

The wide availability of appearance and performance enhancing drugs (APEDs) on online platforms such as **Facebook** and **Google** is satiating the growing appetites of young adults in the U.S. A DCA survey of 2,417 Americans* found that steroid use for many starts in their teens, leading to side effects and health issues.



1 in 10

respondents admitted to taking steroids.
13% percent of males and **8%** percent of females had taken the harmful drugs.

Of those respondents who took steroids or HGH,

10%

were under the age of **18** at first use.



More than **1 in 3 (35%)** of those who purchased the drugs said they got them online.

An additional

27%



of those who had taken steroids or HGH were between the ages of **18-24** when they began taking APEDs.

When asked the reason for taking APEDs,

52%

respondents selected "Improve physical appearance" vs.



35%

who said it was to "Improve athletic performance."

63%

of respondents who admitted to using steroids or HGH said they experienced side effects or health issues consistent with the use of such drugs.

