

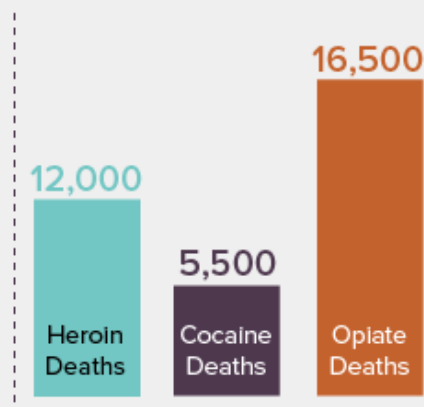
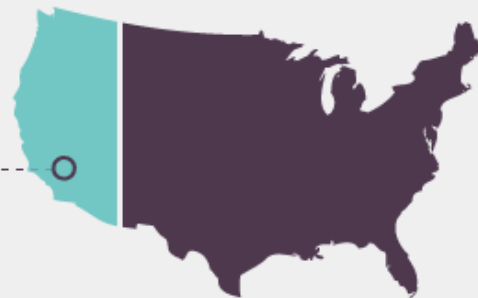
# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE



One hundred people die every day in this country from accidental drug overdoses

- **48 million people** in the U.S. ages 12+ are taking prescription drugs for non-medical purposes

That's 20% of the U.S. population!



Every year more than **16,500** people in the U.S. die from prescription opiates

These deaths exceed those from heroin and cocaine **combined**

- > In 2012, **2.6 million** Americans had an opioid addiction
- > Opiates are **highly addictive**
- > A death occurs every **19 minutes**

