

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

America in Crisis



116 people died every day from opioid-related drug overdoses



11.5 million people

misused prescription opioids¹



948,000 people used heroin¹



15,469 deaths attributed to heroin overdose²



\$504 billion

in economic costs³



17,087 deaths attributed to overdosing on commonly prescribed prescriptions²

SOURCES: ¹ 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, ² Mortality in the United States, 2016 NCHS Data Brief No. 293, December 2017, ³ CEA Report: The underestimated cost of the opioid crisis, 2017

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