



Heroin Use in Montana

	United States	Montana
Number of deaths by heroin overdose	15,469 2016 ¹	7 2017 ²
Number of criminal violations involving heroin ³	55,754 2017	218 2017
Percent of high school students who have ever used heroin ⁴	1.7% 2017	1.7% 2017

Key Points:

- Between 2010 and 2015, criminal violations involving heroin increased by 1,557% in Montana.³
- In 2015-2016, approximately 3,000 Montanans aged 18 years and older reported having used heroin within the past year.⁵
- Montana's percentage of high school students who have ever used heroin has declined since peaking at 4% in 2001 to 1.7% in 2017.⁴
- \$314,000 were charged by Montana hospitals for heroin-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in 2017.⁶



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