

HOPE Agenda

Heroin, Opioid Prevention & Education



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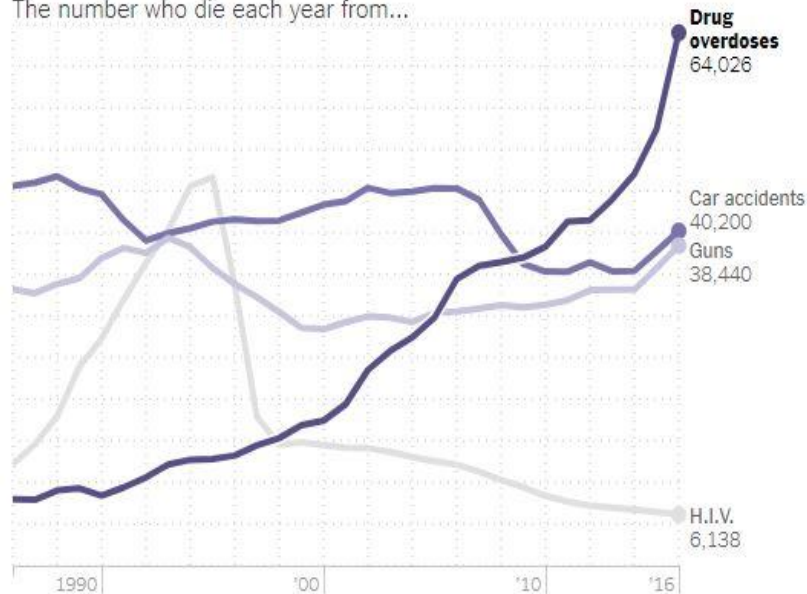
The Growing Epidemic in Wisconsin



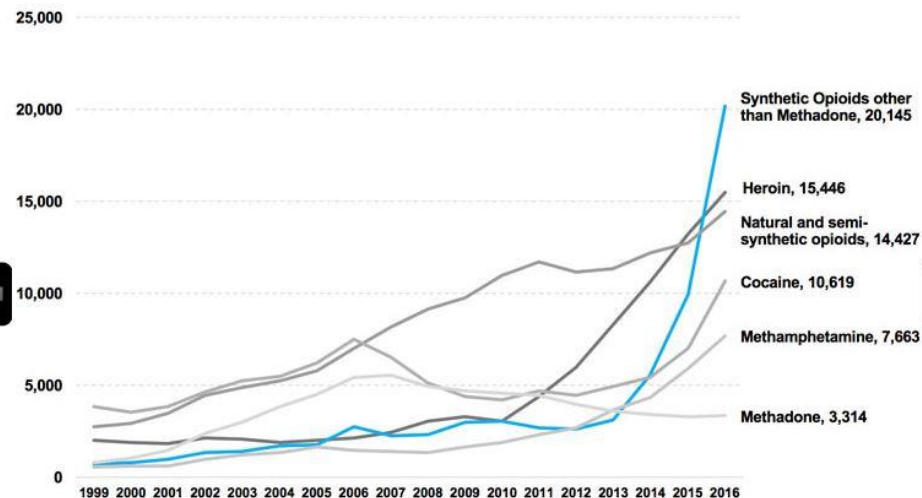
- Heroin and prescription opioid cases have been spiking in the last few years in Wisconsin. It is now considered an epidemic.
- This epidemic affects big cities as well as smaller communities.
- Rural areas are also at risk. These areas are less equipped to handle this problem than larger cities like Milwaukee and Madison.
- The heroin and opioid epidemic has become a problem that has increased crime statewide and shocked entire communities.

Statistics

The number who die each year from...



