

Drug Dealers

Dealers are a very interesting topic to research. I found that a very little percent of dealers make their own drugs, except for meth dealers. Most dealers who sell cocaine or heroin all get imported supplies, that they buy for about 50% of the price they sell them for. Heroin dealers get their opium supplies from countries in South America and the Middle East (*Production and Distribution*, deamuseum.org). Cocaine comes from the coca plant, grown in South American countries like Colombia, Chile, and Peru. Marijuana is different, though, because people grow it in lots of different places, but they still import marijuana in bulk. Meth is usually made by the dealer, unless they hire a lab specialist to make it for them. Meth is made of many chemical mixed together to make the substance more potent. Dealers also target the most harmed people to sell to, because they know they will stick with the substance. They also make up lies about drugs to keep addicts hooked on the drug, and to steer them away from help.

Dealers tend to make different yearly amounts, depending on the drug they sell. One meth dealer named "Nick" makes about \$813k in profit (Cohen, *A drug Dealer*), while other marijuana dealers make about \$48k per year (Becket, *Illegal Drug Dealers: How*

Much do They Really Make?). Dealers usually raise prices when addiction gets worse for a user.

Overall, dealers lead illegal jobs and encourage people to use drugs until they reach addiction. Dealers stay off the radar so they don't get caught and go to jail, a dealers worst nightmare. Jail time can lead to debt, causing dealers to sell cars, houses, and work extra time just to get back to even.