

The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S.

In 2015...



12.5 million

People misused prescription opioids¹



2.1 million

People misused prescription opioids for the first time¹



33,091

People died from overdosing on opioids²



2 million

People had prescription opioid use disorder¹



15,281

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids^{2,3}



828,000

People used heroin¹



9,580

Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids^{2,5}



135,000

People used heroin for the first time¹



12,989

Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin^{2,4}



\$78.5 billion

In economic costs (2013 data)⁶

Sources: ¹ 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (SAMHSA), ² MMWR, 2016; 65(50-51):1445-1452 (CDC), ³ Prescription Overdose Data (CDC), ⁴ Heroin Overdose Data (CDC), ⁵ Synthetic Opioid Data (CDC), ⁶ The Economic Burden of Prescription Opioid Overdose, Abuse, and Dependence in the United States, 2013. Florence CS, Zhou C, Luo F, Xu L. Med Care. 2016 Oct;54(10):901-6