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2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

HOW TO GET HELP **SUPPORTING THE FAMILY** **BEFORE YOU PRESCRIBE** **LOOKING AT THE DATA** **MATERIALS YOU CAN USE**

A look at the numbers**The Economic Costs of Drug Abuse in Alaska, 2016 Update** - McDowell Group Report for March 2017**14,000**

According to the CDC, more than 14,000 people died from overdoses involving prescription opioids in 2014.



Ninety-one Americans now die from an opioid overdose every day.*

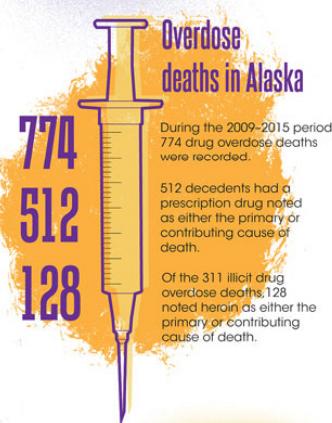
Since 1999, the amount of prescription opioids sold in the U.S. annually has nearly **tripled**. Deaths from prescription opioids also have **tripled**.** <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/epidemic/>

2X In 2012, Alaska's prescription opioid pain reliever overdose death rate was more than double the rate in the United States.

Alaska's heroin-associated overdose death rate was over 50 percent higher than the national rate. **50%↑**



Consistent with national trends, heroin overdose deaths have continued to increase steadily every year in Alaska since 2010. Drug overdose death rates remained highest among males and middle-aged adults. The regional distribution of drug overdose deaths was considerably higher in regions with urban centers and growing populations, although all Alaska regions were affected.

**Rates by age-group**

highest for adults from 35 to 54.

