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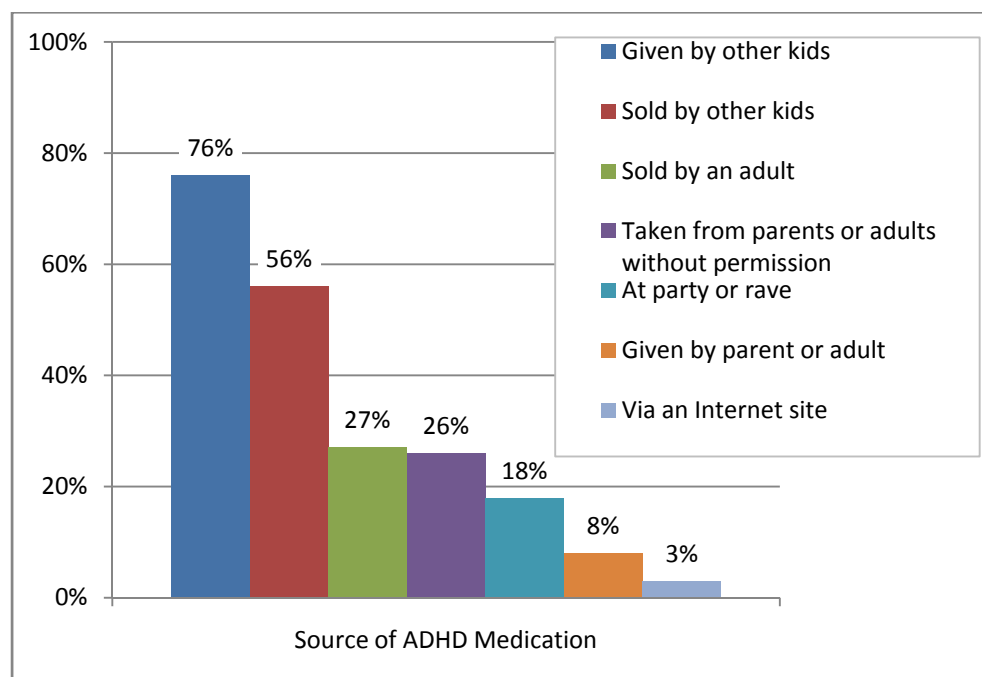
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Sources of Non-prescribed ADHD Medication

Among 11th grade public school students, Ritalin and other ADHD medications are used without a prescription by approximately 8% of students. According to those students, the most common source for illicit prescription drugs is friends or other kids they already know who are willing to give it to them free of charge. More specifically, 76% of the students using ADHD medication without a prescription report their friends as a source and 56% report buying it from other kids, making peers twice as likely as any other illegitimate source.



Adults are the next most likely source. Twenty-seven percent report buying the medication from an adult and 26% say they have taken it from an adult or parent without permission. Getting the medication at a party followed closely with 18%. Finally, having been given it by a parent/adult or buying it online were the least common answers, at 8% and 3% respectively.

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