



# Wyoming's Opioid Crisis

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

**VOICES  
FOR NON-OPIOD  
CHOICES**

## State Facts



**44 Deaths**

or **51% of all overdose deaths** in the year ending February 2026 involved opioids.<sup>1</sup>

**Rx**

**Over 98,000**

or 4.5% of all Medicare Part D claims were for opioids in 2024 - an average of **44 per prescriber**.<sup>2</sup>



**41.7 Opioid Prescriptions**

were written for every 100 persons in Wyoming in 2024.<sup>3</sup>



**\$3.9 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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