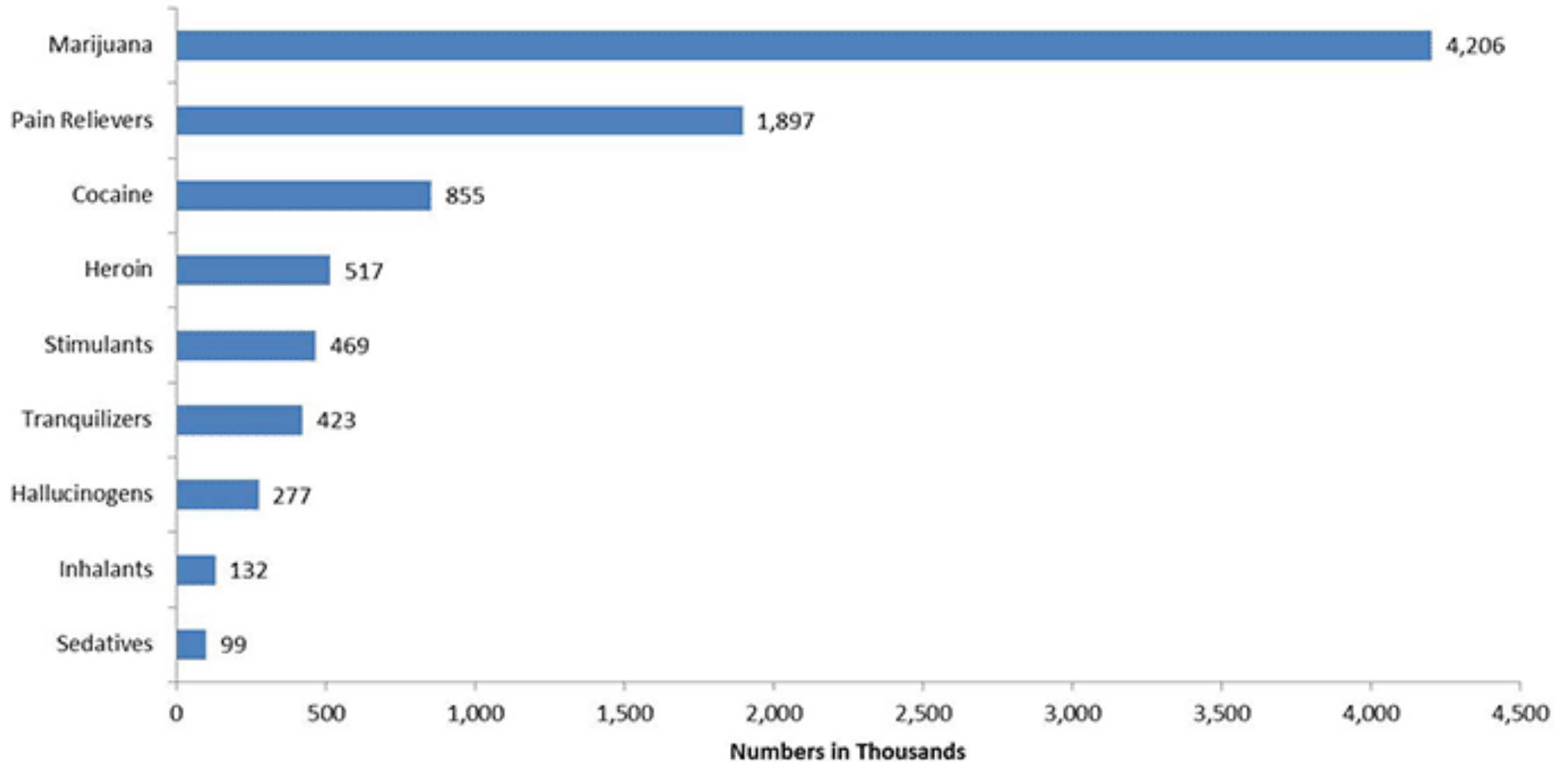
Which drug do Americans “abuse” the most, or most “dependent” on?

A **drug addiction**, a distinct concept from **substance dependence**, is defined as compulsive, out-of-control **drug use**, despite negative consequences.

In medical terms, dependence specifically refers to a physical condition in which the body has adapted to the presence of a drug. If an individual with drug dependence stops taking that drug suddenly, that person will experience predictable and measurable symptoms, known as a withdrawal syndrome.

Substance abuse, also known as **drug abuse**, is a patterned use of a **drug** in which the user consumes the **substance** in amounts or with methods which are harmful to themselves or others

Specific Illicit Drug Dependence or Abuse in the Past Year 2013



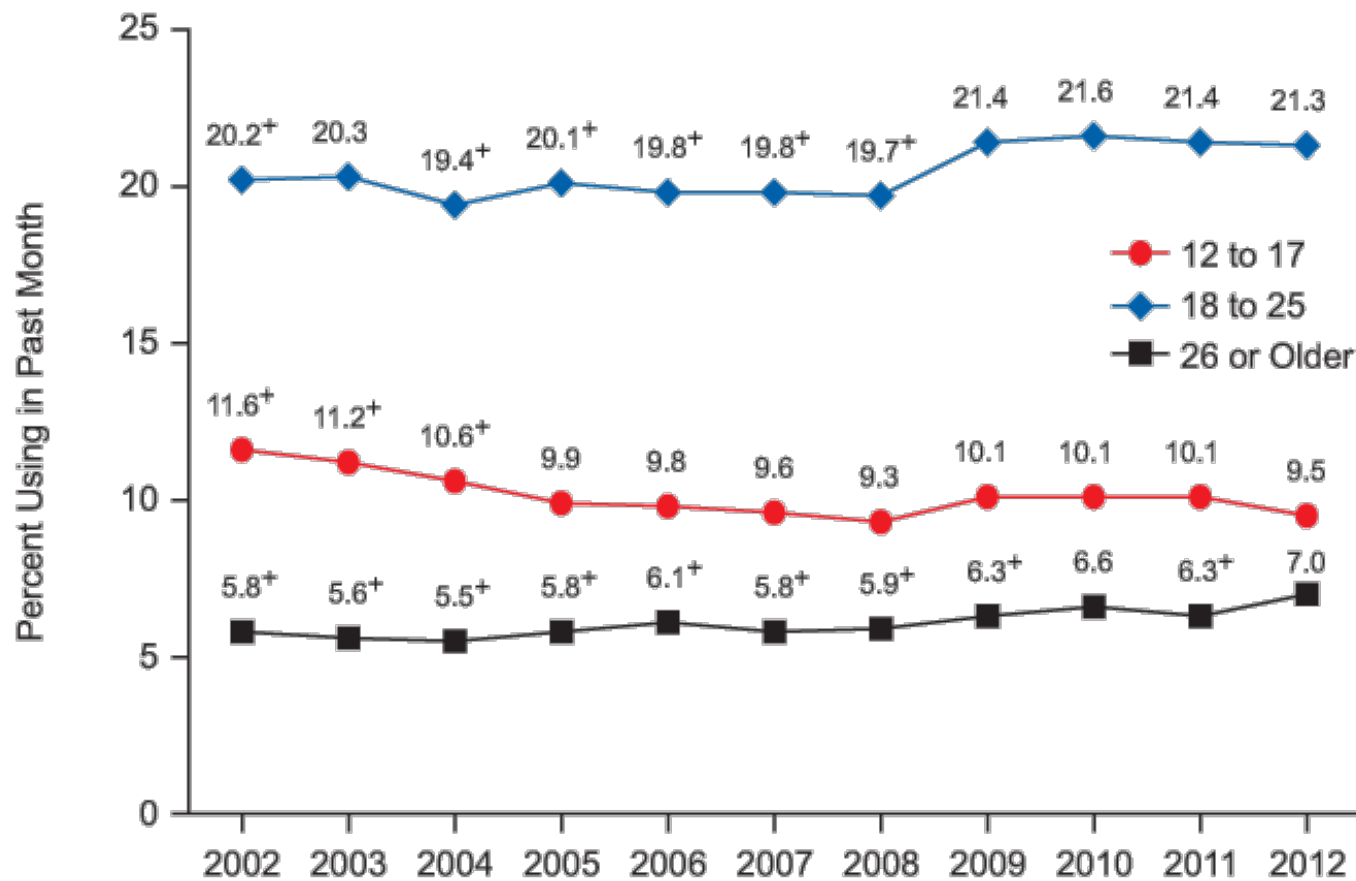
Which age group uses
drugs the most?

