

Spotlight on...

Drugs in America

from the

National Survey on Drug Use and Health

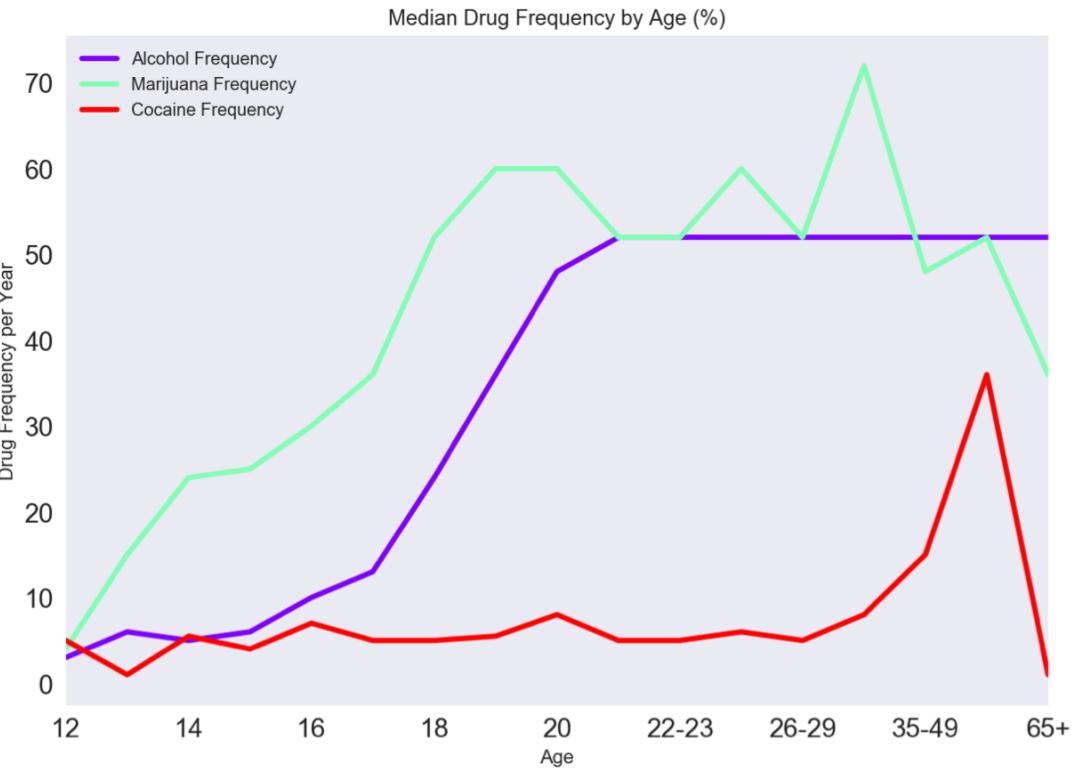
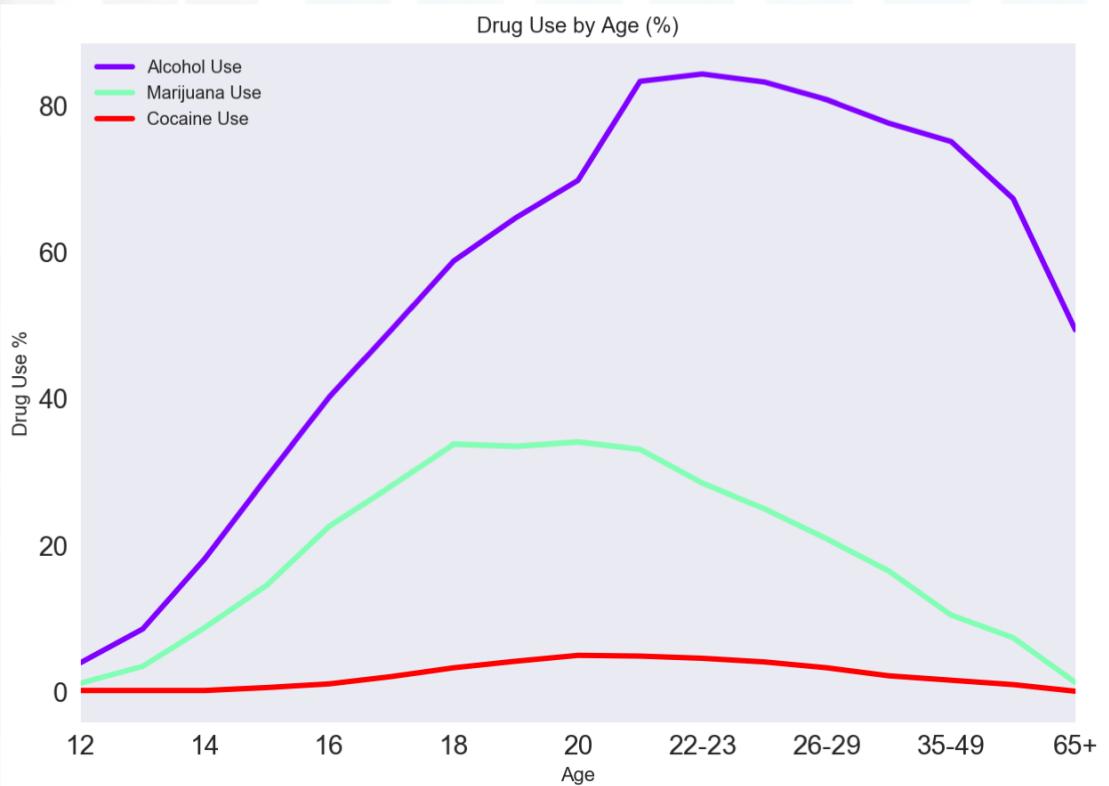
conducted by

