# Heroin Use in Montana

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<td>Heroin-related overdose death rate&lt;sup&gt;*&lt;/sup&gt; (per 100,000 people)&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>4.4 2019</td>
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<td>Percent of high school students who have ever used heroin&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>1.8% 2019</td>
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<td>Number of criminal violations involving heroin&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>710,812 2019</td>
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### Key Points:
- Heroin-related overdose deaths have increased dramatically in recent years compared to the previous decade. The number of heroin-related overdose deaths increased from an average of three per year in 2008-2017 to over 20 per year, on average, in 2018-2019.<sup>4</sup>
- Approximately 3,800 Montanans aged 12 years and older used heroin in the last year in 2018-2019.<sup>5</sup>
- Montana’s criminal violations involving heroin has increased 180%, from 122 in 2015 to 342 in 2019.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>*Age-adjusted rate</sup>
Data Sources:


5. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2018-2019