

Table 6.5A Source Where Prescription Pain Relievers Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse: Among Past Year Misusers Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Pain Relievers	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	3,420	3,805	171	*	3,249	3,750	485	429	2,764	3,322
Prescription from One Doctor	3,249	3,666	147	*	3,102	3,624	437	387	2,665	3,237
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	98	90	18	*	81	78	28	22	53	56
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	73	49	7	1	66	48	20	*	46	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	4,627	4,122	239	*	4,388	3,917	892	719	3,496	3,199
From Friend or Relative for Free	3,373	3,001	145	*	3,228	2,846	612	523	2,616	2,324
Bought from Friend or Relative	837	799	44	*	793	764	174	153	619	611
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	417	322	50	15	367	307	106	43	261	264
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	565	538	25	6	540	532	138	128	402	404
SOME OTHER WAY¹	500	267	31	*	469	219	106	21	363	198

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Table 6.5B Source Where Prescription Pain Relievers Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse: Among Past Year Misusers Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Pain Relievers	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	37.5	<i>43.6</i>	36.7	*	37.6	<i>44.5</i>	29.9	<i>33.1</i>	39.3	<i>46.6</i>
Prescription from One Doctor	35.7	<i>42.0</i>	31.5	*	35.9	<i>43.0</i>	26.9	<i>29.8</i>	37.9	<i>45.5</i>
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	1.1	<i>1.0</i>	3.8	*	0.9	<i>0.9</i>	1.7	<i>1.7</i>	0.7	<i>0.8</i>
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	0.8	<i>0.6</i>	1.4	<i>0.2</i>	0.8	<i>0.6</i>	1.2	*	0.7	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	50.8	<i>47.2</i>	51.3	*	50.8	<i>46.5</i>	55.0	<i>55.4</i>	49.8	<i>44.9</i>
From Friend or Relative for Free	37.0	<i>34.4</i>	31.1	*	37.3	<i>33.8</i>	37.8	<i>40.3</i>	37.2	<i>32.6</i>
Bought from Friend or Relative	9.2	<i>9.2</i>	9.4	*	9.2	<i>9.1</i>	10.7	<i>11.8</i>	8.8	<i>8.6</i>
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	4.6	<i>3.7</i>	10.7	<i>4.7</i>	4.2	<i>3.6</i>	6.5	<i>3.3</i>	3.7	<i>3.7</i>
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	6.2	<i>6.2</i>	5.4	<i>1.9</i>	6.2	<i>6.3</i>	8.5	<i>9.9</i>	5.7	<i>5.7</i>
SOME OTHER WAY¹	5.5	<i>3.1</i>	6.6	*	5.4	<i>2.6</i>	6.5	<i>1.6</i>	5.2	<i>2.8</i>

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Table 6.7A Source Where Prescription Stimulants Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse: Among Past Year Misusers Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Stimulants	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	702	757	89	*	613	685	209	140	404	546
Prescription from One Doctor	671	661	75	*	596	596	203	124	393	472
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	28	27	14	*	14	20	5	16	9	5
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	3	*	*	*	3	*	1	*	2	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	3,607	3,642	281	*	3,327	3,474	1,476	1,314	1,850	2,160
From Friend or Relative for Free	2,521	2,664	200	*	2,320	2,539	896	789	1,425	1,750
Bought from Friend or Relative	955	815	51	*	904	781	524	490	380	290
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	131	163	29	*	102	154	56	35	46	119
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	294	351	31	*	263	334	122	88	142	246
SOME OTHER WAY¹	162	134	4	*	157	125	69	34	89	92

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Table 6.7B Source Where Prescription Stimulants Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse: Among Past Year Misusers Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Stimulants	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	14.7	<i>15.5</i>	22.0	*	14.1	<i>14.8</i>	11.1	<i>8.9</i>	16.3	<i>17.9</i>
Prescription from One Doctor	14.1	<i>13.5</i>	18.6	*	13.7	<i>12.9</i>	10.8	<i>7.9</i>	15.8	<i>15.5</i>
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	0.6	<i>0.5</i>	3.4	*	0.3	<i>0.4</i>	0.3	<i>1.0</i>	0.4	<i>0.2</i>
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	0.1	*	*	*	0.1	*	0.0	*	0.1	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	75.7	<i>74.6</i>	69.3	*	76.3	<i>75.2</i>	78.7	<i>83.4</i>	74.5	<i>71.0</i>
From Friend or Relative for Free	52.9	<i>54.6</i>	49.5	*	53.2	<i>55.0</i>	47.8	<i>50.1</i>	57.3	<i>57.5</i>
Bought from Friend or Relative	20.0	<i>16.7</i>	12.6	*	20.7	<i>16.9</i>	27.9	<i>31.1</i>	15.3	<i>9.5</i>
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	2.7	<i>3.3</i>	7.2	*	2.3	<i>3.3</i>	3.0	<i>2.2</i>	1.8	<i>3.9</i>
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	6.2	<i>7.2</i>	7.6	*	6.0	<i>7.2</i>	6.5	<i>5.6</i>	5.7	<i>8.1</i>
SOME OTHER WAY¹	3.4	<i>2.7</i>	1.1	*	3.6	<i>2.7</i>	3.7	<i>2.1</i>	3.6	<i>3.0</i>

