



# The Opioid Epidemic in the U.S.

In 2015...



## 12.5 million

People misused prescription opioids<sup>1</sup>



## 2.1 million

People misused prescription opioids for the first time<sup>1</sup>



## 33,091

People died from overdosing on opioids<sup>2</sup>



## 2 million

People had prescription opioid use disorder<sup>1</sup>



## 15,281

Deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed opioids<sup>2,3</sup>



## 828,000

People used heroin<sup>1</sup>



## 9,580

Deaths attributed to overdosing on synthetic opioids<sup>2,5</sup>



## 135,000

People used heroin for the first time<sup>1</sup>



## 12,989

Deaths attributed to overdosing on heroin<sup>2,4</sup>



## \$78.5 billion

In economic costs (2013 data)<sup>6</sup>

**Sources:** <sup>1</sup> 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (SAMHSA), <sup>2</sup> MMWR, 2016; 65(50-51):1445-1452 (CDC), <sup>3</sup> Prescription Overdose Data (CDC), <sup>4</sup> Heroin Overdose Data (CDC), <sup>5</sup> Synthetic Opioid Data (CDC), <sup>6</sup> The Economic Burden of Prescription Opioid Overdose, Abuse, and Dependence in the United States, 2013. Florence CS, Zhou C, Luo F, Xu L. Med Care. 2016 Oct;54(10):901-6