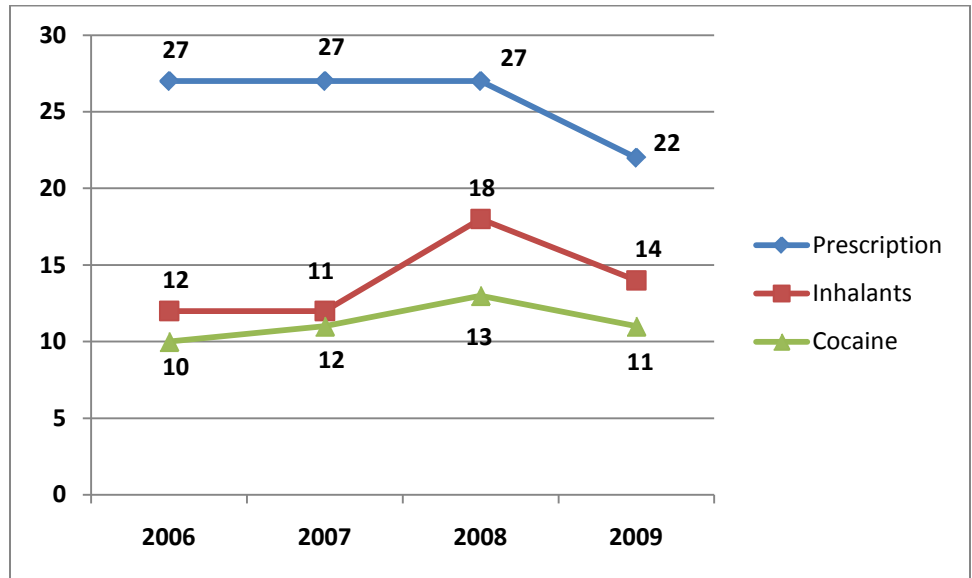


Gunnison County High School Reported Use of Illegal Drugs (other than Marijuana)- ever used in lifetime.

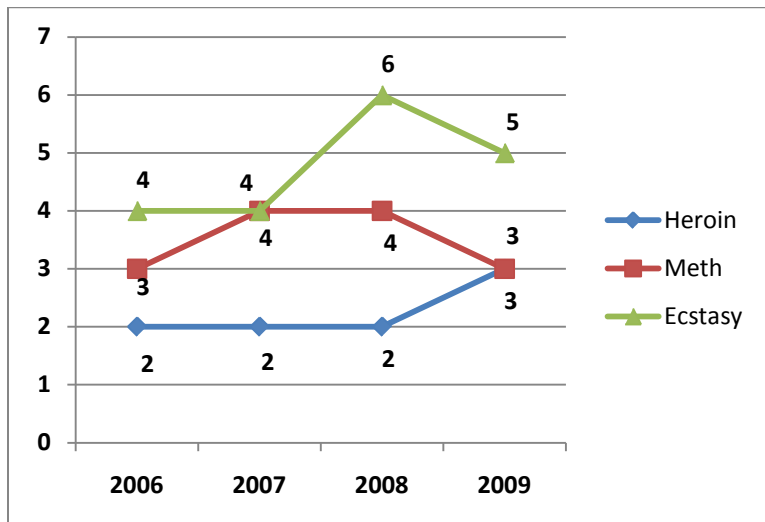
Misuse of Prescription Drugs

- Teens are turning away from street drugs and using prescription drugs to get high.
- Pain relievers such as OxyContin and Vicodin are the most commonly abused prescription drugs by teens.
- 47% of teens reported getting prescription drugs from friends for free while another 10% took them from family members.
- Teens are abusing prescription drugs because they believe the myth that these drugs provide a medically safe high.



Reported abuse of prescription drugs by Gunnison County high school students decreased by 5% over 4 years, but remains at 22%. **National comparisons are about 12%.¹**

Use of inhalants spiked to 18% in 2008 and went back down to 14% in 2009. Cocaine use has stayed within 10-13% over 4 years.



While low, there is some percentage of Gunnison County high school students reporting ever used heroin, meth and ecstasy.

¹ *Teens and Prescription Drugs: An Analysis of Recent Trends on the Emerging Drug Threat*. Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President. Report published in 2007, data from 2005.

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