12-17

18-25

26-older

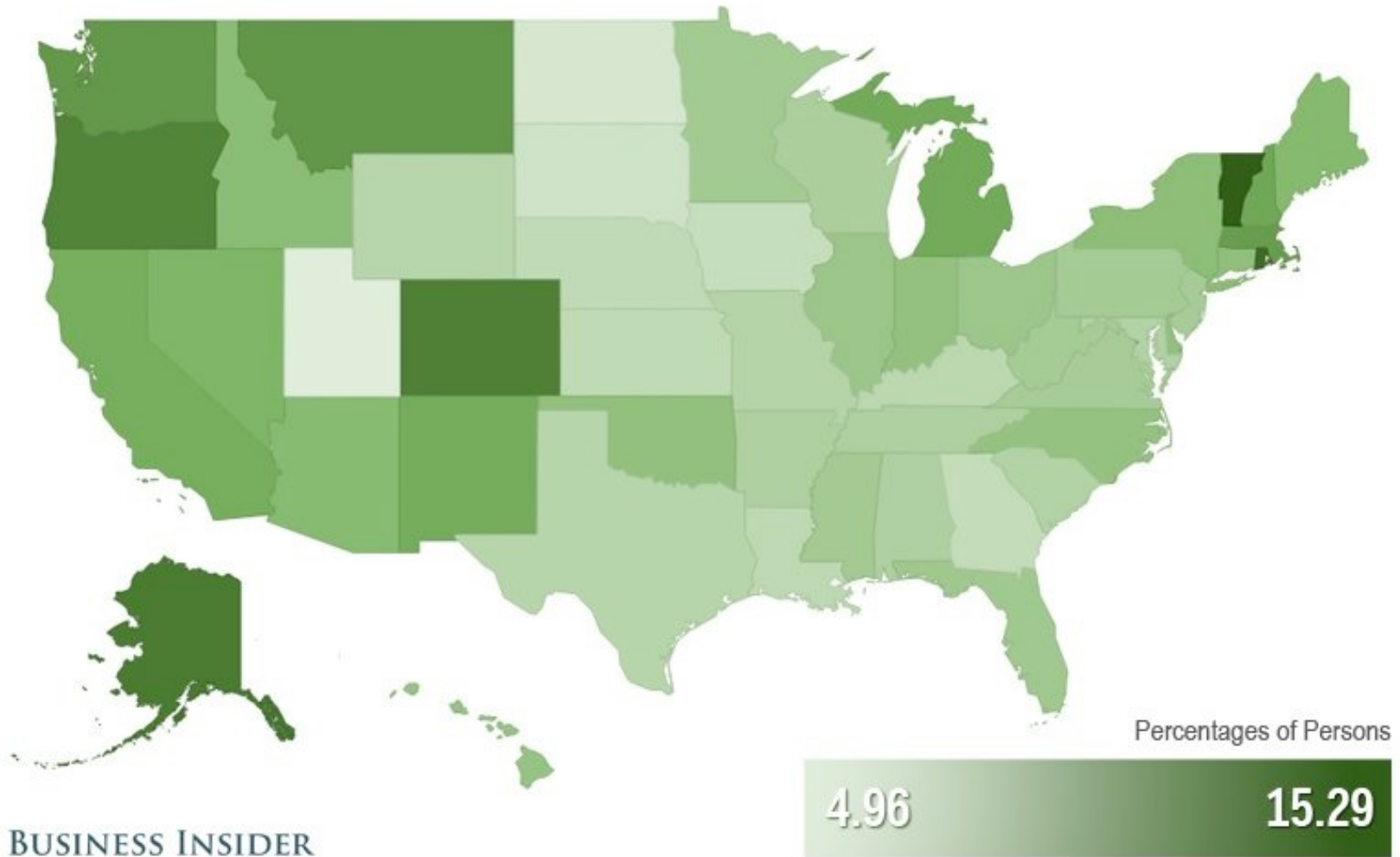
Drug Use by Age Group



Top five states for drug
use?

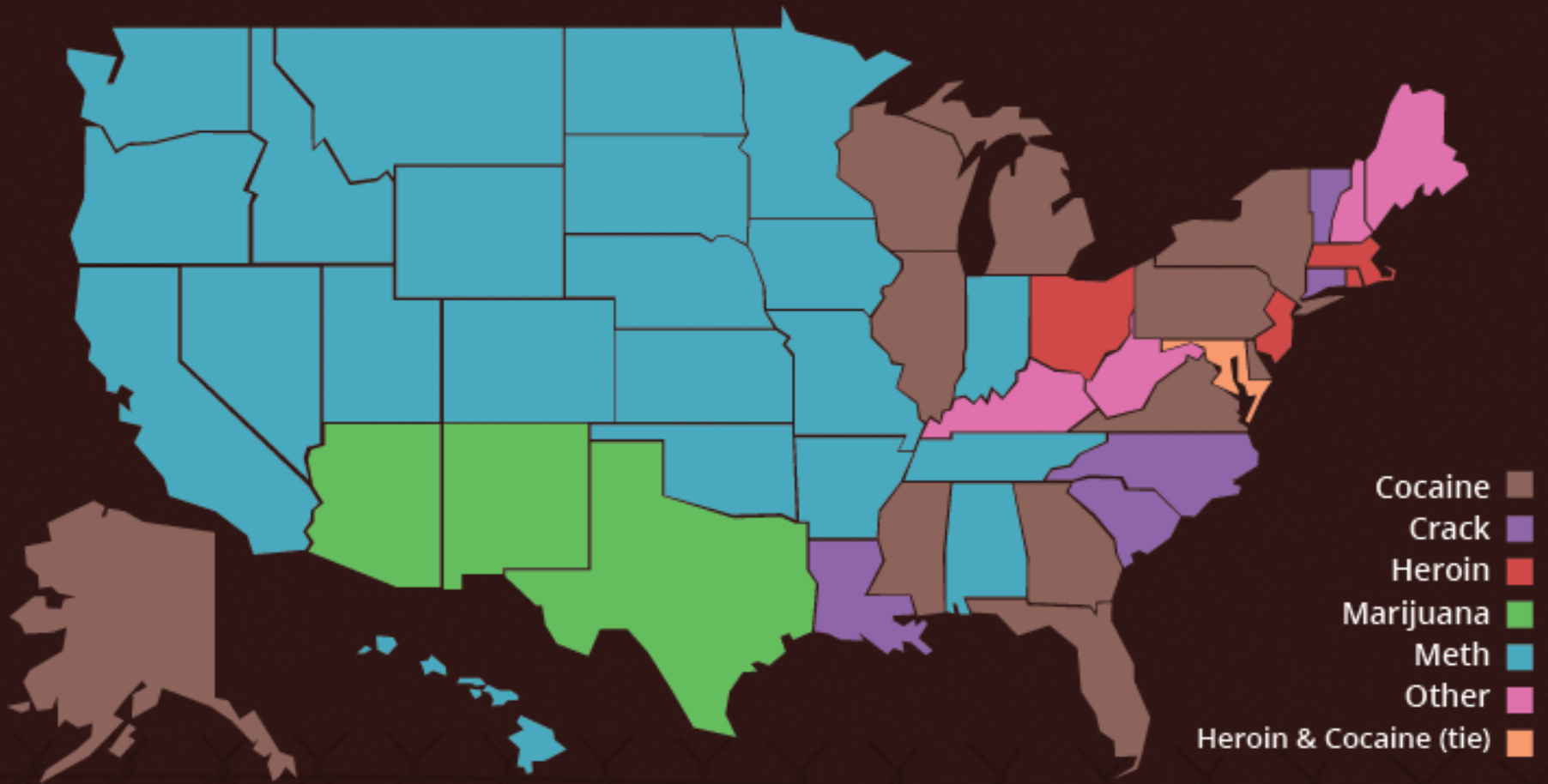
Drug Use by State

Illicit Drug Use In The Past Month Among Persons Aged 12 Or Older



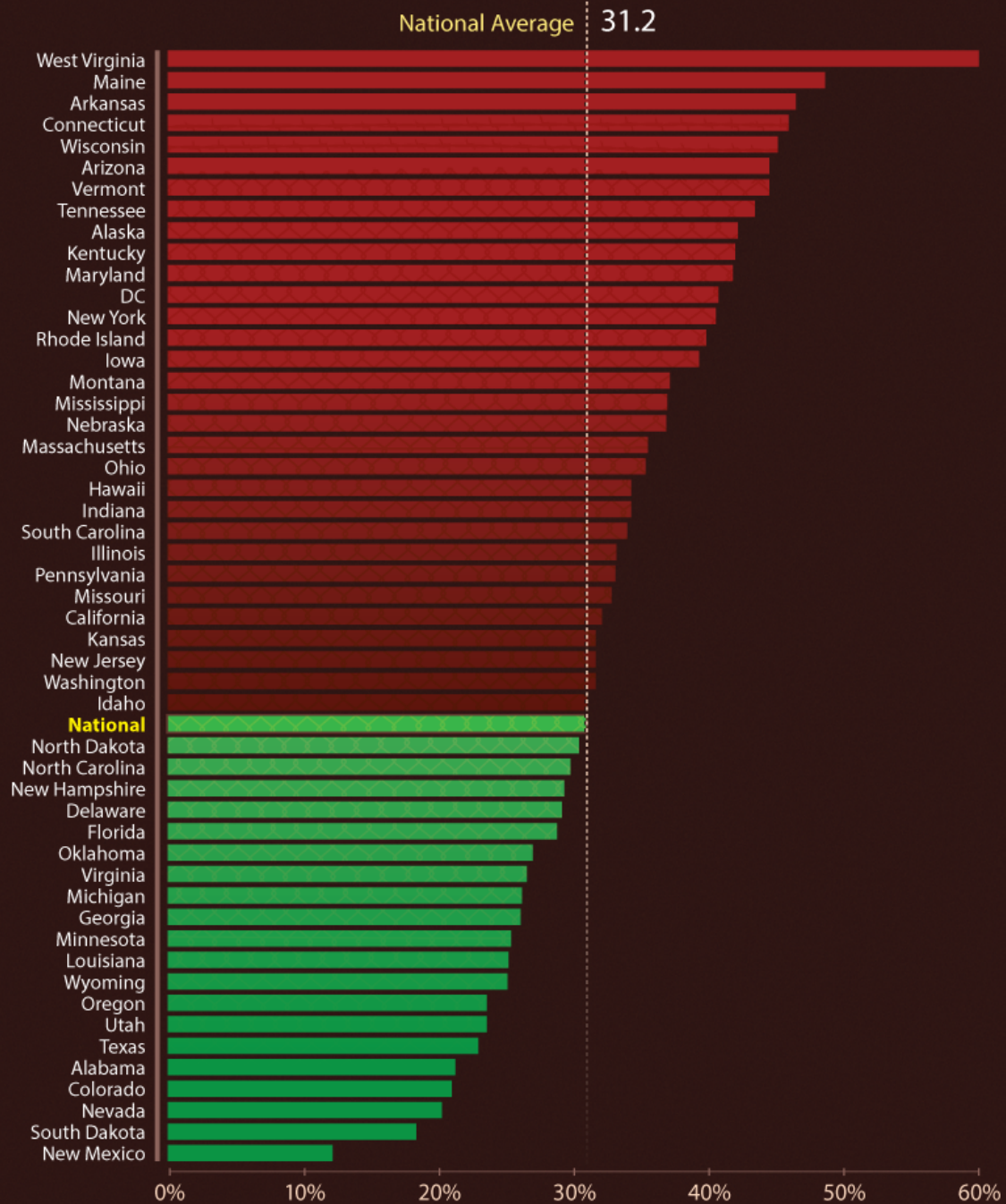
Which drug is the
responsible for the largest
percentage of drug arrests in
21/50 states?

