



STATE FACTS



3,814 DEATHS

or 80% of total overdose deaths involved opioids in 2021.(1)



308,585 PEOPLE

or 29% of Medicare beneficiaries in Tennessee received opioids through Medicare Part D in 2021. (2, 3)



68.5 OPIOID RX

were written for every 100 persons in Tennessee in 2020.(4)



\$3,631 PER CAPITA

was spent on opioid use disorder overdoses in Tennessee in 2017.(5)

NATIONAL DATA



90%

of surgical patients receive an opioid prescription following surgery annually.(6)



12.1 MILLION

or nearly 25% of Medicare Part D beneficiaries received opioids in 2021.(3)



200,000

Medicare Part D beneficiaries received high amounts of opioids in 2021.(3)



\$1.5 TRILLION

was the cost of the opioid epidemic for the United States in 2020.(7)

OVER 110,000 DEATHS

from a drug-related overdose were reported in one year's time ending in December 2022. This is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period. (8)

NEARLY 84,000 PEOPLE

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TENNESSEE'S OPIOID CRISIS

and the impact on our VETERANS

STATE FACTS



227,759 VETERANS

in Tennessee's are enrolled in the VA health care system.(1)



UP TO 30%

of Tennessee's Veterans received an opioid prescription from a VA facility in 2018.(2)



\$2.2 BILLION

was spent on Veterans medical care in Tennessee in 2021. (2)

NATIONAL DATA



45%

higher rate of substance use disorder among Veterans than the general population. (3, 4)



494,000

Veterans misused opioids in 2020. (5)



53%

increase in Veteran drug overdose mortality rate from 2010-2019. (6)



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