



Opioid Use in Montana

	United States	Montana
Opioid drug overdose death rate (age-adjusted per 100,000 people) ¹	10.2 2016	2.3 2017
Opioid prescriptions filled per 100 people ²	59 2017	61 2017
Percent of high school students who reported having ever taken a prescription pain medicine that was not prescribed to them, or used it differently than how it was prescribed ³	14% 2017	14% 2017

Key Points:

- From 2015 to 2017, 345 Montanans died from a drug overdose. 86 of these drug overdose deaths (25%) were due to opioids.¹
- Unlike national trends, Montana's death rate for opioid overdose has declined since peaking in 2009, from a rate of 9.0 deaths per 100,000 people to 2.3 in 2017.¹
- 43,000 Montanans aged 12 years and older were estimated to misuse opioid medication in 2015-2016.⁴
- \$5 million was charged by Montana hospitals for opioid related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in 2017.⁵



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