



# Mississippi's Opioid Crisis

*How the opioid epidemic has continued to impact the people of Mississippi*

**VOICES  
FOR NON-OPIOD  
CHOICES**

## State Facts



### 228 Deaths

or **54% of all overdose deaths** in the year ending February 2026 involved opioids.<sup>1</sup>

### Rx

### Over 772,000

or 4% of all Medicare Part D claims were for opioids in 2024 - an average of **71 per prescriber**.<sup>2</sup>



### Over 2.3 Million

opioid prescriptions were dispensed in Mississippi in 2025 - an average of 6,310 every day.<sup>3</sup>



### \$25 Billion

the estimated total societal cost of opioid use disorder (OUD) to the state in 2024.<sup>4</sup>

## National Data



### 90%

of surgical patients receive an opioid prescription following surgery annually.<sup>5</sup>



### 3 out of 4

illicit users initiated their habit with prescription opioids.<sup>6</sup>



### 1.2 Million

Medicare beneficiaries suffered from OUD in 2023. **53,165 experienced an opioid overdose**.<sup>7</sup>



### \$2 Trillion

the estimated cost of the opioid crisis<sup>8</sup>, with Medicare shouldering \$33 billion.<sup>9</sup>

## Over 42,000 Americans

died from an opioid-related overdose between February 2025 and February 2026<sup>10</sup>

**63% of all drug overdose deaths.**

That translates to approximately

## 117 lives lost every day

in the United States due to an opioid-related drug overdose.<sup>10</sup>

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