SUBSTANCE WITH THE HIGHEST % OF DRUG SENTENCES PER STATE



Which state has the second highest percentage of all arrests being drug arrests?

% OF DRUG SENTENCES PER STATE VS. NATIONAL AVERAGE



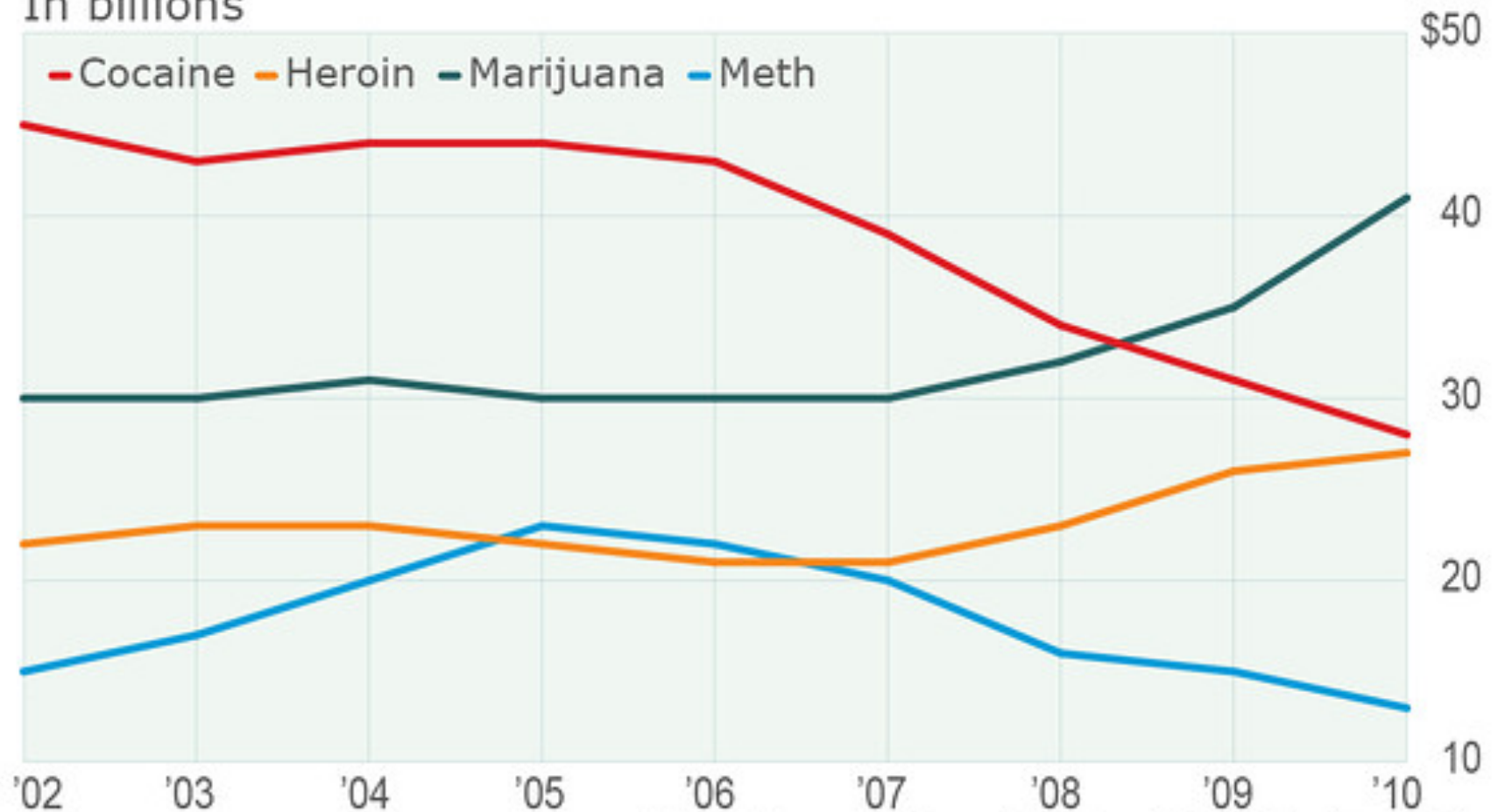
About how much money (all drugs, all people, combined) do Americans spend per year on drugs?

Bonus: which drug do Americans spend the most on?

Money Spent on Drugs

What Americans spend on illicit drugs

In billions



Source: White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, prepared by RAND Drug Policy Research Center

Rank from deadliest to
least deadly:
illegal drugs
alcohol
tobacco
obesity

Drugs in Comparison

Number of Current Users of Alcohol, Cigarettes Vs. Illegal Drugs

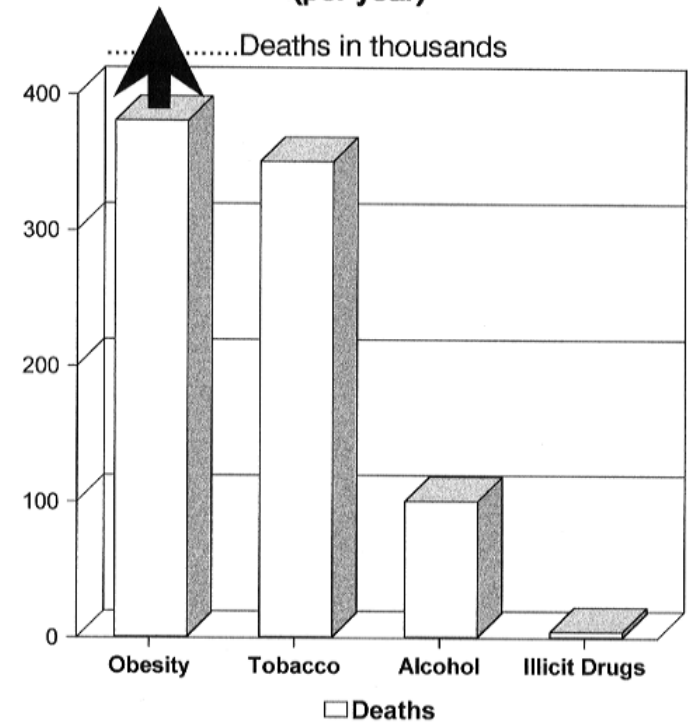


Source: SAMHSA, 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (September 2012), Ages 12 or older.

*Includes cocaine (including crack), heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, marijuana/hashish or prescription-type psychotherapeutics used non-medically.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATED DEATHS

Mortality from Major Forms of Abuse (per year)



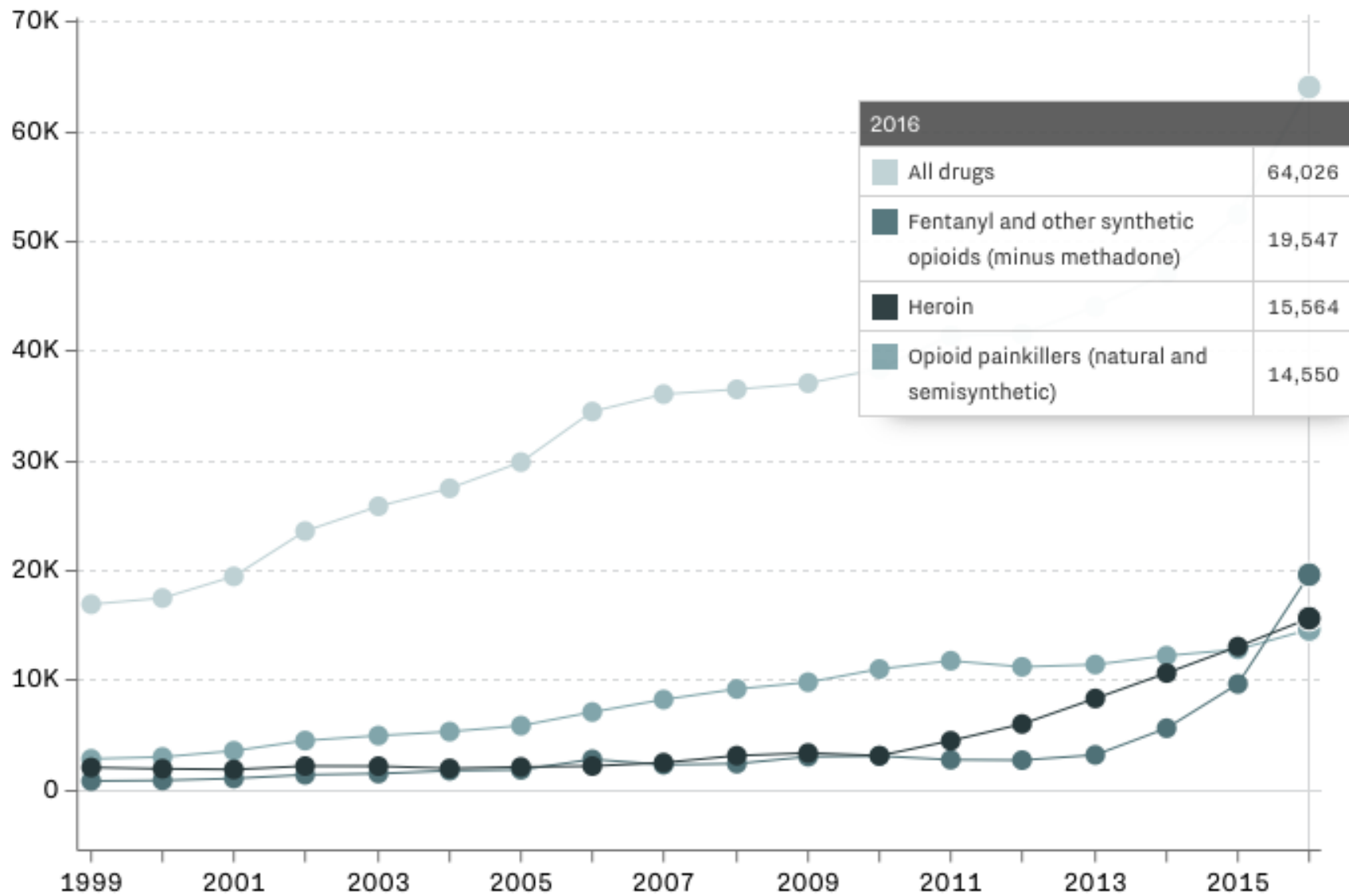
Tobacco and obesity-related mortality and morbidity dwarf any other factors in early death, disability, and medical care costs.

