



Opioid Abuse Fact Sheet



What are Opioid Drugs?⁴

- Percocet
- OxyContin
- Vicodin
- Fentanyl
- Heroin

National Data⁵

115

People in the U.S. die every day from opioid overdose

\$78.5 BILLION

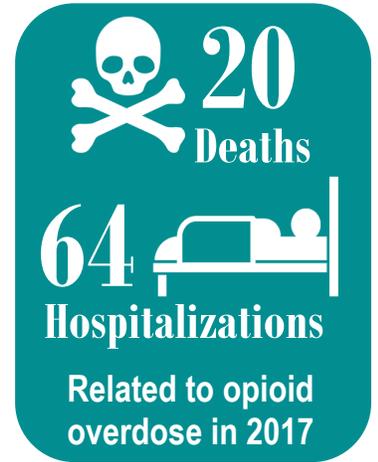
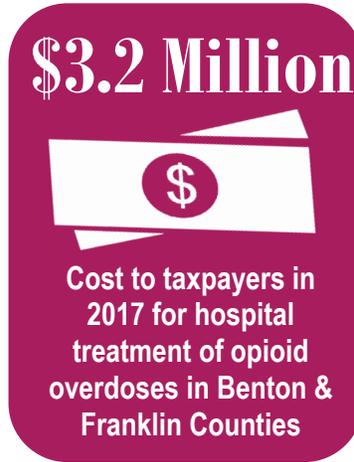
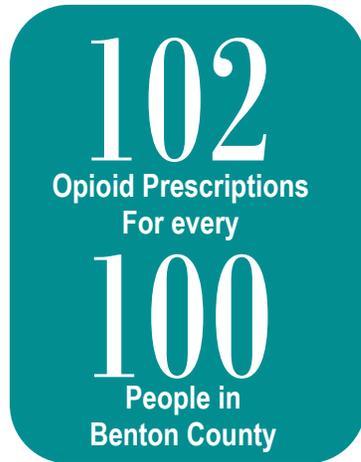
Estimated economic burden of prescription opioid misuse

80%

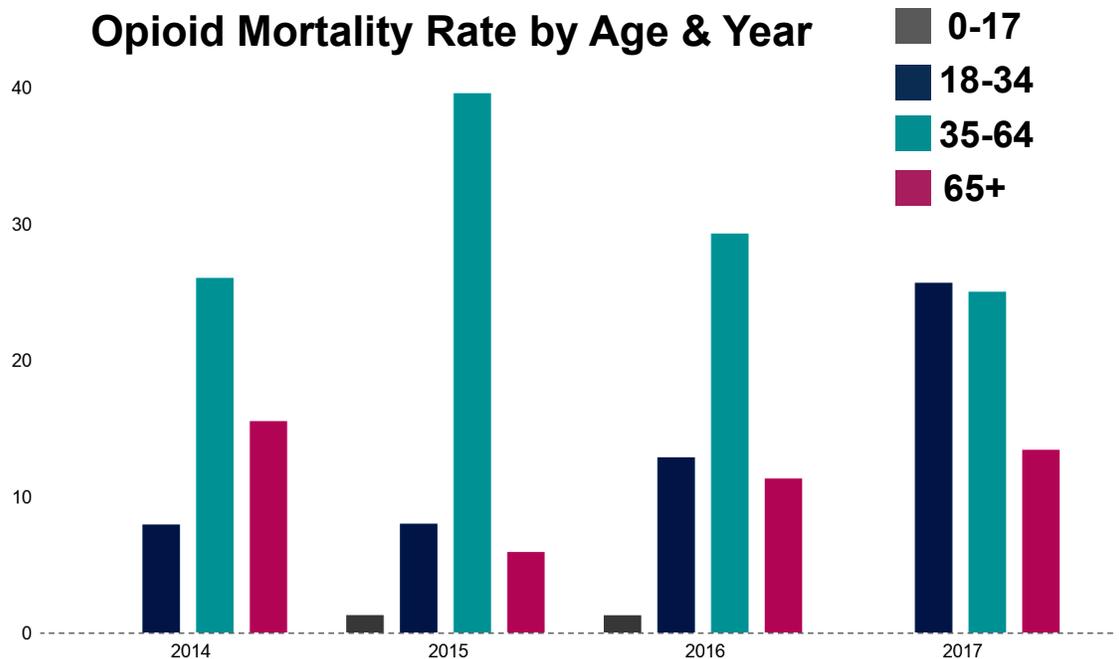
Of heroin users first misused prescription opioids

Benton-Franklin County Data^{1,2,3,7}

Opioid addiction is considered a chronic disease marked by uncontrollable, or obsessive, drug seeking and use, regardless of the negative consequences to one's life. Benton and Franklin Counties have been hit hard by the national opioid epidemic having higher than state numbers of prescribing rates, hospitalizations, and overdose deaths. In May 2017, the first Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) was opened in Pasco and is located in the health district building.



Opioid Mortality Rate by Age & Year



Services and Resources

What Can Help⁶

Opioid abuse is a multi-faceted problem that requires more than one solution. Due to this, the 2018 Washington State Opioid Response Plan outlines multiple goals and strategies that have been shown to impact opioid abuse, overdoses, and deaths. Some of these strategies include:

Access to Treatment



Alternative Pain Relief Methods



Overdose Reversal Drugs



Syringe Exchange Programs



Improve data monitoring



Did You Know?⁸

Syringe Exchange Programs:

- Reduce disease transmission
- Prevent dirty needles in the community
- Do NOT increase crime
- Connect people with treatment services

Services & Resources:

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Providers:

Ideal Options: Kennewick, WA. 877.522.1275

Lynx Healthcare: Kennewick, WA. 509.591.0070

Support & Counseling Services:

WA State Community Resources: Dial 2-1-1 (healthcare, mental health, housing, food, legal aid, domestic violence, etc.)

Narcotics Anonymous: Tri-Cities area. 833.437.3480

Blue Mountain Heart to Heart Syringe Exchange: 509.529.4744

Merit Resource Services: Kennewick, WA. 509.579.0738

First Step Community Counseling Services: Kennewick, WA. 509.735.6900

Somerset Counseling Center: Richland, WA. 509.942.1624

Lourdes Desert Hope: Pasco, WA. 509.547.9000

Hotlines:

Washington Recovery Hotline: 866.789.1511

Alcohol Drug Helpline: 206.725.9696

24-Hour Crisis Line: 866.4.CRISIS (866.427.4747)

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