



# South Carolina's Opioid Crisis

*How the opioid epidemic has continued to impact the people of South Carolina*

## State Facts



**1,864 Deaths**

or 81% of total overdose deaths involved opioids in 2022.<sup>1</sup>

**Rx**

**1,173,184 Claims**

or 4.4% of all Medicare Part D claims were for opioids in 2022 - an average of **58 per prescriber**.<sup>2</sup>



**48.4 Opioid Prescriptions**

were written for every 100 persons in South Carolina in 2023.<sup>3</sup>



**15,584 Beneficiaries**

on Medicare Part D had Opioid Use Disorder in 2022.<sup>4</sup>

## National Data



**90%**

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



**194,447**

Medicare Part D beneficiaries received "high" or "extreme" amounts of prescription opioids in 2022.<sup>6</sup>



**1.1 million**

Medicare beneficiaries suffered from Opioid Use Disorder in 2022.<sup>6</sup>



**\$33 billion**

was the estimated cost to the Medicare program of Opioid Use Disorder in 2022.<sup>7</sup>

**Over 81,000 Americans**

died from an opioid-related drug overdose in 2023 - **79% of all overdoses** in 2023.<sup>8, 9</sup>

**222 Americans Everyday**

were lost due to an opioid-related drug overdose in 2023.<sup>8</sup>

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