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

in 2012

- 13 Drugs
- 17 Age Groups

While drug use of the more common drugs drops off after early 20's...



...the frequency with which users take drugs remains somewhat steady.

Heroin/Oxycontin/Meth Usage



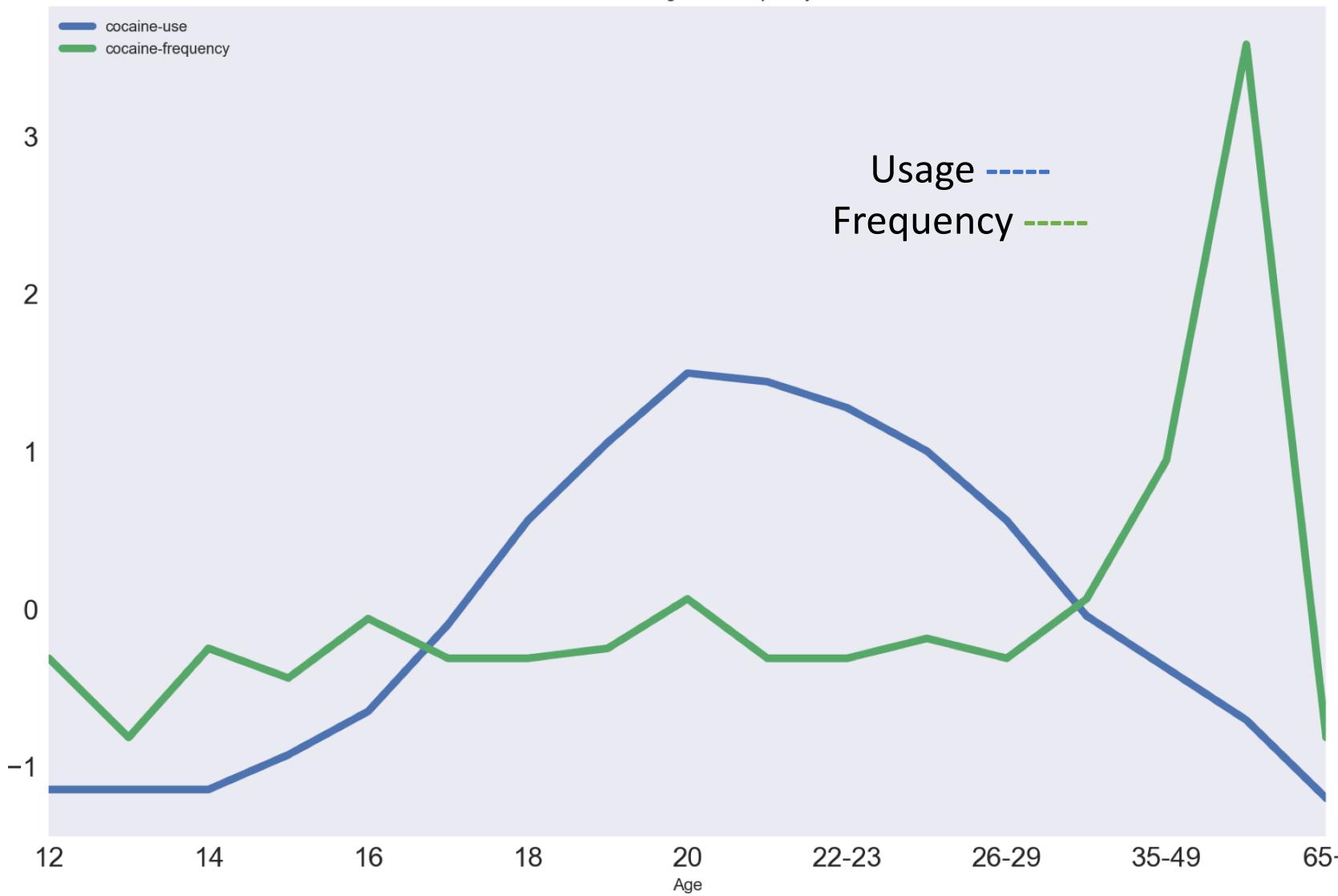
Heroin and Meth are certainly being abused by the 20-something crowd, but Oxycontin use dwarfs both of them.

