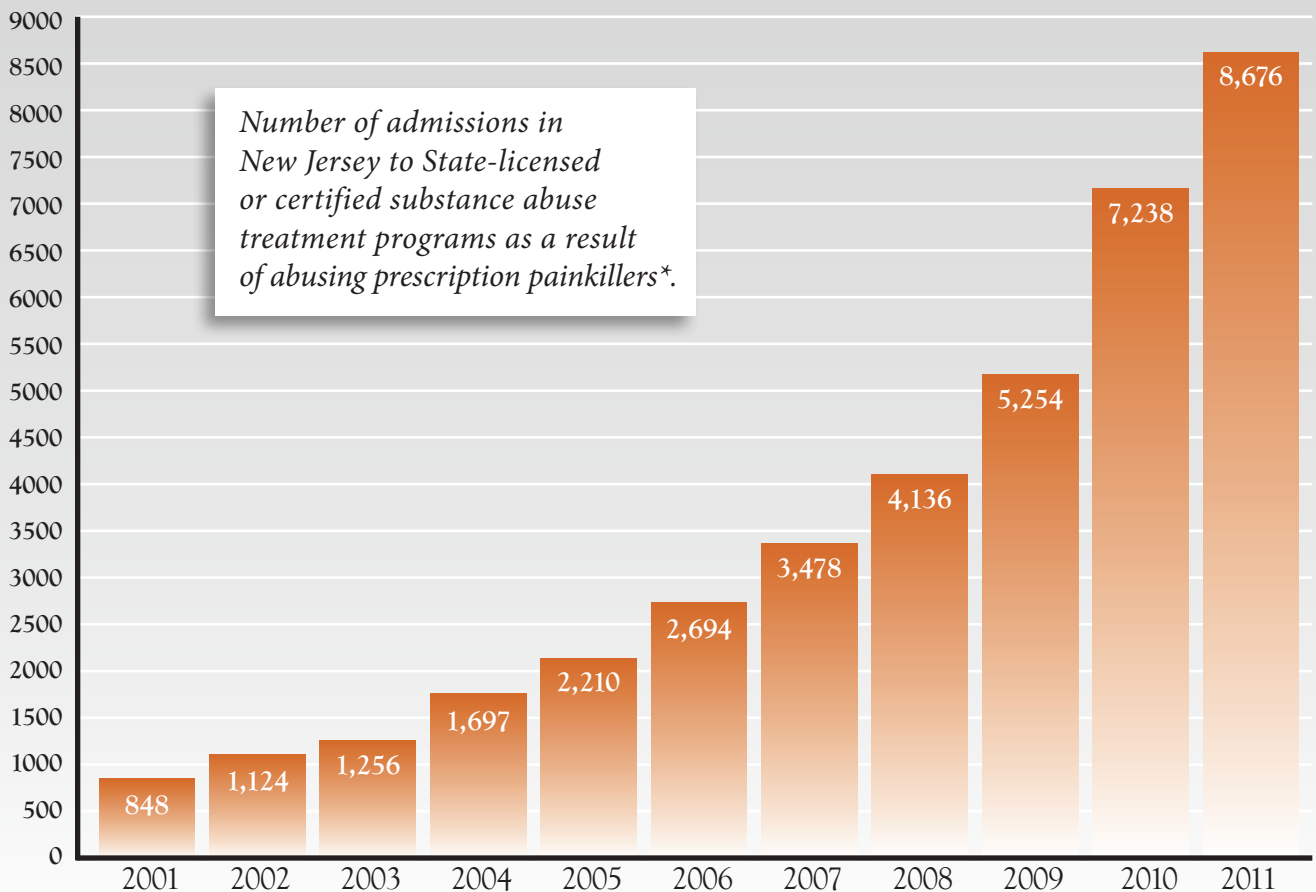




# For too many New Jerseyans addiction begins in the medicine cabinet

The number of admissions to N.J. addiction treatment programs due to prescription drug abuse, rose by 200 percent over the past five years, and 700 percent over the past decade.



\* This category includes admissions for non-prescription use of methadone, codeine, morphine, oxycodone, hydromorphone, meperidine, opium, and other drugs with morphine-like effects.

SOURCE: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. All data available at [www.dasis.samhsa.gov/webt/information.htm](http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/webt/information.htm)



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