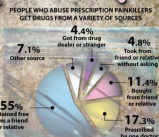
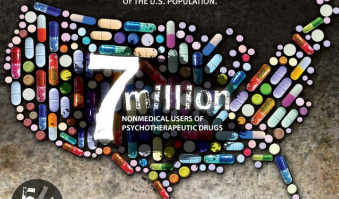


PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN AMERICA

AN ESTIMATED 48 MILLION PEOPLE 12 AND OLDER, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE, HAVE USED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR NONMEDICAL REASONS IN THEIR LIFETIME. THAT FIGURE REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF THE U.S. POPULATION.



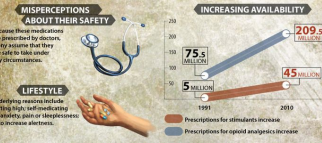
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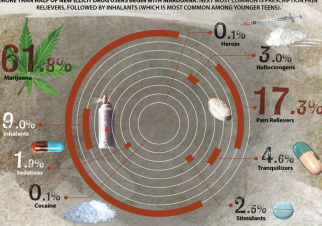
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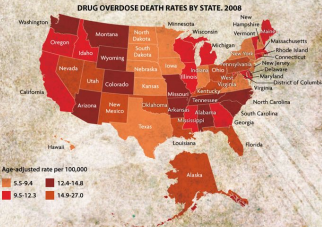
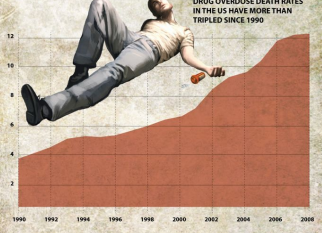
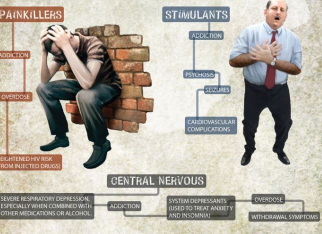
WHY DO PEOPLE ABUSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?



WHERE ADDICTIONS START



RISKS OF ABUSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



TREATING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS for breaking addiction to prescription drugs include: counseling, behavioral therapy, medication, and support groups. Support groups often include medication combined with behavioral counseling.

THOUGH NO MEDICATIONS have yet been determined to help treat addiction to CNS depressants or stimulants, behavioral therapy—rehabilitation—has proven effective.

SOURCE: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Center for Disease Control and Prevention

