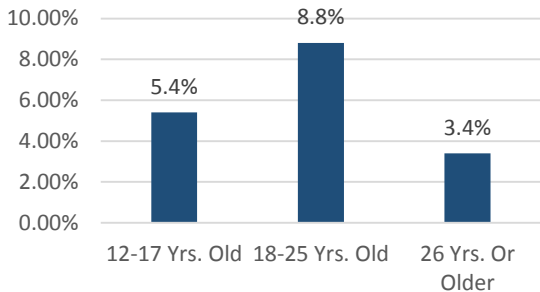


MISUSE of PRESCRIPTIONS and USE of HEROIN

Nonmedical Use of Pain Relievers by Age



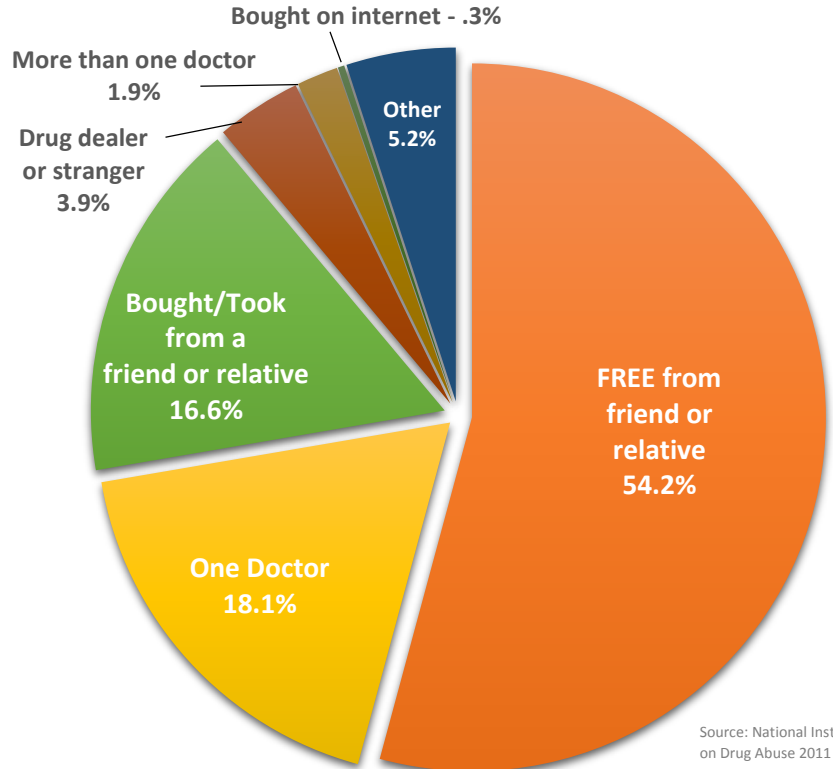
In Wisconsin, 18-25 years olds reported the highest past year nonmedical use of pain relievers in 2012-2013.¹



15%

of Wisconsin high school students reported using prescription drugs without a prescription in their lifetime in 2013.²

WHERE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE OBTAINED



Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse 2011



More Wisconsin residents **DIE** from **DRUG OVERDOSE** than motor vehicle accidents, suicide, or firearms.³

MONITOR PRESCRIPTIONS and DISPOSE of UNUSED MEDICATIONS

Two reasons youth reported misusing prescription drugs include:



62% easy to get from parents' medicine cabinet.

52% easily available.⁴

PLEASE DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS.

Prescription drug drop boxes are available at local police departments. Call your local department for details.

Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least **3** other drugs.

Heroin is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and **death** for users.

People who are addicted to...



...more likely to be addicted to heroin.

SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013.



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