

# THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

## By the Numbers



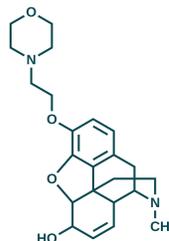
**10.1 Million**

people misused prescription opioids in the past year.



**70,630**

People died from a drug overdose in 2019.



**1.6 mill.**

had an opioid use disorder in the past year.



**2 mill.**

people used methamphetamine for the first time this year.



**1.6 mill.**

people misused prescription pain relievers for the first time.



**48,006**

deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids other than methadone.



**14,480**

deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin.

SOURCES: 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2020, NCHS Data Brief No. 394, December 2020, and NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Provisional drug overdose death counts.