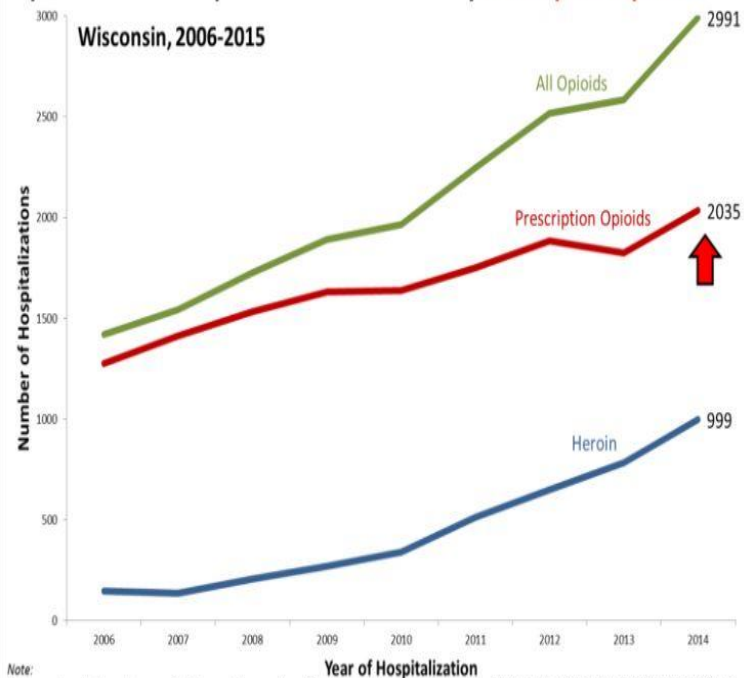
Drugs Involved in U.S. Overdose Deaths, 2000 to 2016



Drugs Involved in U.S. Overdose Deaths* - Among the more than 64,000 drug overdose deaths estimated in 2016, the sharpest increase occurred among deaths related to fentanyl and fentanyl analogs (synthetic opioids) with over 20,000 overdose deaths. Source: CDC WONDER

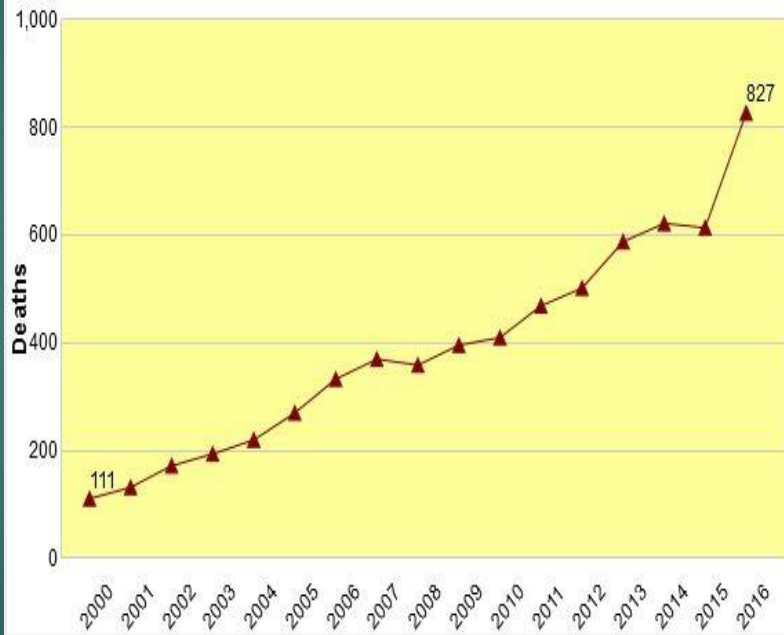
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Opioid-Related Hospitalizations Are Driven by Prescription Opioids.

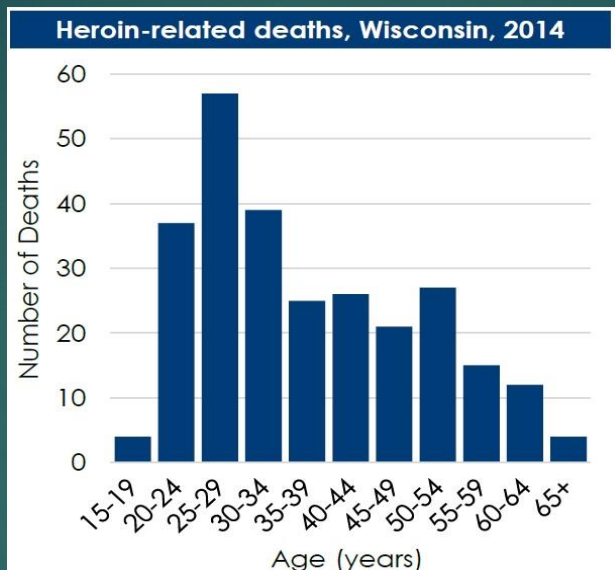


Source: Wisconsin Division of Public Health: Office of Health Informatics, Opioid Harm Prevention Program

Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Deaths 2000-2016



Statistics



Source: Office of Health Informatics, Wis. Department of Health Services

Median age 34 years old

67% completed high school or less

75% male

80% white

87% unmarried

88% died at home

HOPE Agenda: The Introduction

- In 2013, Rep. Nygren introduced seven bills that laid the foundation for the HOPE Agenda.
- During the 2015-16 Legislative session, Rep. Nygren offered 10 additional bills as a continuation of his HOPE Agenda.
- The bills target heroin addiction and the root of Wisconsin's epidemic: prescription drug abuse and addiction. **In the majority of cases, heroin addiction begins with an addiction to prescription medications.**
- Today, there are nearly 30 laws that make up the HOPE Agenda legislative package.



Our Hard Work Is Paying Off



- Data recently released by the Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is very promising.
- When comparing the 2017 April-June time period to the same months in 2016, 2017 saw 17.5 million fewer opioid dosages dispensed. This represents a 12% decrease from the previous year.
- This 12% decrease helps close the door to future addiction.

Partnership with Pew Charitable Trusts

- The Pew Charitable Trusts is an independent nonprofit, nonpartisan research and policy organization.
- The Pew Charitable Trusts chose Wisconsin to partner with to help address our state's opioid epidemic.
 - Provided Wisconsin with research and technical assistance.
- Provided the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse with 7 recommended policy reforms.

Pew Charitable Trusts Recommendations

- Recommendation 1)
 - Create an advisory body to advise the state on the potential to implement a state-wide “hub and spoke” treatment delivery system to coordinate and expand access to evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder.
- Recommendation 2)
 - Increase access to buprenorphine by expanding provider training during residency programs and removing barriers to patient access.
- Recommendation 3)
 - Evaluate Wisconsin’s substance abuse counselor (SAC) certification criteria and processes to ensure the state’s credentialing for behavioral health treatment for substance use disorder aligns with high quality treatment while avoiding duplicative educational and supervisory requirements to provide care.

Pew Charitable Trusts Recommendations Cont.

- Recommendation 4)
 - Facilitate effective substance use disorder treatment for pregnant women by removing barriers to evidence-based treatment.
- Recommendation 5)
 - Develop a comprehensive source of information on treatment providers that supports the initiation of care by either providers or people with substance use disorders.
- Recommendation 6)
 - Develop a standardized process to compile and maintain information about the number of people in Wisconsin that want, but that have not yet received, substance use disorder treatment, including uniform provider reporting requirements.
- Recommendation 7)
 - Improve the reentry process for individuals with substance use disorder by suspending and not terminating Medicaid enrollment upon entry into state correctional facilities, specifying at least one MCO per region that is designated to provide services for adults reentering the community, and establishing a method by which persons re-entering the community would be informed about which MCO will administer their Medicaid benefits upon release.

Partnership with Attorney General Brad Schimel

- Department of Justice in collaboration with Department of Health Services create the DOSE OF REALITY campaign.
- Aims at preventing prescription painkiller abuse in Wisconsin.
- Help facilitate drug take-back day in Wisconsin.
 - In 2017, 63,941 pounds of drugs were collected.
- Develop marketing and commercials to raise awareness on painkiller abuse.





Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse

- *Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch & State Rep. John Nygren*
Co-Chairs, Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse
- Launched in January 2017
- Executive Orders for Agency Action
- Special Session – 11 bills
- 2018 – 2 bills pending



Additional Information

- hope.wi.gov – Task Force Website
- legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/hope - Hope Agenda Website
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