



# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

IN 2016...



**116**

People died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses



**11.5 m**

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



**42,249**

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



**2.1 million**

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



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



**17,087**

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids<sup>2</sup>



**948,000**

People used heroin<sup>1</sup>



**19,413**

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



**170,000**

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



**15,469**

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



**504 billion**

In economic costs<sup>3</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup> 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, <sup>2</sup> Mortality in the United States, 2016 NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017, <sup>3</sup> CEA Report: The underestimated cost of the opioid crisis, 2017

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