Drug overdose deaths in America



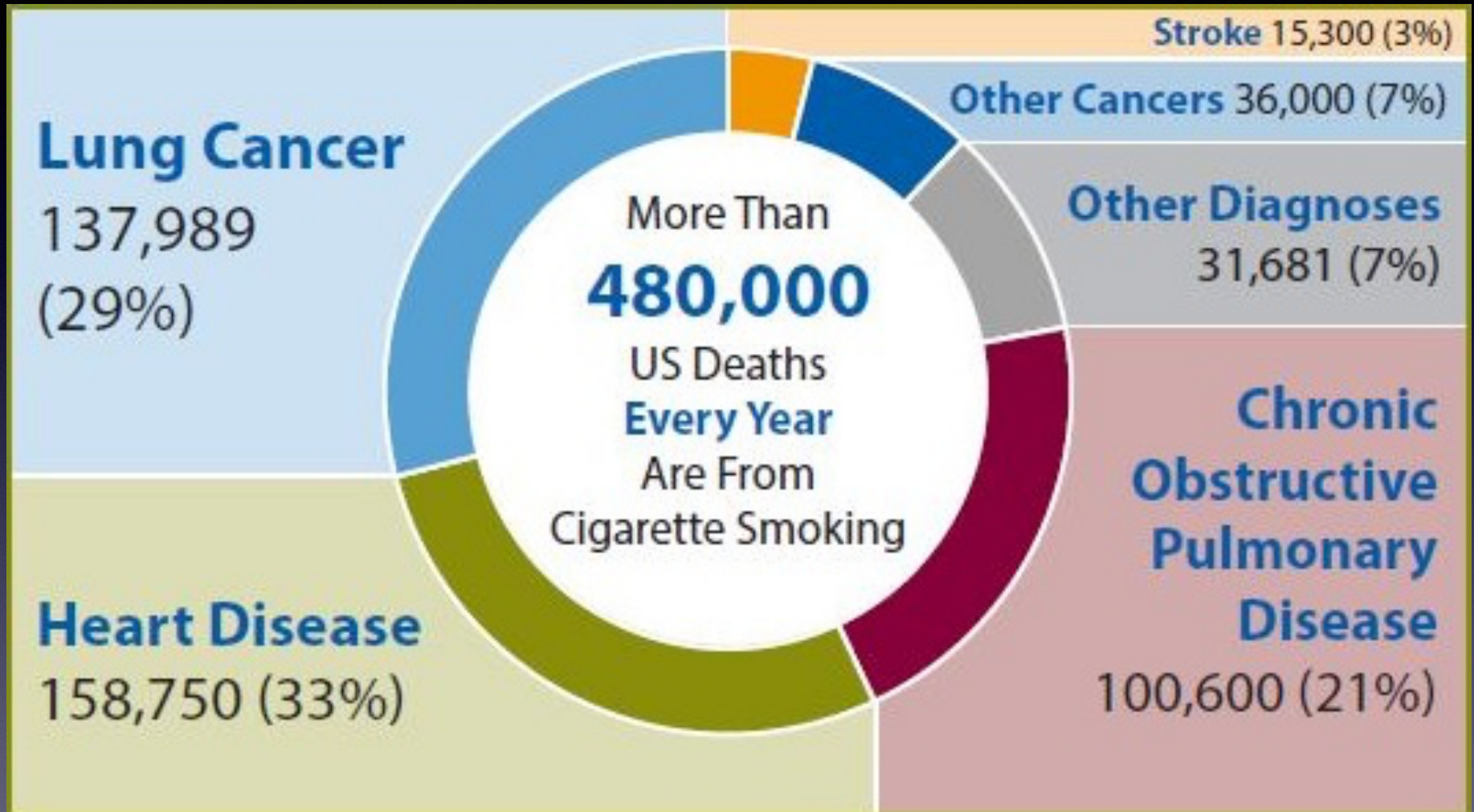
*The numbers for 2016 are preliminary estimates

**Some deaths on this chart may overlap if they involve multiple drugs



Alcohol Use and Your Health

Drinking too much can harm your health. Excessive alcohol use leads to about 88,000 deaths in the United States each year, and shortens the life of those who die by almost 30 years. Further, excessive drinking cost the economy \$249 billion in 2010. Most excessive drinkers are not alcohol dependent.



Heart Disease Facts

- Heart disease is the **leading cause** of death for both men and women. **More than half** of the deaths due to heart disease in 2015 were in men.¹
- About **630,000 Americans** die from heart disease each year—that's **1 in every 4 deaths**.¹
- Coronary heart disease is the most common type of heart disease, killing about **366,000 people** in 2015.¹
- In the United States, someone has a heart attack **every 40 seconds**. Each minute, more than one person in the United States dies from a heart disease-related event.²
- Heart disease is the **leading cause** of death for people of most racial/ethnic groups in the United States, including African Americans, Hispanics, and whites. For Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders and American Indians or Alaska Natives, heart disease is second only to cancer.³
- Heart disease costs the United States about **\$200 billion** each year.¹ This total includes the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity.

Risk Factors

High blood pressure, high LDL cholesterol, and smoking are key heart disease risk factors for heart disease. About **half of Americans** (49%) have at least one of these three risk factors.⁵

Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk for heart disease, including:

- Diabetes
- Overweight and obesity
- Poor diet
- Physical inactivity
- Excessive alcohol use

Were overall rates of drug use higher in 1978 or 2011 for total population?

Long Term Trends in Drug Use

Illegal Drug Use in America 1979-2011

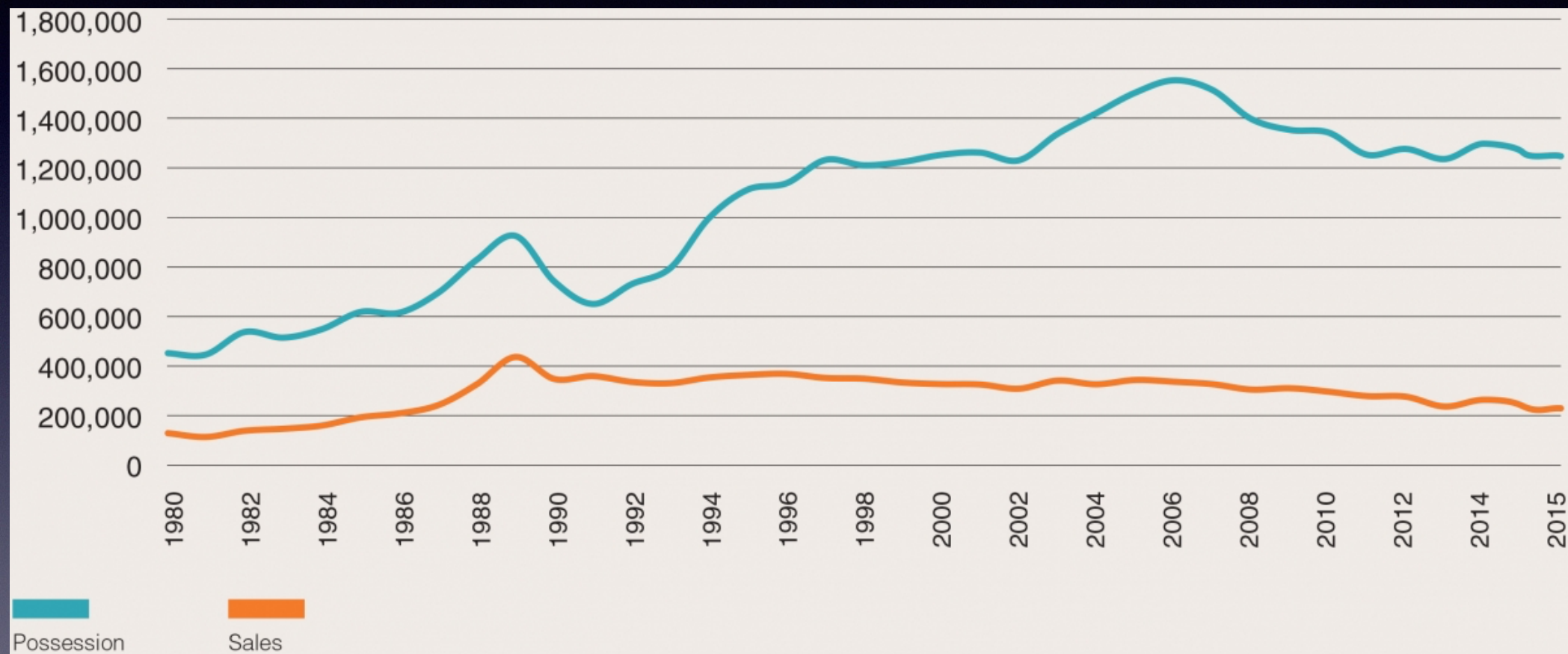
Rate of Overall Drug Use Has Declined by roughly 30% over Past Three Decades



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. *National Survey on Drug Use and Health* (formerly the *National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*) for the years 1979 to 2011. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ages 12 and older.

Were there more drug
arrests in 1980 or
2015?

