



Overview

In 2017, there were 1,176 reported opioid-involved deaths in Indiana—a rate of 18.8 deaths per 100,000 persons, compared to the average national rate of 14.6 deaths per 100,000 persons. From 1999 through 2012, prescription opioids were the underlying cause of drug overdose deaths. By 2017, the main contributor of opioid-involved deaths shifted to synthetic opioids other than methadone (mainly fentanyl) with 649 reported cases—a nearly twentyfold increase from the 34 deaths reported in 2013 (Figure 1). The number of opioid deaths involving heroin doubled in the same 4-year period from 160 deaths to 327 deaths. Deaths involving prescription opioids also rose from 141 deaths in 2013 to 425 deaths in 2017. (Source: Opioid State Summaries, [NIH](#))

In 2017, the opioid epidemic caused an estimated \$4.3 billion in economic damages to the state. Of this, 24%, or just over \$1 billion, was from direct damages, such as costs associated with acute hospitalization, incarceration, NAS, and foster care. The remaining 76% (or more than \$3 billion) resulted from loss of productivity.

Prevention Infrastructure

The Single State Authority for Substance Abuse Services is the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) within the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration ([FSSA](#)).

Opioid Response Network (STR-TA)

In 2017, Indiana was awarded \$ 10.9 million/year for two years from the Opioid Response Network (ORN) STR-TA grant, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSA](#)) to combat the opioid crisis. Part of the 21st Century Cures Act, the ORN expands access to evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support services, www.attcnetwork.org/greatlakes

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reduces unmet treatment needs, and helps to prevent opioid overdose deaths. The grant runs until July 1, 2019. The ORN team stands ready to assist you. For more information, visit getstr-ta.org

Opioid Targeted Programs

Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC)

The [Great Lakes ATTC](#) is funded by SAMHSA to help community members and organizations implement effective practices for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services. The program serves IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI. Find out more: attcnetwork.org/greatlakes

NextLevel Recovery Indiana

[NextLevel Recovery](#) provides a convenient, user-friendly source of information on the opioid crisis, including prevention, treatment, and enforcement. Find out more at <https://www.in.gov/recovery/>

Opioid ECHO Project

The [Opioid ECHO](#) (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) project is a partnership between IN primary care providers and a team of specialists to improve the opioid use disorder treatment in rural and underserved areas. ECHO uses technology to help local clinicians provide best practice care for complex and chronic diseases. Find out more: <https://oudecho.iu.edu>

INSPECT

[INSPECT](#): a prescription drug monitoring program that provides reports on patient prescriptions, prescribers, and pharmacies. INSPECT helps address misuse & diversion of prescription medicines. Find out more at <https://www.in.gov/pla/inspect/>



Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

18 OTPs in IN are certified by the Indiana DMHA. With the opening of additional OTPs in 2019 nearly everyone in the state will be within a one-hour drive to an OTP. Visit www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4469.htm or click [here](#) for more information.

Indiana's Drug Take Back Programs

Find Indiana drug-take back programs: click [here](#), or visit <https://www.in.gov/idem/recycle/2343.htm>

[Click here](#) to use the Drug Disposal Locator Tool provided by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

Guidelines for Opioid Prescribing

Indiana [Guidelines](#) for Opioid Prescribing in the Emergency Department.

Opioid Targeted Initiatives

Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI)

[RALI](#): coalition of business, government and health organizations launched in July 2018 to provide financial support and education for state and community groups working to eradicate the IN opioid abuse crisis. The initiative works with employers to prevent and destigmatize addiction.

Local Coordinating Council (LCC)

[LCC](#) is the planning and coordinating body for addressing alcohol and other drug problems. Each Indiana county has a council made up of volunteers representing education, treatment, social services, and local police. Each council prepares a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) to the Commission. This is a great resource to review county-specific data on substance use and objectives for addressing the community concerns.

REPORT: [Actions taken since January 2017 in response to the opioid crisis in Indiana](#)

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For additional local and national drug-free resources, visit www.in.gov or [Indiana's Community-Based Support Resources](#).



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