

# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS



**70,630**

people died from drug overdose in 2019<sup>2</sup>



**10.1 million**

people misused prescription opioids in the past year<sup>1</sup>



**1.6 million**

people had an opioid use disorder in the past year<sup>1</sup>



**2 million**

people used methamphetamine in the past year<sup>1</sup>



**745,000**

people used heroin in the past year<sup>1</sup>



**50,000**

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



**1.6 million**

people misused prescription pain relievers for the first time<sup>1</sup>



**14,480**

deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin (in 12-month period ending June 2020)<sup>3</sup>



**48,006**

deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone (in 12-month period ending June 2020)<sup>3</sup>

## SOURCES

1. 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2020.
2. NCHS Data Brief No. 394, December 2020.
3. NCHS, National Vital Statistics System. Provisional drug overdose death counts.