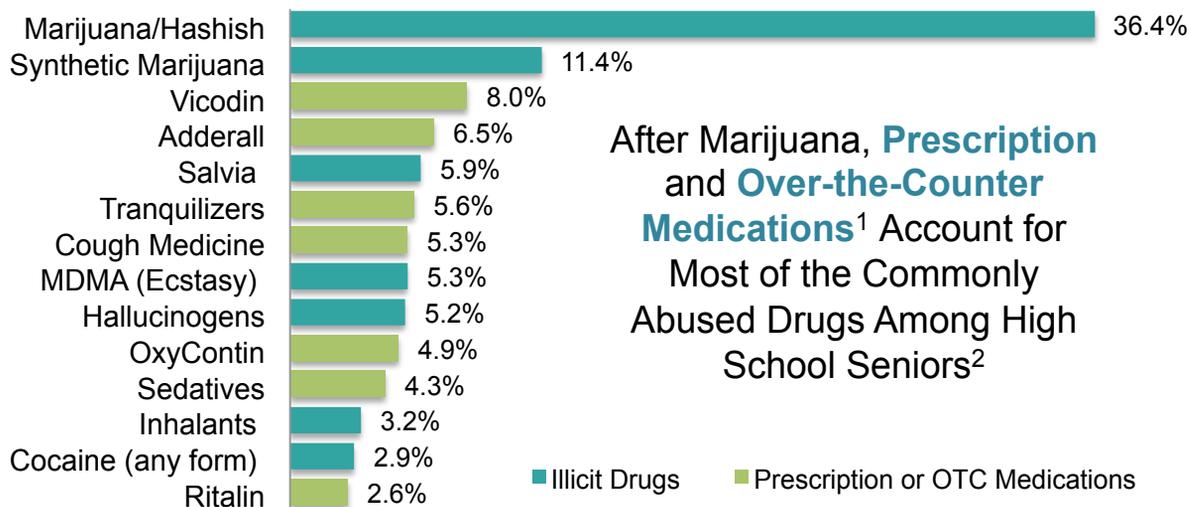


Prescription Drug Abuse: Young People at Risk

Young people are abusing prescription drugs at alarming rates. These drugs act on the same brain systems as illegal drugs and pose similar risks for dangerous health consequences, including later addiction.

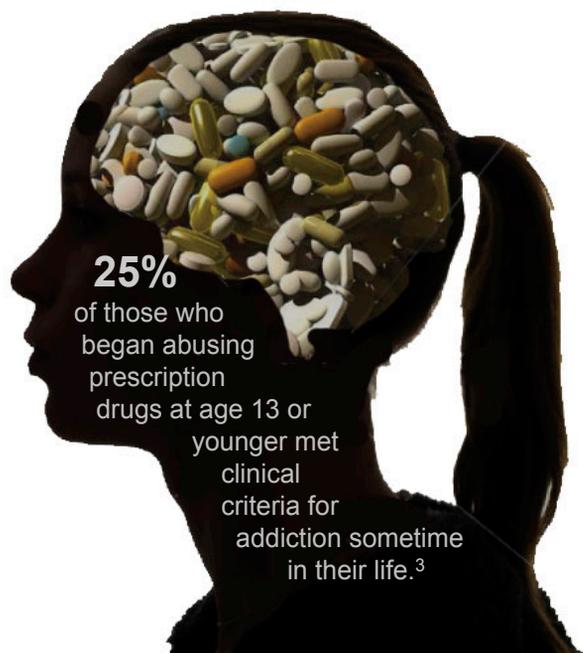


After Marijuana, **Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications**¹ Account for Most of the Commonly Abused Drugs Among High School Seniors²

About 1 in 9 youth



or 11.4 percent of young people aged 12 to 25 used prescription drugs nonmedically within the past year.³



¹ Past Year Use

² Monitoring the Future Survey, 2011

³ National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2010