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Table 6.9A Source Where Prescription Tranquilizers Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse: Among Past Year Misusers Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Tranquilizers	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	1,193	<i>1,372</i>	34	*	1,160	<i>1,354</i>	133	<i>106</i>	1,027	<i>1,247</i>
Prescription from One Doctor	1,122	<i>1,287</i>	24	*	1,097	<i>1,270</i>	111	<i>106</i>	986	<i>1,164</i>
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	62	<i>42</i>	*	*	59	<i>41</i>	18	<i>0</i>	41	<i>41</i>
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	10	*	*	*	4	*	4	*	*	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	3,082	<i>3,337</i>	220	*	2,862	<i>3,215</i>	878	<i>749</i>	1,984	<i>2,467</i>
From Friend or Relative for Free	2,271	<i>2,670</i>	150	*	2,120	<i>2,588</i>	586	<i>552</i>	1,534	<i>2,036</i>
Bought from Friend or Relative	620	<i>465</i>	54	*	567	<i>436</i>	230	<i>173</i>	336	<i>262</i>
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	191	<i>202</i>	16	*	175	<i>192</i>	62	<i>23</i>	114	<i>169</i>
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	482	<i>310</i>	86	*	396	<i>290</i>	179	<i>136</i>	217	<i>153</i>
SOME OTHER WAY¹	217	<i>160</i>	20	*	197	<i>155</i>	72	<i>72</i>	126	<i>84</i>

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Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Tranquilizers	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	24.0	26.5	9.3	*	25.1	27.0	10.5	10.0	30.6	31.6
Prescription from One Doctor	22.5	24.8	6.8	*	23.8	25.3	8.8	10.0	29.4	29.4
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	1.2	0.8	*	*	1.3	0.8	1.4	0.0	1.2	1.0
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	0.2	*	*	*	0.1	*	0.3	*	*	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	62.0	64.4	61.2	*	62.0	64.1	69.6	70.4	59.2	62.4
From Friend or Relative for Free	45.6	51.5	41.9	*	45.9	51.6	46.5	51.9	45.7	51.5
Bought from Friend or Relative	12.5	9.0	14.9	*	12.3	8.7	18.2	16.3	10.0	6.6
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	3.8	3.9	4.4	*	3.8	3.8	4.9	2.2	3.4	4.3
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	9.7	6.0	23.9	*	8.6	5.8	14.2	12.8	6.5	3.9
SOME OTHER WAY¹	4.4	3.1	5.5	*	4.3	3.1	5.7	6.7	3.7	2.1

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Table 6.11A Source Where Prescription Sedatives Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse: Among Past Year Misusers Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Source for Most Recent Misuse among Past Year Misusers of Sedatives	Aged 12+ (2019)	Aged 12+ (2020)	Aged 12-17 (2019)	Aged 12-17 (2020)	Aged 18+ (2019)	Aged 18+ (2020)	Aged 18-25 (2019)	Aged 18-25 (2020)	Aged 26+ (2019)	Aged 26+ (2020)
GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	404	*	*	*	394	*	*	*	364	*
Prescription from One Doctor	398	*	*	*	390	*	*	*	362	*
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	4	*	*	*	4	*	*	*	2	*
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	623	*	*	*	570	*	*	*	454	*
From Friend or Relative for Free	491	*	*	*	466	*	*	*	374	*
Bought from Friend or Relative	71	<i>62</i>	*	*	64	<i>62</i>	*	*	46	<i>31</i>
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	61	<i>57</i>	*	*	40	<i>57</i>	*	*	34	<i>47</i>
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	23	*	*	*	20	*	*	*	*	*
SOME OTHER WAY¹	14	<i>20</i>	*	*	11	<i>20</i>	*	*	1	*

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GOT THROUGH PRESCRIPTION(S) OR STOLE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	38.0	*	*	*	39.6	*	*	*	43.8	*
Prescription from One Doctor	37.5	*	*	*	39.2	*	*	*	43.6	*
Prescriptions from More Than One Doctor	0.4	*	*	*	0.4	*	*	*	0.2	*
Stole from Doctor's Office, Clinic, Hospital, or Pharmacy	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GIVEN BY, BOUGHT FROM, OR TOOK FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE	58.6	*	*	*	57.3	*	*	*	54.7	*
From Friend or Relative for Free	46.2	*	*	*	46.8	*	*	*	45.1	*
Bought from Friend or Relative	6.7	5.2	*	*	6.5	5.3	*	*	5.6	3.4
Took from Friend or Relative without Asking	5.7	4.8	*	*	4.1	4.9	*	*	4.1	5.2
BOUGHT FROM DRUG DEALER OR OTHER STRANGER	2.1	*	*	*	2.0	*	*	*	*	*
SOME OTHER WAY¹	1.3	1.7	*	*	1.1	1.7	*	*	0.1	*

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