

# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

2016 and 2017 Data



**130+**

People died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses<sup>3</sup> (estimated)



**11.4 m**

People misused prescription opioids<sup>1</sup>



**42,249**

People died from overdosing on opioids<sup>2</sup>



**2 million**

People misused prescription opioids for the first time<sup>1</sup>



**2.1 million**

People had an opioid use disorder<sup>1</sup>



**17,087**

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids<sup>2</sup>



**886,000**

People used heroin<sup>1</sup>



**19,413**

Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone<sup>2</sup>



**81,000**

People used heroin for the first time<sup>1</sup>



**15,469**

Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin<sup>2</sup>

## SOURCES

1. 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Mortality in the United States, 2016
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017
3. NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on provisional data.