

# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS



**130+**

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



**11.4 m**

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



**47,600**

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



**2.1 million**

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



**81,000**

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



**886,000**

People used heroin<sup>1</sup>



**2 million**

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



**15,482**

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



**28,466**

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

## SOURCES

1. 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Mortality in the United States, 2016
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 329, November 2018
3. NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on provisional data.