

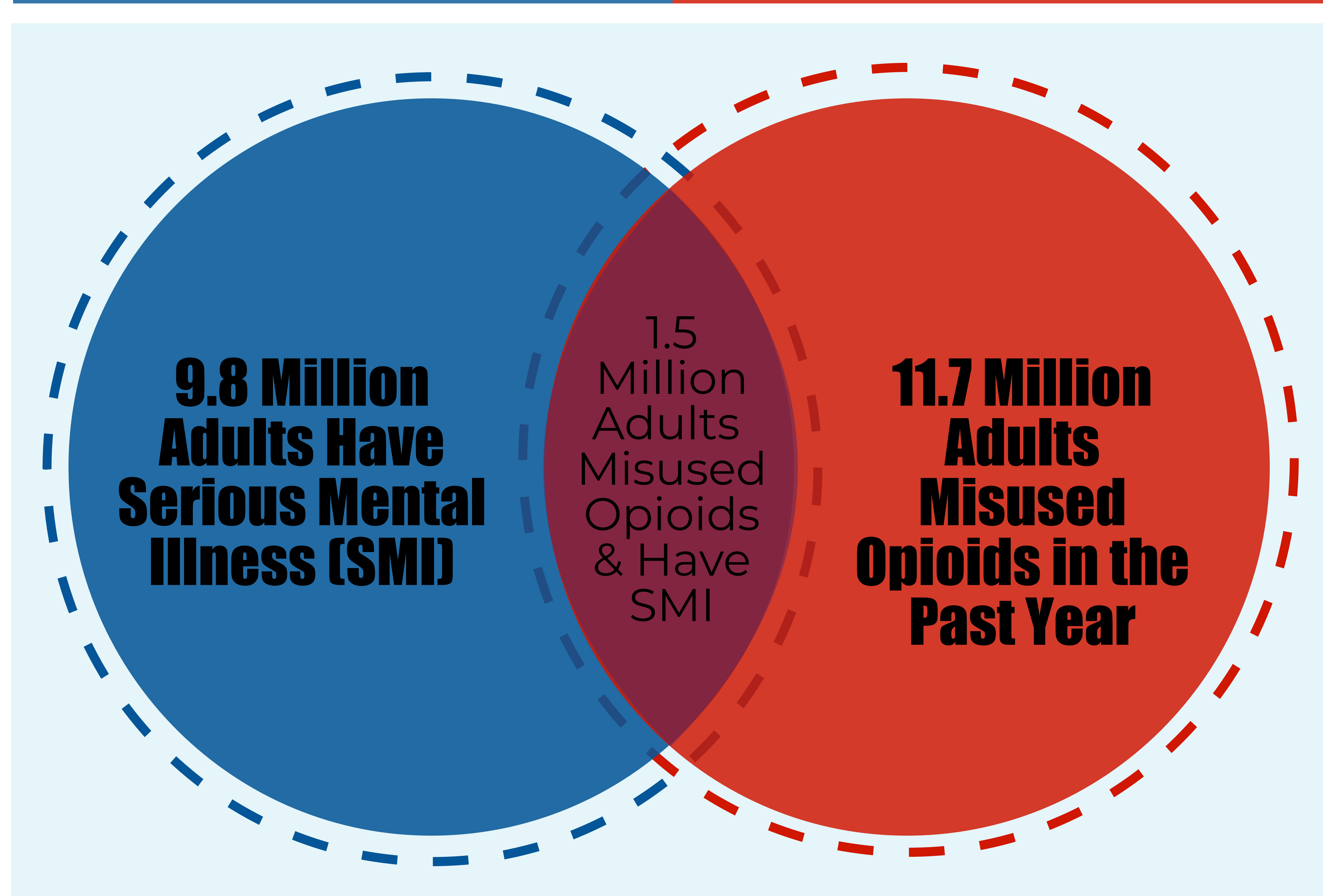
# THE OPIOID CRISIS POLICY SERIES: SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM



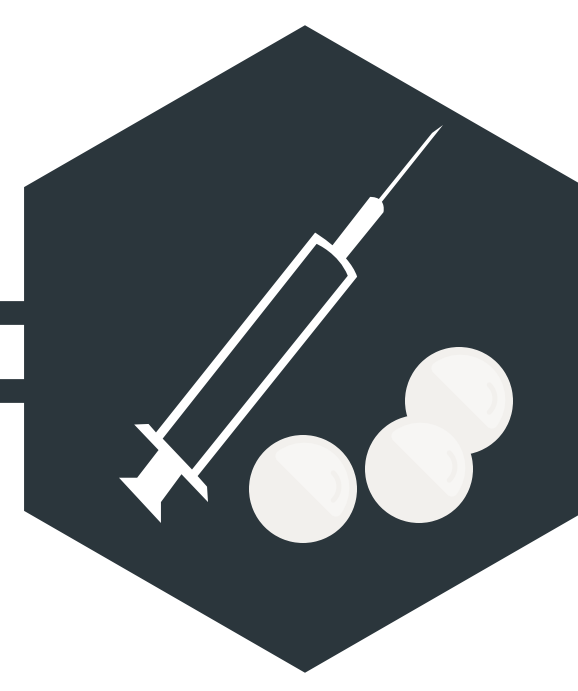
## SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

