



THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2016...



116

People died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses



11.5 m

People misused prescription opioids¹



42,249

People died from overdosing on opioids²



2.1 million

People misused prescription opioids for the first time¹



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People had an opioid use disorder¹



17,087

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids²



948,000

People used heroin¹



19,413

Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone²



170,000

People used heroin for the first time¹



15,469

Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin²



504 billion

In economic costs³

Sources: ¹ 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, ² Mortality in the United States, 2016 NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017, ³ CEA Report: The underestimated cost of the opioid crisis, 2017

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