Drug Related Arrests



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports.⁹

Compared to 1970, the number of Americans jailed in state and federal prison has:

a. decreased by 10%

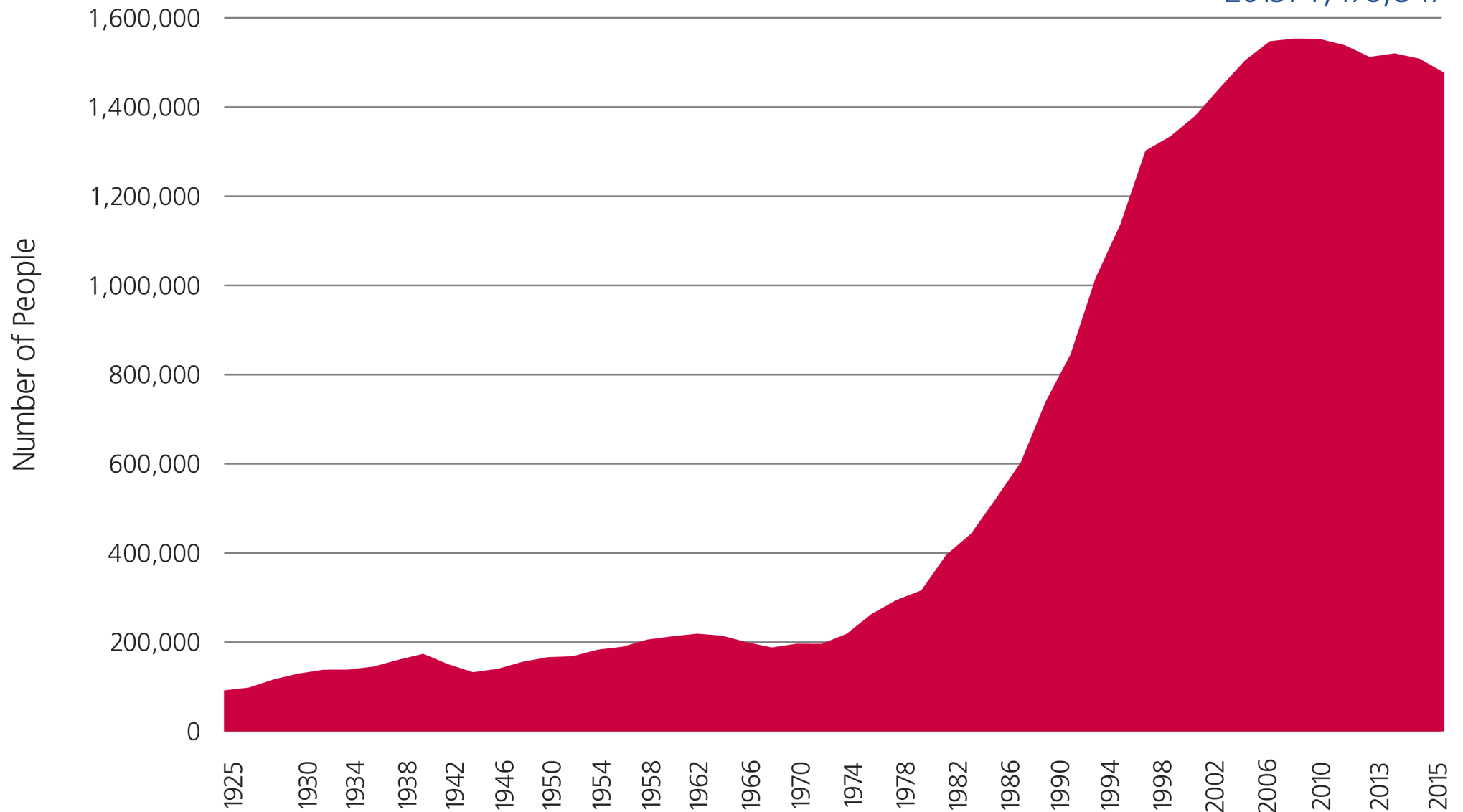
b. doubled

c. increased by more than 450%

d. increased by more than 700%

U.S. State and Federal Prison Population, 1925-2015

2015: 1,476,847



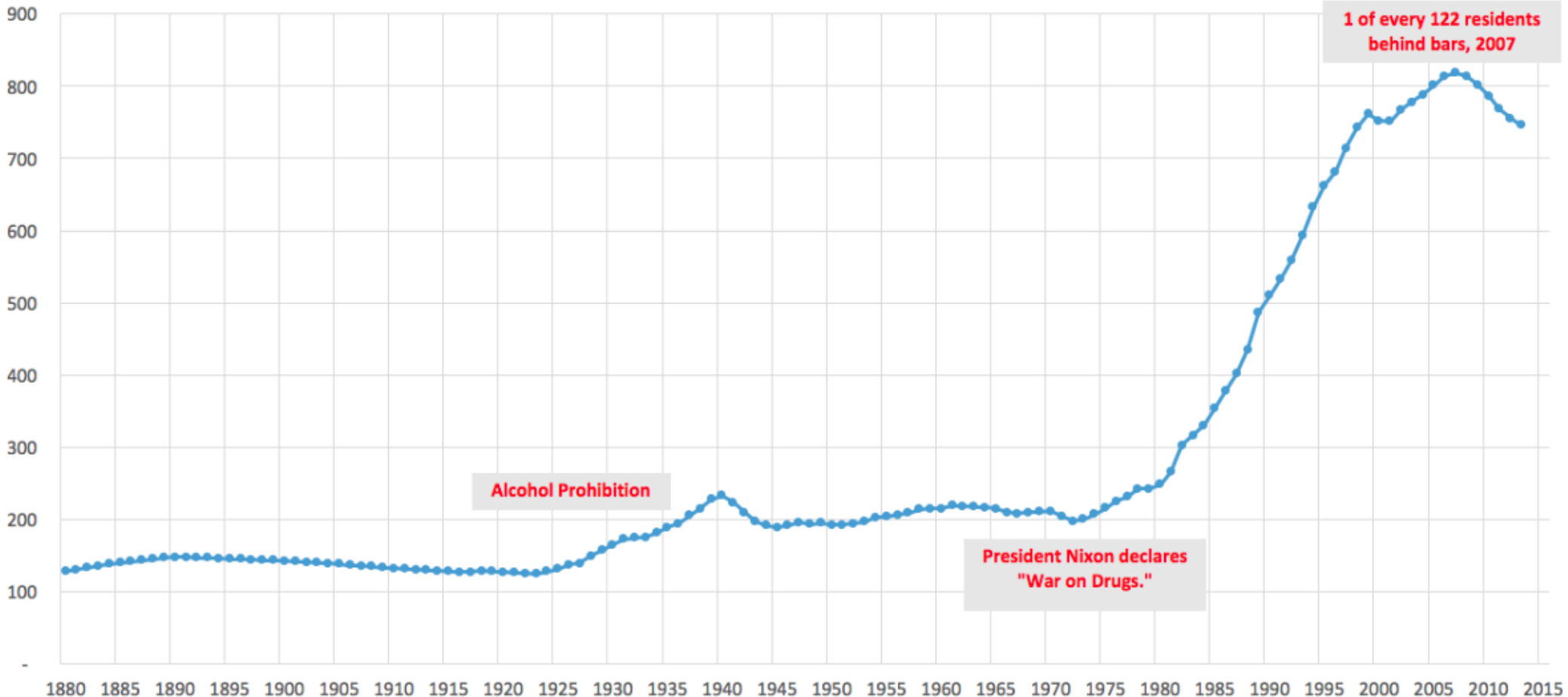
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics *Prisoners Series*.

In which decade did the US incarceration rate begin its most rapid rise in American history:

- a. 1930s
- b. 1970s
- c. 1980s
- d. 1990s

U.S. imprisonment rate, 1880-2013

(per 100,000 residents)

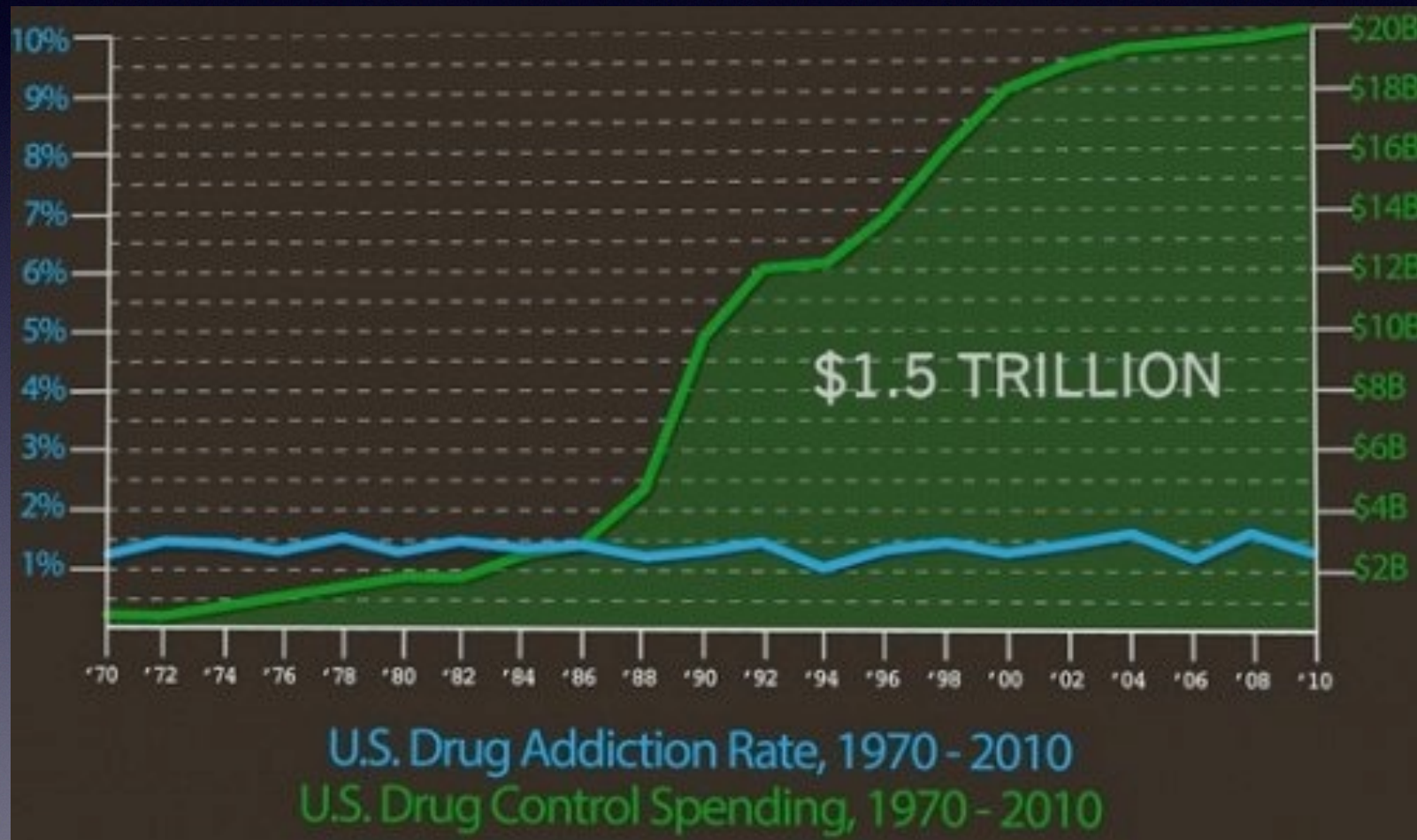


Source: clemencyreport.org

How much money has the US gov. spent fighting the “War on Drugs” between 1970 and 2010?

