

# THE OPIOID CRISIS

## BY THE NUMBERS

### MORTALITIES

AN AVERAGE OF  
**174** Americans Die from drug overdose each day. <sup>1</sup>

**66,817** People Died from drug overdose for the 12 months ending June 2017. <sup>2</sup>

**16.3%** Increase in Overdose Deaths between June 2016, and June 2017. <sup>3</sup>

**21%** Increase in Drug Overdose Deaths between 2015, and 2016. <sup>4</sup>

**300,000** People reported using heroin in the past year. <sup>5</sup>



**26,500** Overdoses reversed by laypeople using naloxone from 1996, to 2014. <sup>6</sup>

**2 Million** Americans had a substance use disorder involving prescription pain relievers in 2015. <sup>7</sup>

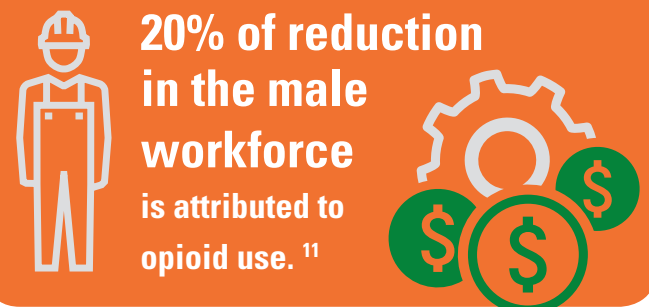
**92,107** Children in the foster care system in fiscal year 2016, whose removal from the home was associated with circumstances involving parents' drug abuse. <sup>8</sup>



The estimated opioid crisis cost was **\$504 Billion** in 2015. <sup>9</sup>

**2.8% of GDP** Percentage of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product associated with the cost of the opioid crisis. <sup>10</sup>

**20% of reduction in the male workforce** is attributed to opioid use. <sup>11</sup>



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