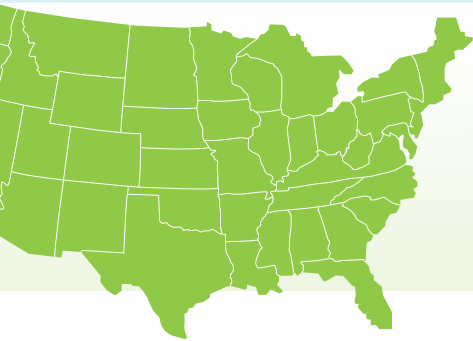


FACTS AND FIGURES



1 | Addiction is a **disease of the brain** and the most severe form of a substance use disorder.¹



Approximately **20 million** Americans suffer from substance use disorders.²

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3 | **1 in 7** people will struggle with substance use during their life.³



In 2017, **70,237** people - **192 people** a day - died of drug overdoses in America.⁴

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Opioids were involved in **68%** of overdose deaths in 2017.⁵

This **10% increase** over 2016 was driven largely by the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl.⁶



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In 2017, only about **12%** of the people who needed specialty substance use disorder treatment received it.⁷



Every dollar invested in addiction treatment programs yields a return of between **\$4 and \$7** in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and healthcare costs.⁸

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Addiction is preventable. A key element in preventing substance use disorders is **delaying the age** when use begins.⁹



Approximately **23.5 million** people in America are in recovery from a substance use disorder.¹⁰

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