

# Recent ramp-up in prescriptions for teens

Prescriptions for chronic conditions have increased among adolescents (the categories with the highest increase in prevalence are shown below).

## Prevalence per 1,000 among females age 10-19

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% change 2001-2006
ADHD	20.37	24.16	29.22	33.97	35.33	35.43	73.88
Antidepressants	37.95	43.16	46.40	48.29	41.87	41.60	9.62
Diabetes Total	3.65	3.70	4.29	4.89	5.63	5.80	58.88
Diabetes Type I	2.63	2.61	2.85	2.99	3.03	3.07	16.86
Diabetes Type II	1.03	1.09	1.44	1.90	2.59	2.73	166.52
Antipsychotics	3.43	4.21	5.61	6.69	7.18	7.46	117.34
Sleep Aids	2.42	2.81	3.18	3.67	3.90	4.37	80.46
<b>n=</b>	142,435	197,070	167,484	167,790	170,073	181,191	

Source: Medco Health Solutions, Inc.

## Prevalence per 1,000 among males age 10-19

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% change 2001-2006
ADHD	56.89	62.51	72.51	79.67	80.89	78.08	37.26
Antidepressants	32.11	35.15	37.71	37.15	33.26	32.26	0.48
Diabetes Total	3.43	3.37	3.83	4.26	4.83	3.91	14.01
Diabetes Type I	2.84	2.72	2.97	3.15	3.36	3.12	9.92
Diabetes Type II	0.60	0.65	0.86	1.11	1.47	0.80	33.40
Antipsychotics	6.95	8.21	9.93	11.22	11.41	11.87	70.84
Sleep Aids	1.83	2.04	2.33	2.38	2.53	3.00	64.08
<b>n=</b>	148,523	211,566	173,698	175,053	176,020	188,022	

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