OPIOID ABUSE IN AMERICA



THE MOST COMMONLY USED OPIOIDS

Prescription opioids (such as OxyContin and Vicodin)

Fentanyl (a synthetic opioid 50–100 times more potent than morphine)

Heroin (an illegal drug)

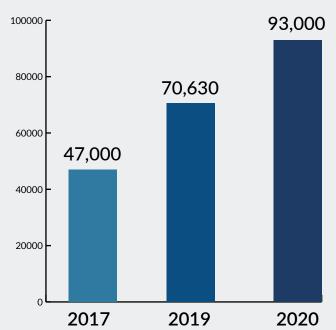


TOP 5 STATES FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS



California | Florida | Pennsylvania | Ohio | New York

OPIOID DEATHS BY YEAR (prescription opioids, fentanyl, and heroin)



21% to 29%

of patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain misuse them



8% to 12%

of people using an opioid for chronic pain develop an opioid use disorder



4% to 6%

who misuse prescription opioids transition to heroin



About 80%

who use heroin first misused prescription opioids



2017

1.7 million suffered from substance abuse disorder from prescription opioid use

2019

\$78.5 billion Economic burden

- > Healthcare costs
- Lost productivity
- ▶ Addiction treatment
- ➤ Criminal justice involvement

2020

Highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period

Source: www.drugabuse.gov