



Opioid Use in Montana

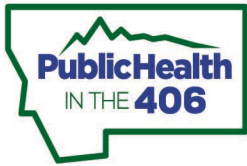
	United States	Montana
Annual opioid drug overdose death-rate* (per 100,000 people) ¹	14.2 2019	4.8 2019
Opioid prescriptions filled (per 100 people) ²	46.7 2019	48.2 2019
Percent of high school students who reported having ever taken a prescription pain medicine that was not prescribed to them, or used it differently than how it was prescribed ³	14% 2019	13% 2019

Key Points:

- From 2017 to 2019, 374 Montanans died from a drug overdose. 105 of these drug overdose deaths (28%) were due to opioids.⁴
- Montana's opioid-related overdose death rate has declined since peaking in 2009, from a rate of 9.0 to 2.3 deaths per 100,000 people in 2017. However, there was an increase in 2019 to 4.8 deaths per 100,000 people.⁴
- Approximately 38,600 Montanans aged 12 years and older misused opioid medications in the last year in 2018-2019.⁵
- \$1.4 million were charged by Montana hospitals for opioid related hospitalization and emergency department visits in 2019.⁶

*Age-adjusted rate

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Data Sources:

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