THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS
2016 and 2017 Data

130+ People died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses\(^3\) (estimated)

42,249 People died from overdosing on opioids\(^2\)

2.1 million People had an opioid use disorder\(^1\)

886,000 People used heroin\(^1\)

81,000 People used heroin for the first time\(^1\)

11.4 m People misused prescription opioids\(^1\)

2 million People misused prescription opioids for the first time\(^1\)

17,087 Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids\(^2\)

19,413 Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone\(^2\)

15,469 Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin\(^2\)

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**Sources**

2. NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017