

OPIOID FACTS IN TENNESSEE

STATES WITH THE HIGHEST OPIOID PRESCRIBING RATES PER 100 PEOPLE IN 2016:

Alabama (121.0)
Arkansas (114.6)
Tennessee (107.5)
Mississippi (105.6)
Louisiana (98.1)

70,000 NUMBER OF TENNESSEANS ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS

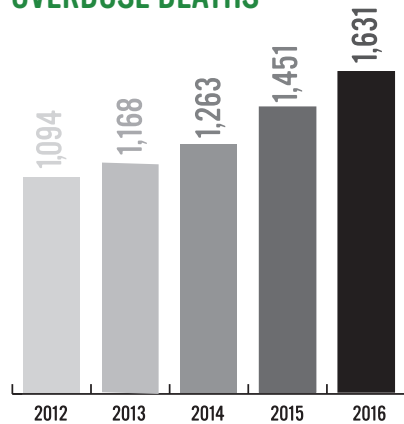
(Tennessee State Department of
Mental Health and Substance
Abuse Services)

In 2016, more than
7.6 million painkiller
prescriptions
were written in
Tennessee; the
state's estimated
population was
6.72 million.

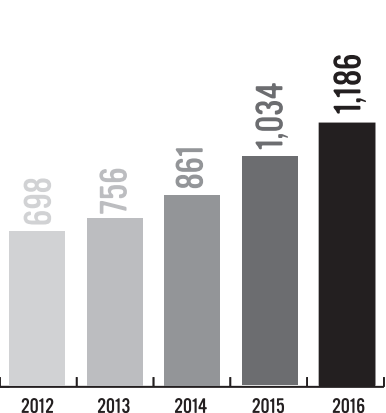
In 2016, there
were **1,631** drug
overdose deaths in
Tennessee – **1,186**
were from opioids.

OPIOIDS, NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC, INCLUDE:

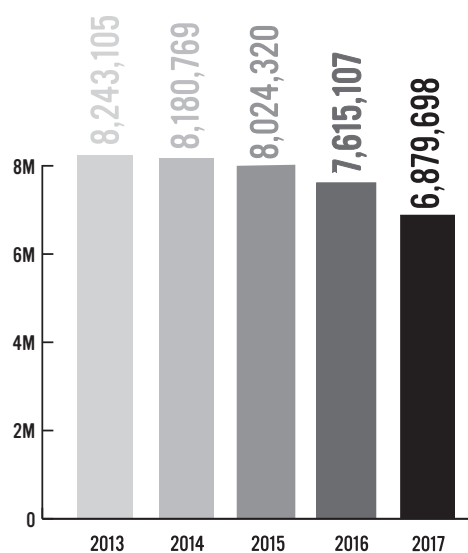
TENNESSEE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS



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PAINKILLER PRESCRIPTIONS IN TENNESSEE



TENNESSEE HOUSE BILL 1831/ SENATE BILL 2257

signed by Gov. Bill Haslam on May 21, 2018, limits the duration and dosage of opioid prescriptions for new patients, with exceptions. With initial opioid prescriptions limited to a three-day supply, Tennessee now has one of the strictest and most aggressive opioid policies in the nation.

The 2018-2019 Tennessee budget included **\$2 million** for the UTHSC Center for Addiction Science to help fight the opioid crisis.

\$2 billion
cost to Tennessee
for substance abuse

\$46 MILLION
for babies born in the state with
neonatal abstinence syndrome

\$422.5 MILLION
for hospitalizations associated
with opioid abuse

\$122.6 MILLION
adult incarceration for drug- and
alcohol-related offenses

\$1.29 BILLION
lost income from having estimated
1 percent out of the workforce

Source: Teresa Waters, Chair of Preventive Medicine
at UT Health Science Center

OPIUM, MORPHINE, CODEINE, HEROIN, HYDROCODONE (VICODIN), OXYCODONE (PERCOCET), FENTANYL, METHADONE

International Narcotics
Control Board reported
Americans consumed
99.1 percent of the
world's hydrocodone
and **72.9 percent** of
the world's oxycodone
in 2016.

In October 2017,
President Donald
Trump declared the
opioid crisis a public
health emergency.