### How Many People Misuse Opioids?

- About 11.7 million adults in the U.S. misused opioids in the past year. This is 4.8% of the population.
- In comparison, 9.8 million adults have serious mental illnesses.
- Click here to learn more about the number of Americans with mental illnesses who are misusing opioids.
- About 1.5 million adults have both serious mental illness and opioid misuse.
- Put another way, 1 out of every 8 adults who misuse opioids also have a serious mental illness. And, 1 in 7 adults with serious mental illness also misuse opioids.



On average, 115 people die of an opioid overdose each day in the United States. Read more about opioid overdoses here.

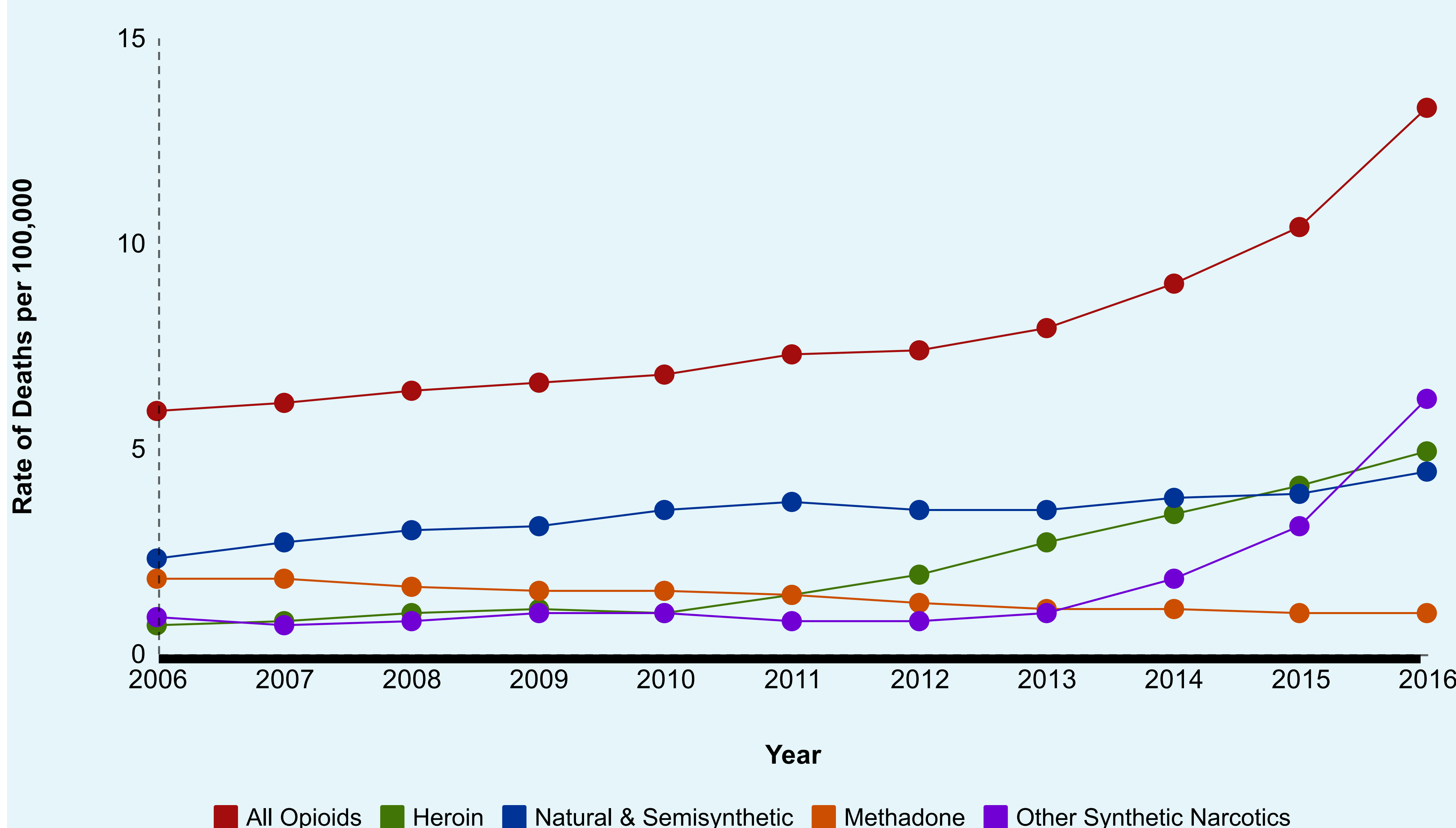


## OPIOID-RELATED DEATHS

### How Many People Die from Opioid Overdoses?

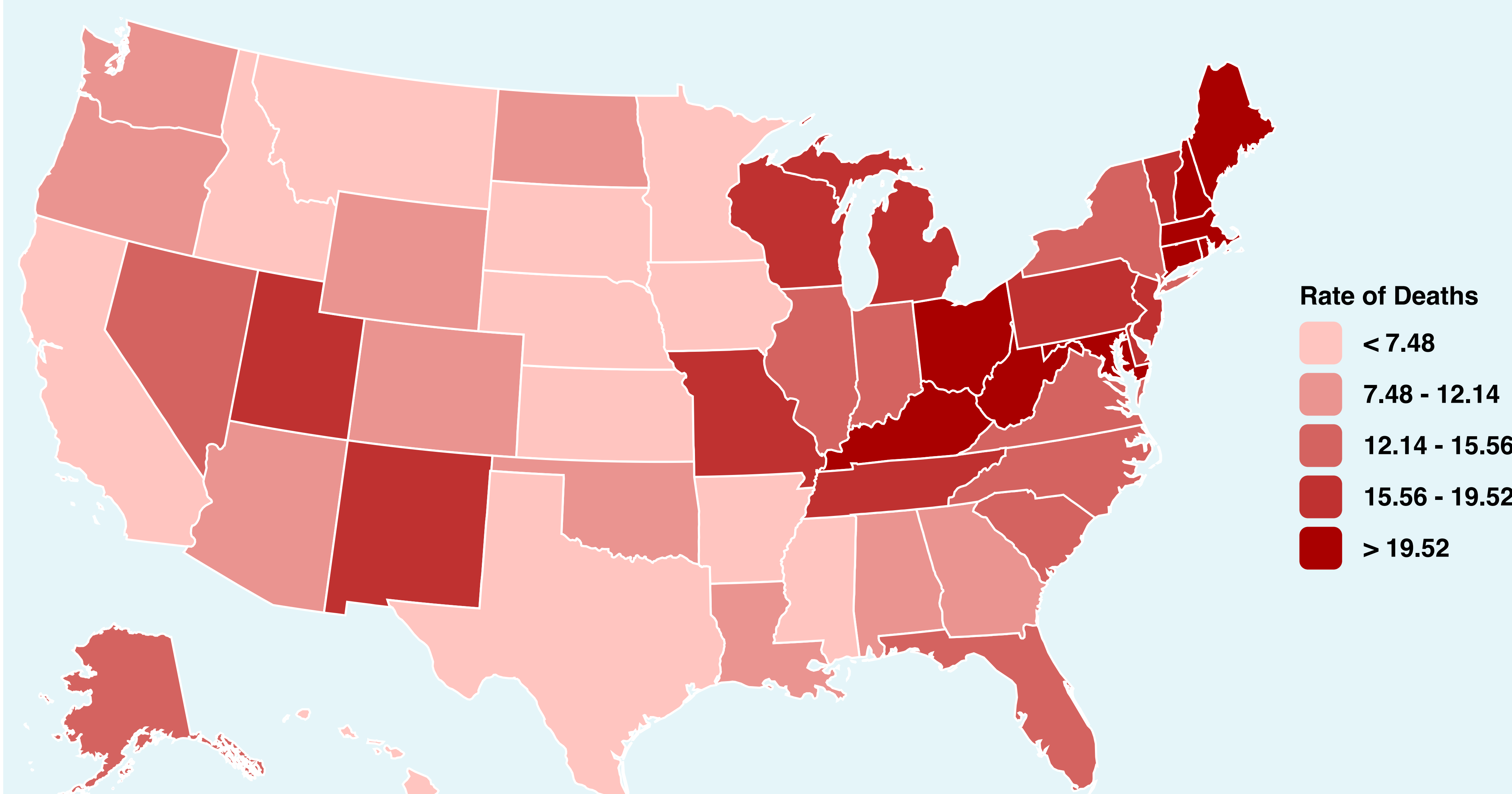
- Forty-two thousand people died of opioid overdoses in the U.S. in 2016.
- Overall, the rate of opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 people has more than doubled from 5.9 in 2006 to 13.3 in 2016.
- Among all opioids, heroin overdoses have the highest rate of deaths at 4.9 per 100,000.
- The graph below shows that the rate of overdose deaths related to heroin and synthetic narcotics has rapidly increased over the past five years.

