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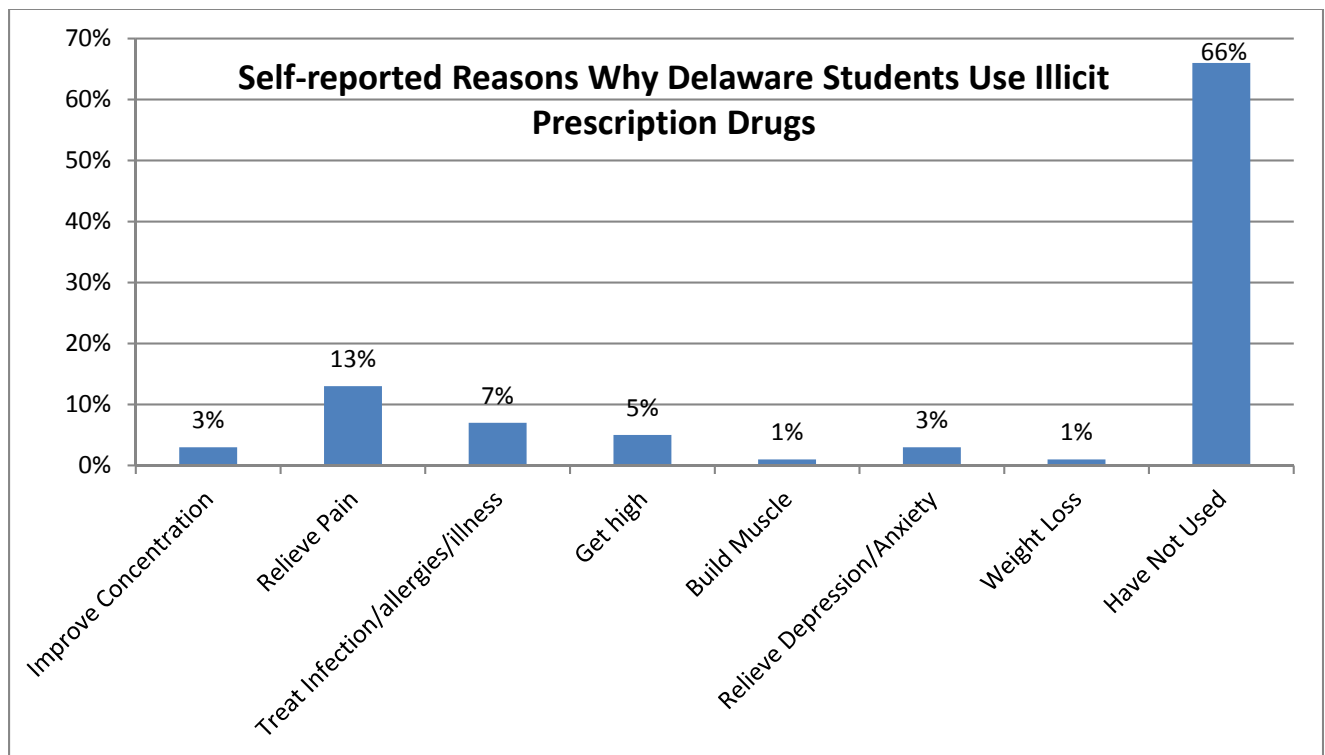
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Reasons Delaware Students Give for Illicit Prescription Drug Use

Illicit use of prescription drugs occurs for many reasons among adults, and the same is true for adolescents. The 2014 Delaware School Survey, an annual survey of 5th, 8th and 11th grade students in Delaware public schools, reveals that one in three 11th grade students has used prescription drugs in the past year without a prescription. However, only a small number say they used prescription drugs “to get high.” Rather, they report they used prescription drugs to relieve physical pain or treat an illness (though not prescribed). Other uses were to improve concentration, weight loss, treating depression, and to build muscle. In all, only 15% of those who used prescription drug illegally report they did it “to get high.”



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