THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

70,630 people died from drug overdose in 2019

10.1 million people misused prescription opioids in the past year

1.6 million people had an opioid use disorder in the past year

2 million people used methamphetamine in the past year

745,000 people used heroin in the past year

50,000 people used heroin for the first time

1.6 million people misused prescription pain relievers for the first time

14,480 deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin (in 12-month period ending June 2020)

48,006 deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone (in 12-month period ending June 2020)

SOURCES
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 394, December 2020.

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