For the most common illegal drugs, the number of users decreases by middle-age, but those that do use do so with increased frequency.

The following pages illustrate this unfortunate trend for:

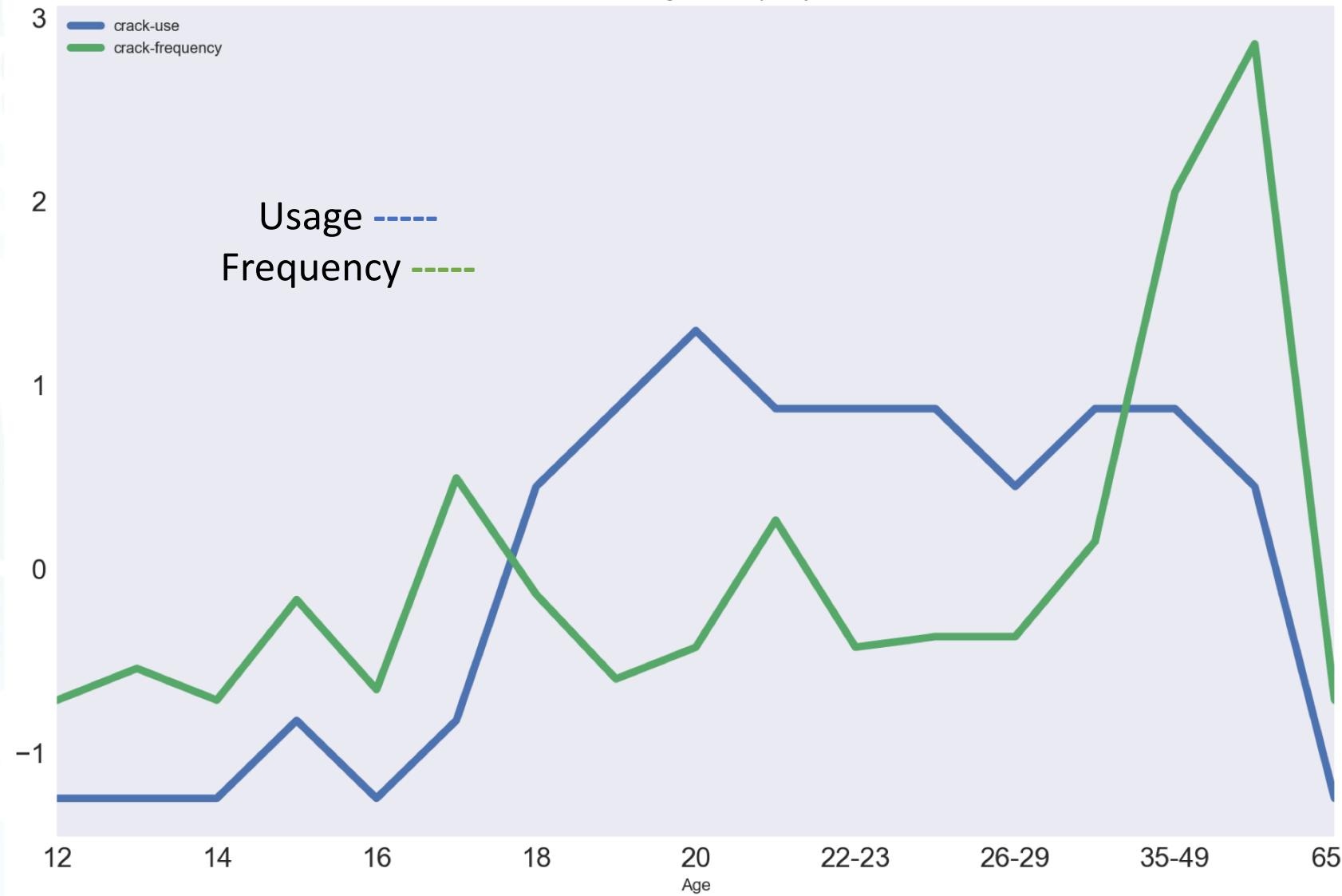
- Cocaine
- Crack
- Inhalants
- Sedatives