In March 2018,
Congress allocated
nearly **\$4 billion**
for treatment,
prevention and
law enforcement.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 42,000

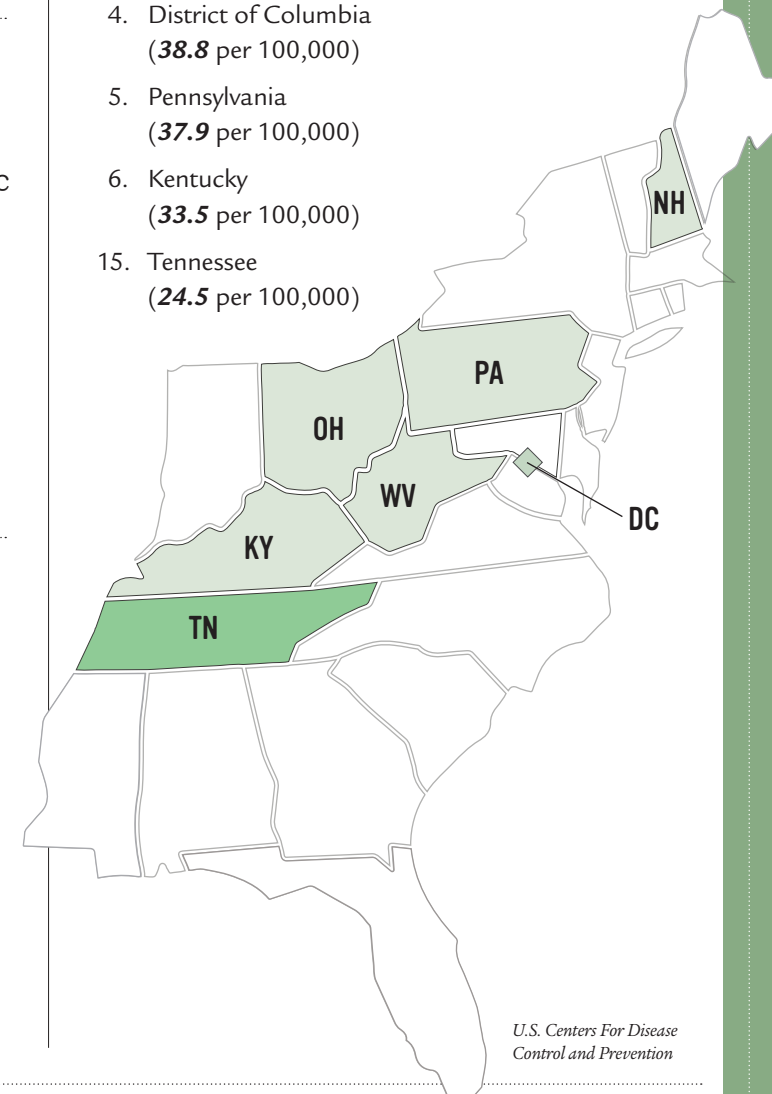
Americans died from
opioid overdoses in
2016, more than the
37,400 who died in
car crashes or the
38,500 who died
from gun violence
that year.

Tennessee counties ranked in nation's top 50 for opioids prescribed per capita using morphine mg equivalents in 2015

3.	Campbell County	3,304.3	23.	Fentress County	2,258.5
7.	Claiborne County	2,807.6	34.	Anderson County	2,102.8
8.	Clay County	2,797.6	35.	Smith County	2,102.5
9.	Pickett County	2,742.4	39.	Grundy County	2,040.6
15.	Henry County	2,492	41.	DeKalb County	2,035.2
19.	Trousdale County	2,428.2	44.	Hamblen County	1,976.8
20.	Cocke County	2,349	50.	Sequatchie County	1,918.9

2016 STATES WITH HIGHEST RATES OF DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

1. West Virginia
(**52** deaths per 100,000 persons)
2. Ohio
(**39.1** per 100,000)
3. New Hampshire
(**39** per 100,000)
4. District of Columbia
(**38.8** per 100,000)
5. Pennsylvania
(**37.9** per 100,000)
6. Kentucky
(**33.5** per 100,000)
15. Tennessee
(**24.5** per 100,000)



U.S. Centers For Disease
Control and Prevention

IN THE UNITED STATES more than

115 PEOPLE
die each day after
overdosing on opioids

21 - 29 PERCENT
of patients prescribed opioids
for chronic pain misuse them

8 - 12 PERCENT
of patients prescribed opioids
become addicted

4 - 6 PERCENT
of people addicted to
opioids begin using heroin

80 PERCENT
of people who use heroin first
abused prescription opioids

30 PERCENT
increase from 2016 to 2017 in
opioid overdoses in 52 areas
in 45 states

National Institute on Drug Abuse

U.S. Centers For Disease Control

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