



A look at the numbers



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.

Overdose deaths in Alaska

774
512
128

During the 2009-2015 period, 774 drug overdose deaths were recorded.

512 decedents had a prescription drug noted as either the primary or contributing cause of death.

Of the 311 illicit drug overdose deaths, 128 noted heroin as either the primary or contributing cause of death.

Rates by age-group

highest for adults from 35 to 54.