Cocaine Usage and Frequency



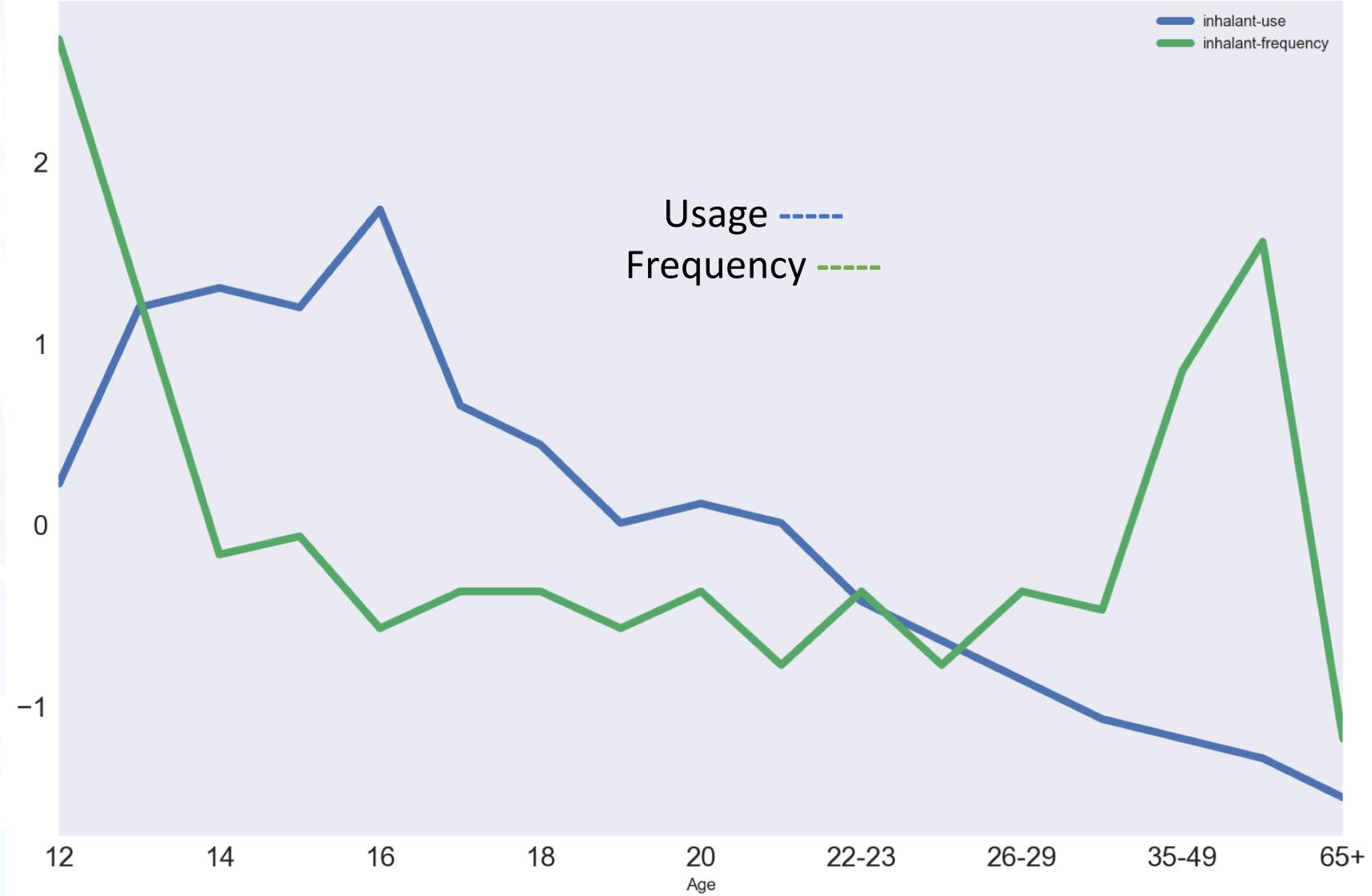
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Crack Usage and Frequency