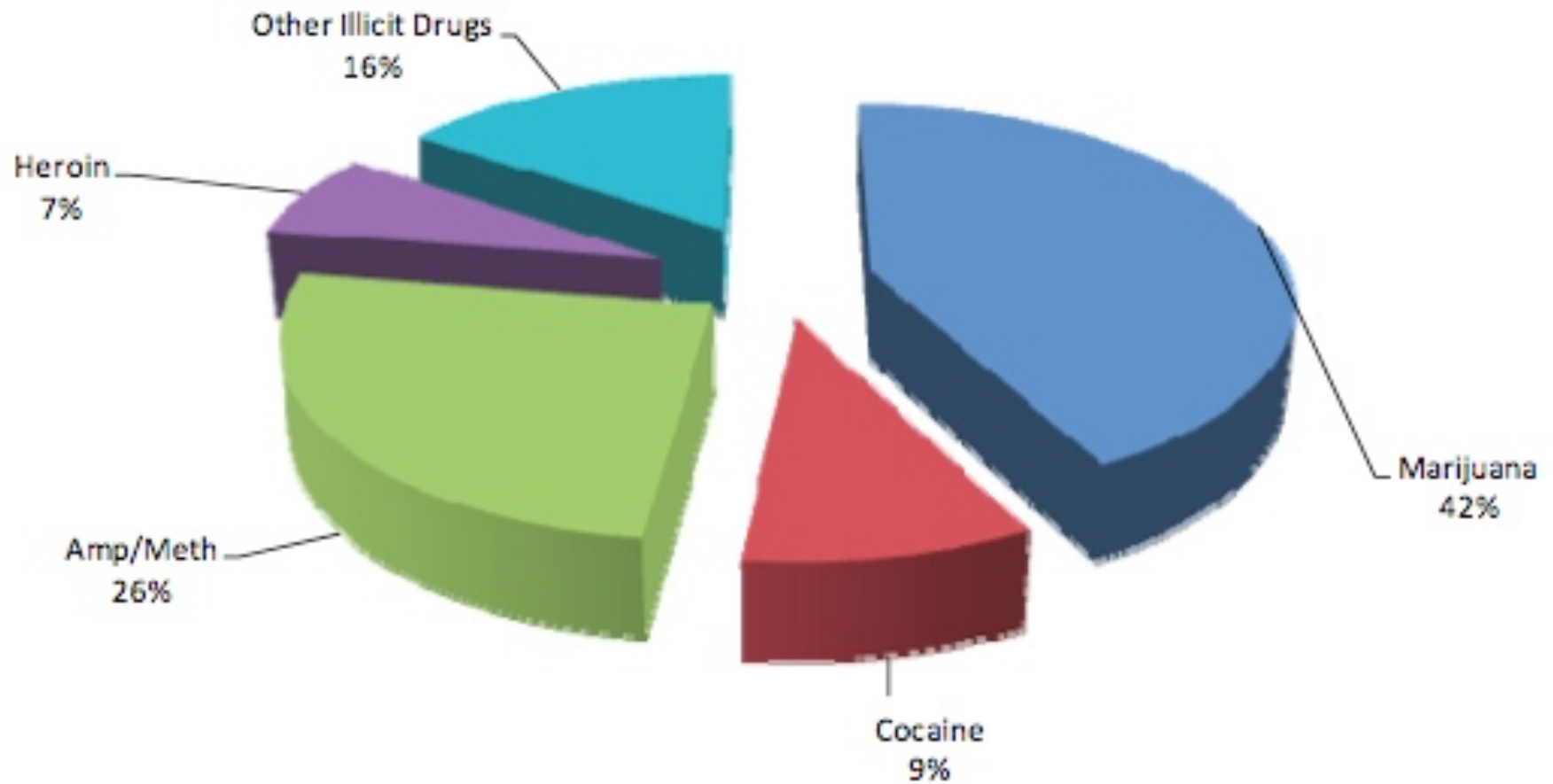
Was the drug addiction rate higher in 1970 or 2010?

The Effectiveness of the “War on Drugs”?



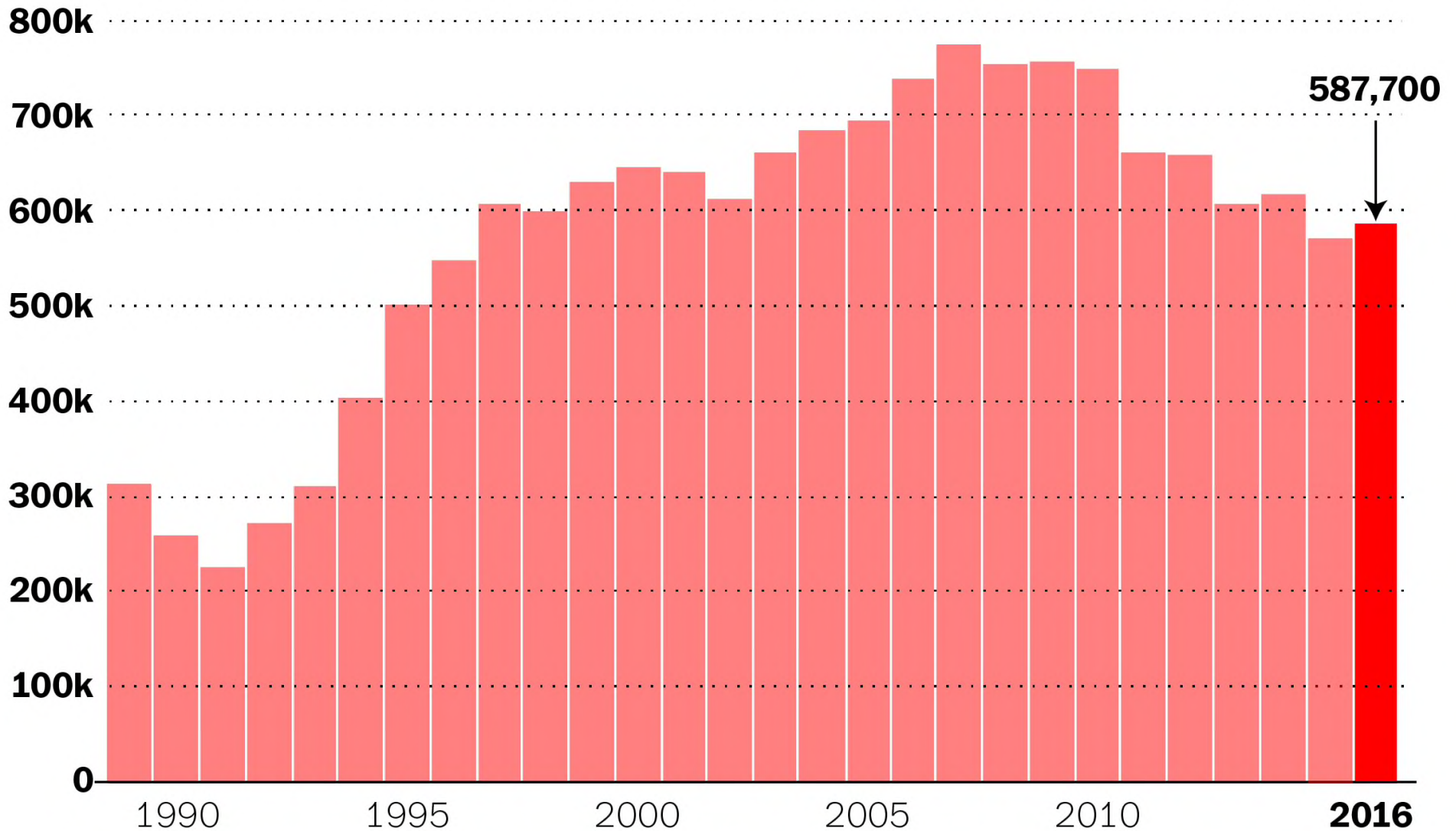
Which drug leads to
the most arrests in
America?

