

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS



130+

People died every day from
opioid-related drug overdoses³
(estimated)



11.4 m

People misused
prescription opioids¹



47,600

People died from
overdosing on opioids²



2.1 million

People had an opioid use
disorder¹



81,000

People used heroin
for the first time¹



886,000

People used heroin¹



2 million

People misused prescription
opioids for the first time¹



15,482

Deaths attributed to
overdosing on heroin²



28,466

Deaths attributed to
overdosing on synthetic
opioids other than methadone²

SOURCES

1. 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Mortality in the United States, 2016
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017
3. NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on provisional data.