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Every day, **113 people die in the United States as a result of a drug overdose.** Another 6,748 are treated in emergency rooms for the misuse of drugs.

In 2013, N.J. saw nearly **6,700 admissions to State-licensed or certified substance abuse treatment programs due to prescription drug abuse,** an increase of nearly 300 percent over the past decade.

More than **21 percent of 12th-graders nationwide have abused a prescription drug,** and 11 percent have abused narcotics other than heroin.

In a growing trend, **N.J. teens who abused prescription drugs went on to become addicted,** and turned to heroin use.

SOURCES: U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention;
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA);
National Institute on Drug Abuse;
New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.



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