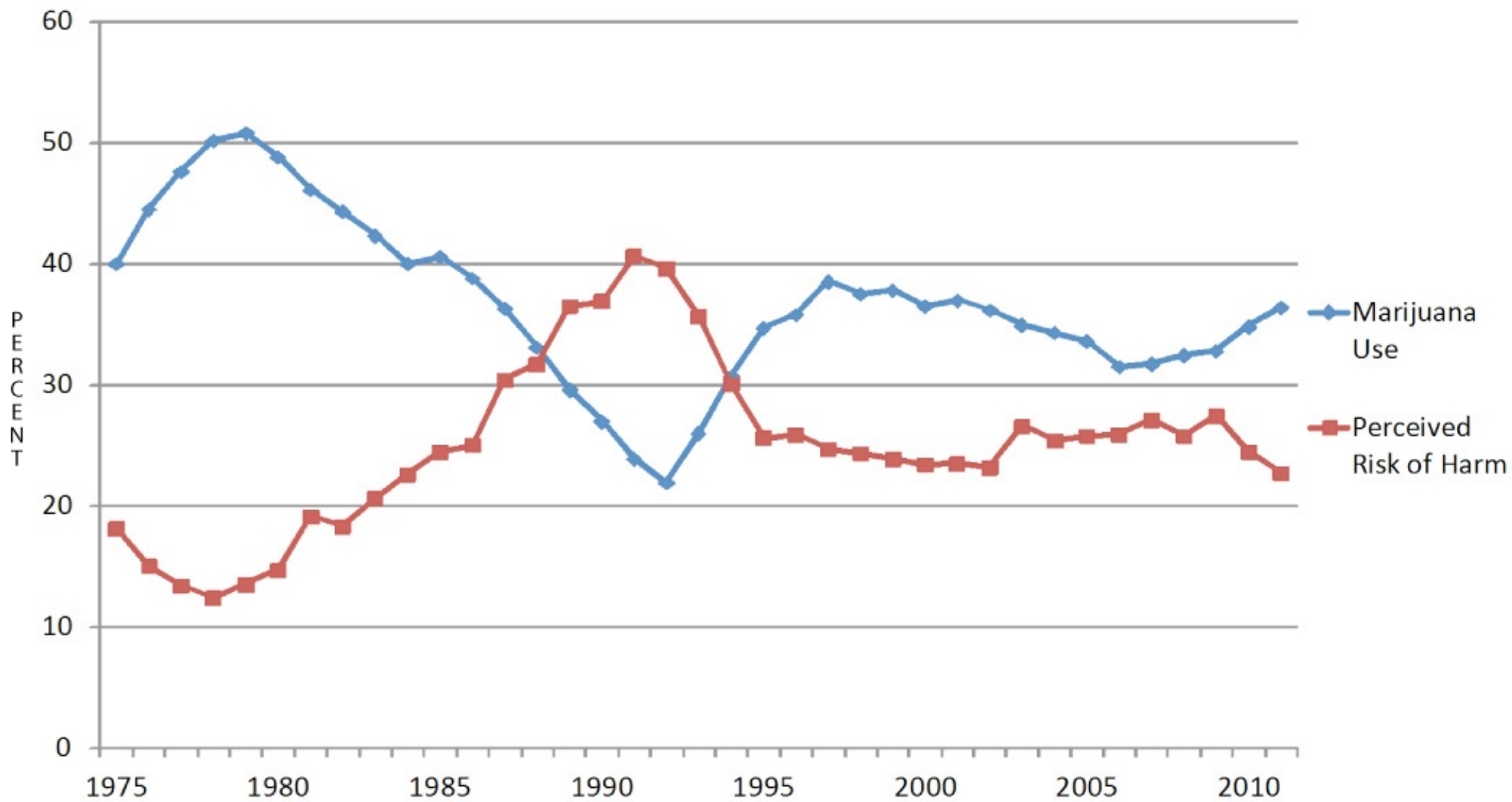
Arrests By Drug Type FY 2013



Marijuana arrests hold steady in 2016

Estimated arrests for simple marijuana possession, 1989-2016





Which age group uses
marijuana the most:

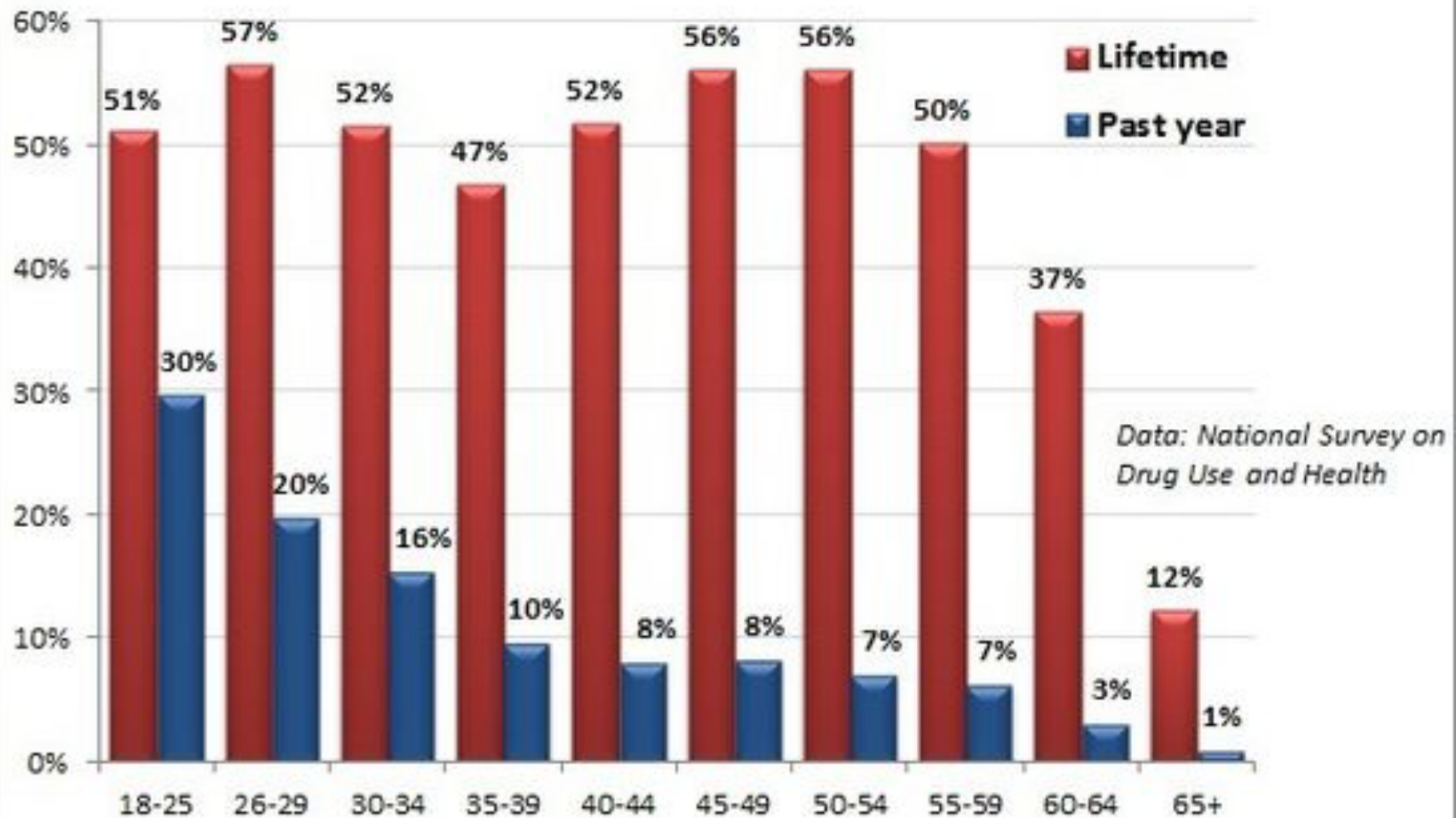
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26-29

30-34

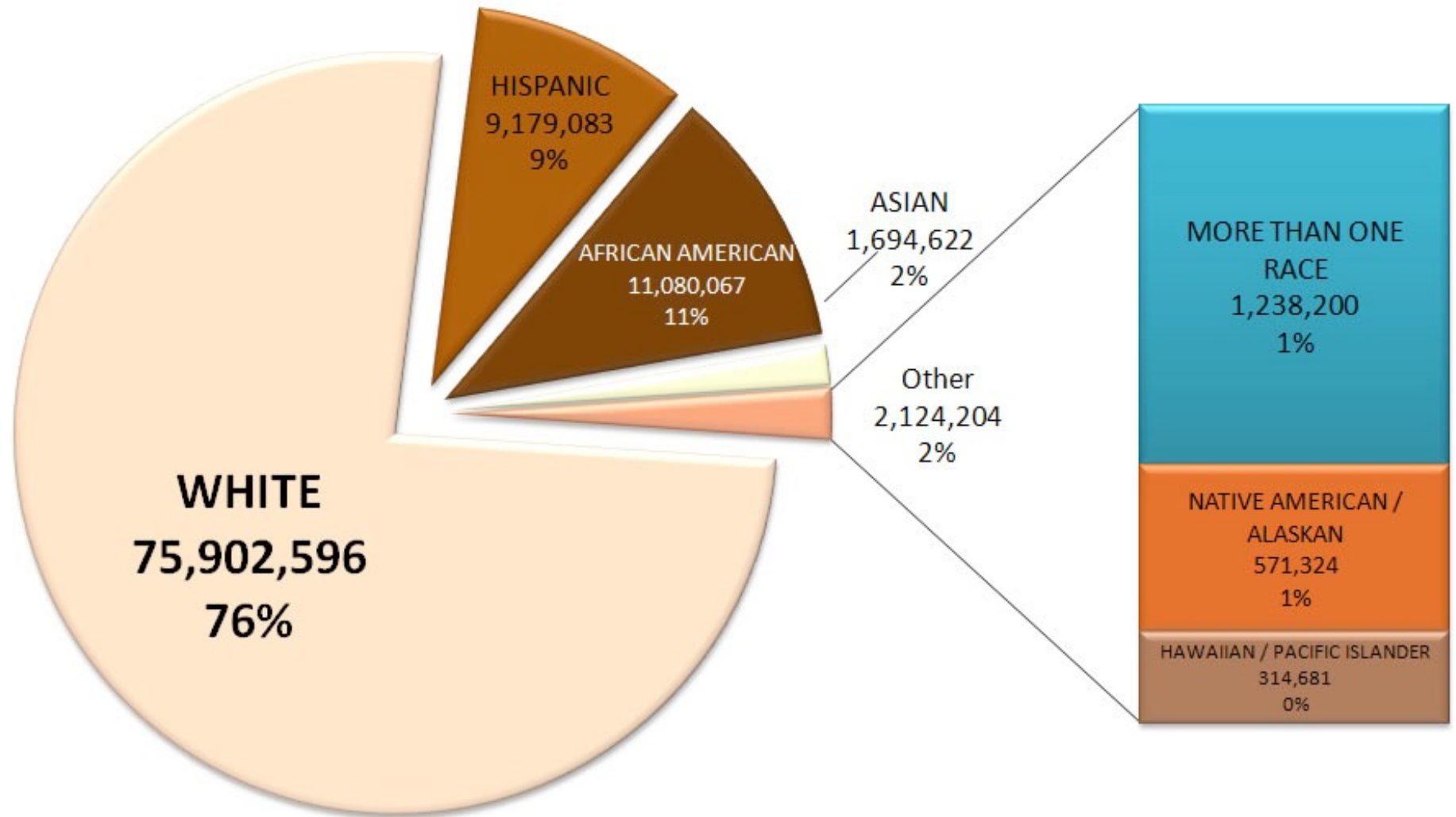
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Marijuana Use by Age

