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Delaware's Opioid Crisis

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

State Facts

287 Deaths

or **80.6% of all overdose deaths** in the year ending April 2025 involved opioids.[1]

187,662 Claims

or 3.9% of all Medicare Part D claims were for opioids in 2023 - an average of **43 per prescriber**.[2]

39.5 Opioid Prescriptions

were written for every 100 persons in Delaware in 2023.[3]

$13.3 Billion

the estimated total societal cost of opioid use disorder (OUD) in Delaware in 2024.[4]

National Data

90%

of surgical patients receive an opioid prescription following surgery annually.[5]

7.6 Million

people misused prescription opioids in 2024.[6]

1.2 Million

Medicare beneficiaries suffered from OUD in 2023. **53,165 experienced an opioid overdose.**[7]

$1.5 Trillon

the estimated cost of the opioid crisis, with Medicare shouldering $33 billion.[8]

Over 48,000 Americans

died from an opioid-related overdose between April 2024 and April 2025[9] –

66% of all drug overdose deaths.

That translates to approximately

133 lives lost every day

in the United States due to an opioid-related drug overdose.[9]

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