### Age-Adjusted Rate of Opioid Overdose Deaths in the United States: 2006 to 2016



Source: Hedegaard H, Warner M, Miniño AM. Drug overdose deaths in the United States, 1999–2016. NCHS Data Brief, no 294. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics; 2017.

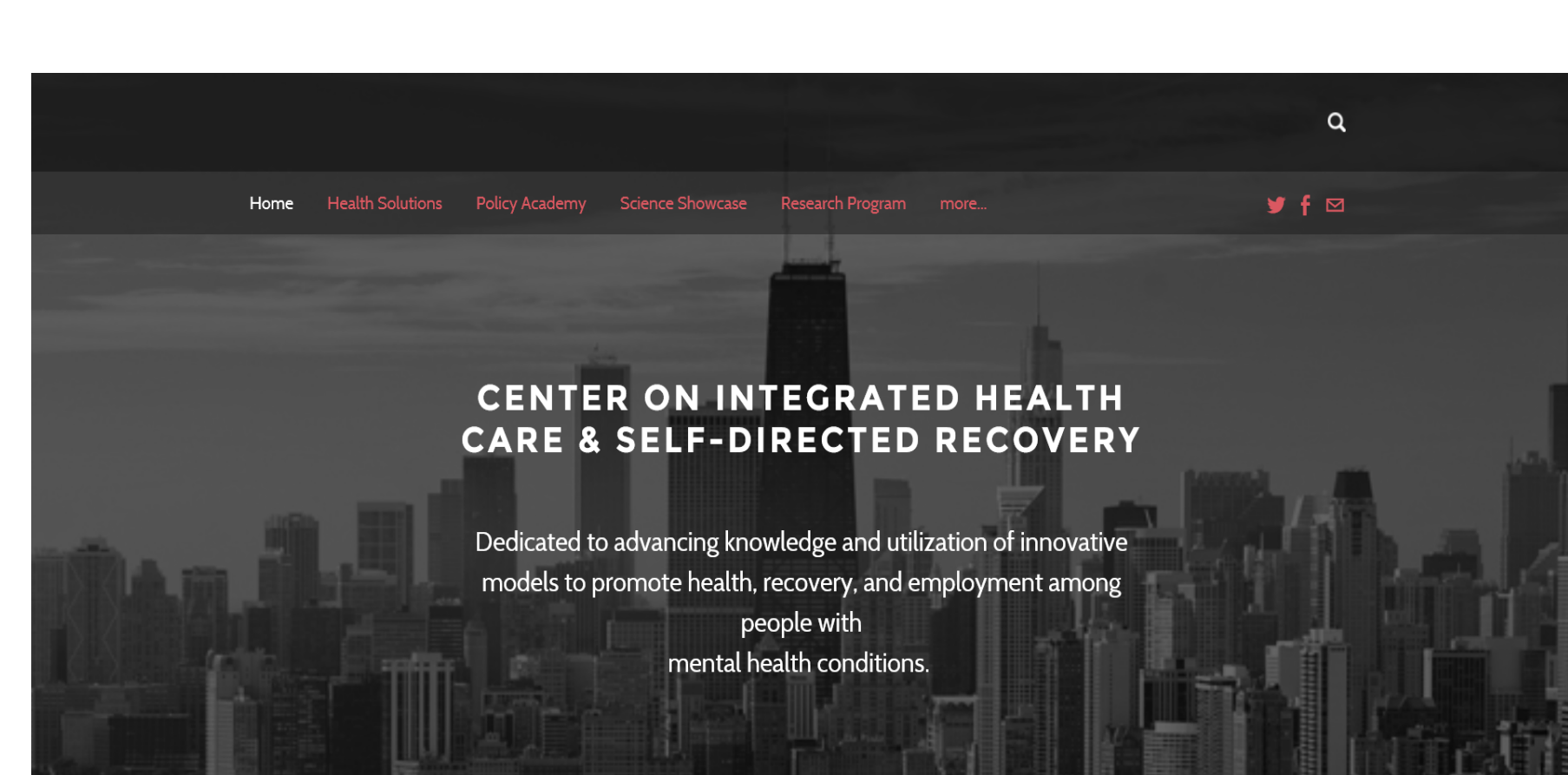
### Age-Adjusted Rate of Opioid Overdose Deaths per 100,000 by State, 2016



Map Source: Center on Integrated Health Care & Self Directed Recovery, 2018  
Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2016 on CDC WONDER Online Database. Drug overdose deaths involving opioids are identified using ICD-10 codes for underlying cause of death: X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, and Y10-Y14, and multiple cause of death codes: T40.0-T40.4, T40.6.

Click here to learn more about opioid-related overdose deaths.

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