THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

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

47,600 People died from overdosing on opioids\(^2\)

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

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

32,656 Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone (in 12-month period ending February 2019)\(^2\)

10.3 m People misused prescription opioids in 2018\(^1\)

2.0 million People had an opioid use disorder in 2018\(^1\)

808,000 People used heroin in 2018\(^1\)

15,349 Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin (in 12-month period ending February 2019)\(^2\)

**Sources**

1. 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Mortality in the United States, 2018
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 329, November 2018