

The Misuse/Abuse of Rx Drugs in the United States is Destroying Families



Approximately 13,539 newborns – or roughly one born per hour was addicted to drugs in 2009.



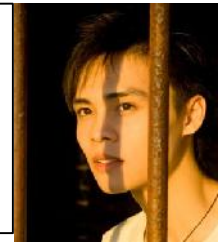
100 people die from drug overdoses every day in the United States. This is an eightfold increase from 1971-2007.



In 2010, 2 million people reported using prescription painkillers nonmedically for the **first time** within the last year—nearly 5,500 a day. SAMHSA



About 1 in 10 American Indian or Alaska Natives age 12 or older used prescription painkillers for nonmedical reasons in the past year, compared to 1 in 20 whites and 1 in 30 blacks.



Full-time college students who were nonmedical users of Adderall® were 8 times more likely to have been nonmedical users of prescription tranquilizers (24.5 vs. 3.0 percent), and 5 times more likely to have been nonmedical users of prescription pain relievers (44.9 vs. 8.7 percent) It is illegal to share or sell your Rx medication.



Older Adult admissions for substance abuse treatment nearly triples, increasing from 13.7% in 1992 to 39.7% in 2008.



At least **one in four older adults** use psychoactive medications with abuse potential



In 2008, there were 14,800 prescription painkiller deaths. For every one death there were:
 148,000 treatment admissions for abuse
 473,600 emergency room visits for misuse or abuse
 1,924,000 people who abuse or are dependent
 12,210,000 nonmedical users

Enough prescription painkillers were prescribed in 2010 to medicate every American adult around-the-clock for one month.

