Nevada's Opioid Crisis

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

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State Facts

836 Deaths

or **66% of all overdose deaths** in the year ending February 2026 involved opioids.[1]

Over 547,000

or 4% of all Medicare Part D claims were for opioids in 2024 - an average of **51 per prescriber.**[2]

38 Opioid Prescriptions

were written for every 100 persons in Nevada in 2024.[3]

$47.1 Billion

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

National Data

90%

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

3 out of 4

illicit users initiated their habit with prescription opioids.[6]

1.2 Million

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

$2 Trillon

the estimated cost of the opioid crisis[8], with Medicare shouldering $33 billion.[9]

Over 42,000 Americans

died from an opioid-related overdose between February 2025 and February 2026[10]

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.[10]

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