

OPIOIDS: ARKANSAS DEATHS RISE, PRESCRIPTIONS STILL HIGH

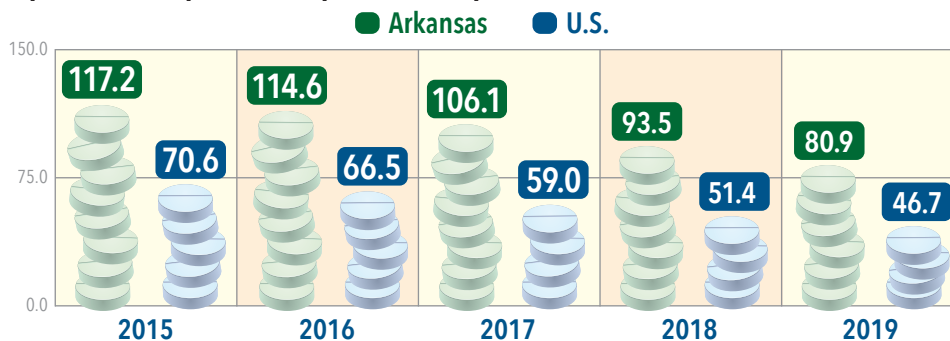
More than 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States from May 2019–May 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a single year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While overdose deaths were already growing, the data shows a continued rise during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹

Opioids seem to be the biggest problem. Opioids include heroin and drugs made in labs, such as fentanyl and prescription pain relievers, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine and others.²

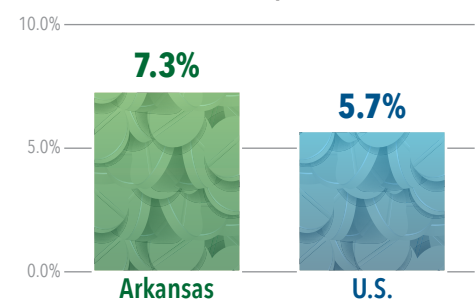
Arkansas Opioid-Related Deaths, 2015–2020^{3,4}



Opioid Prescription Rate per 100 People, Arkansas vs. U.S., 2015–2019⁵



Adults Taking Opioids for Non-medical Use, 2020⁶



WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DRUG USE?

If you or a family member have a problem with opioid abuse and dependence, treatment is available. Seek help.

Contact CHCA at **501-374-8225** to find the nearest health center that provides medication assisted treatment (MAT).

You can also visit the Arkansas Drug Director's website to find a MAT location near you, by visiting <https://bit.ly/2OVlxMs> and **clicking on the MAT Providers tab** at the top right.

SOURCES: 1: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p1218-overdose-deaths-covid-19.html> • 2: <https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/prevention/index.html> • 3: <https://afmc-analytics.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=2977d338de974451af5ce8ff24d2a30c> • 4: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999–2019 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2020. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999–2019, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Accessed at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10.html>. • 5: <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/maps/rxrate-maps.html> • 6: https://www.america'shealthrankings.org/explore/annual/measure/drug_use/state/AR

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