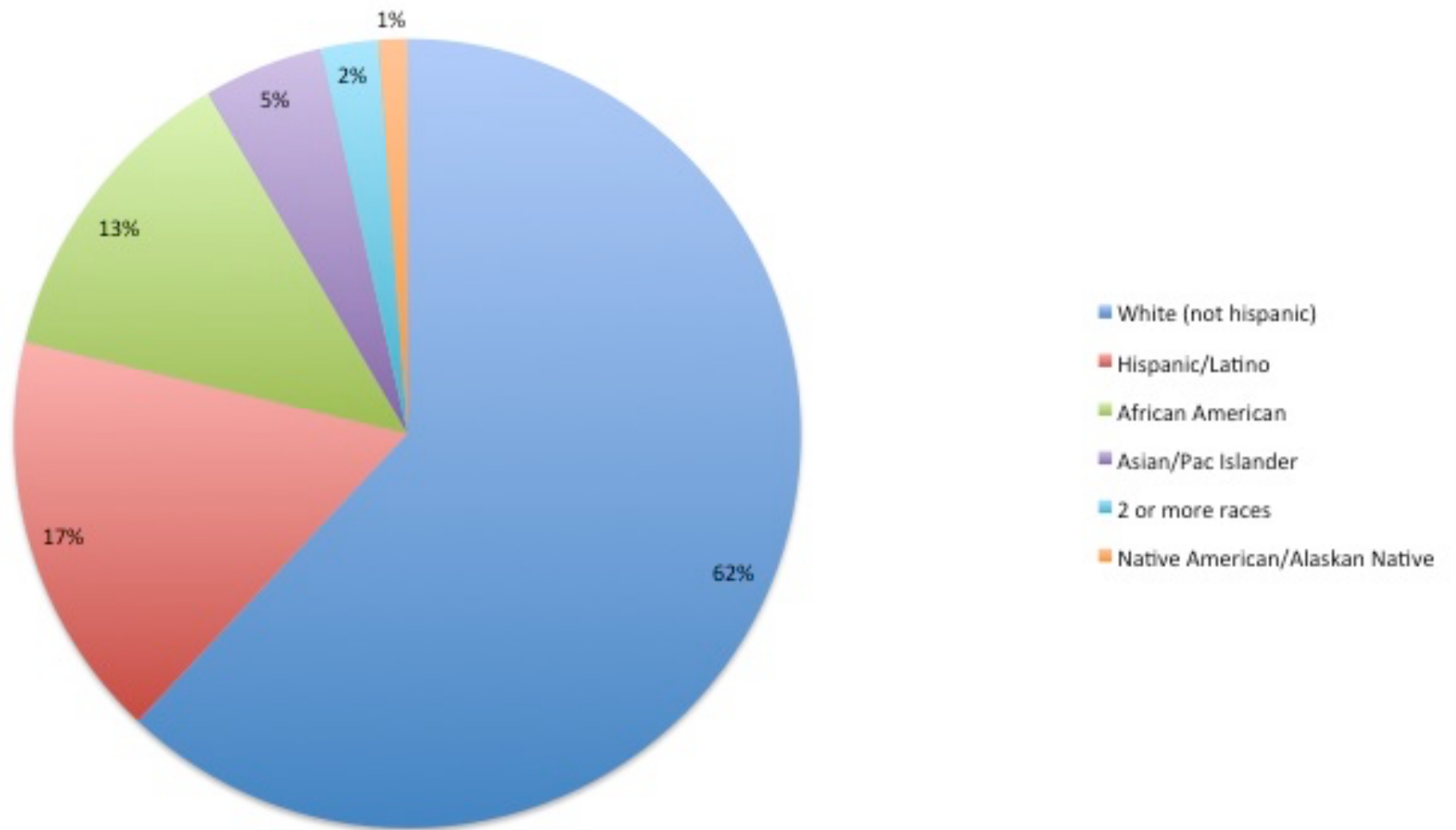


Which race uses
marijuana the most?

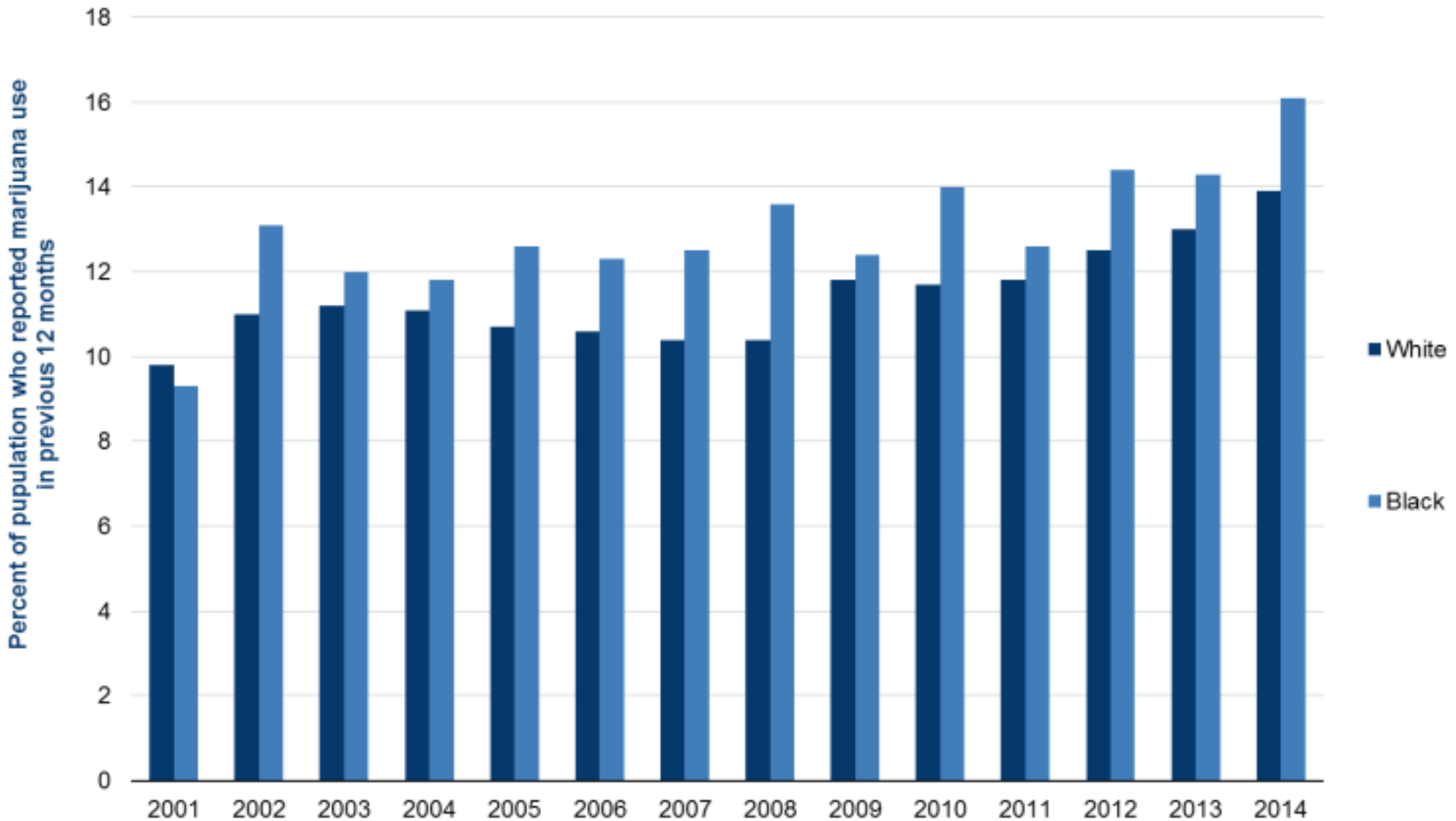
Adults Who Have Ever Used Cannabis by Race/Ethnicity



US Population 2013



Annual marijuana use prevalence, by race



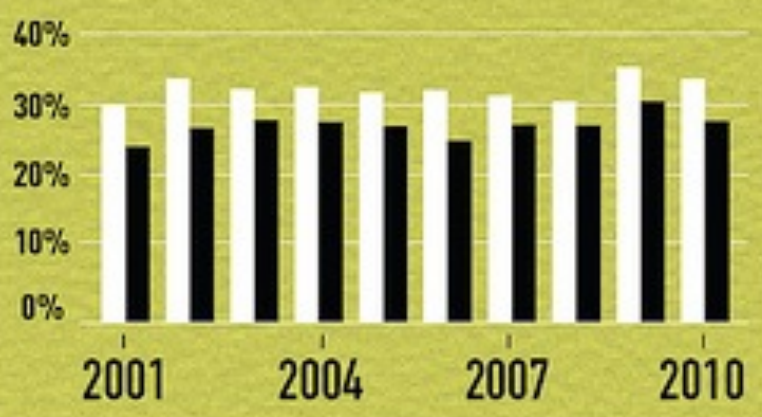
Source: *Uniform Crime Reporting Program, U.S. Census Bureau*
Data provided by Jon Gettman, Shenandoah University

BROOKINGS

▶ WHO SMOKES MORE POT?

MARIJUANA USE
18- TO 25-YEAR-OLDS

White Blacks



BLACKS AND WHITES USE POT AT
ABOUT THE SAME RATE.

BUT THESE BUSTS AREN'T
HAPPENING ON EVERY BLOCK...

Which race gets
arrested the most?

➤ TARGETING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

ACLU

BLACKS HAVE BEEN NEARLY
FOUR TIMES
MORE LIKELY THAN WHITES
TO BE ARRESTED FOR
MARIJUANA POSSESSION

