Montana's Opioid Crisis

How the opioid epidemic has continued to impact the people of Montana

VOICES FOR NON-OPIOID CHOICES

STATE FACTS

164 DEATHS
were attributed to a drug overdose between January 2020 and January 2021.[1]

A 17.9% INCREASE
in overdose deaths was reported between January 2019 and January 2021.[2]

54 OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS
were written for every 100 persons in Montana in 2018.[3]

NATIONAL DATA

3.75 MILLION
or 9.2% of patients go on to long-term opioid use after a low-risk surgery (e.g. inguinal hernia repair, knee arthroscopy.) [4]

80 PILLS
is the average amount of opioids that patients receive after orthopedic surgery whether they need them or not. [5]

9.7 MILLION
people misused prescription pain relievers in 2019.[6]

OVER 95,000 DEATHS
from a drug-related overdose were reported in one year's time ending in January 2021. This is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a 12-month period.[7]

OVER 71,000 PEOPLE
died of an opioid overdose between January 2020 and 2021 — **44.3% more** people than the estimated number of motor-vehicle fatalities in 2020.[8,9]

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