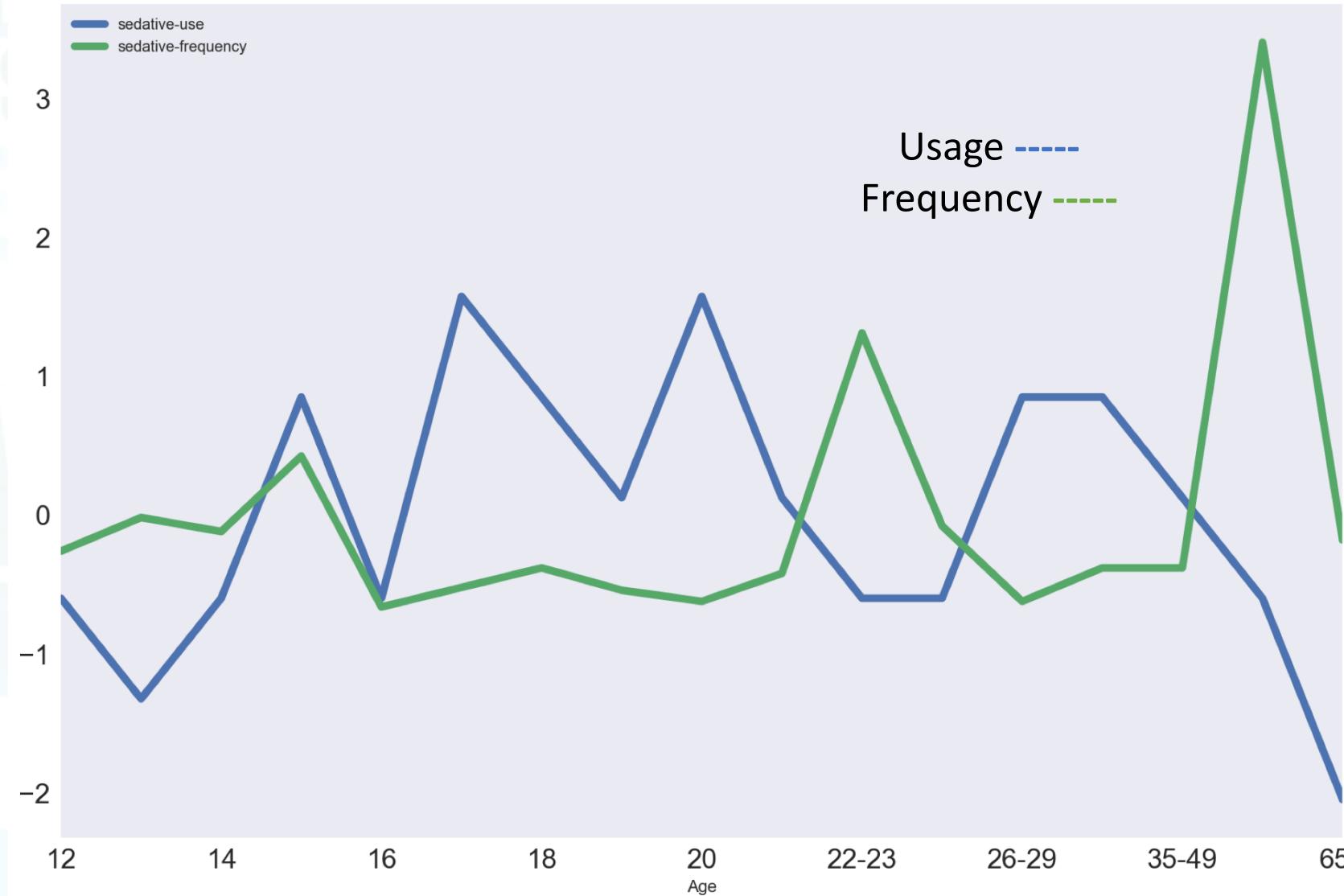
Crack

Inhalant Usage and Frequency



Inhalants

Sedative Usage and Frequency



Sedatives

In Conclusion...

- Our youth are using certain drugs at alarming young ages
- While some parents may think “a little” Alcohol is harmless, it could be the springboard to more serious drug use
- Oxycontin is a bigger problem than Meth or Heroin in the 20-something crowd
- Less of the Baby Boomer set seem to be using drugs, but those that do are abusing their drug of choice more than ever