



## Overview

In 2017, there were 422 overdose deaths involving opioids in Minnesota—a rate of 7.8 deaths per 100,000 persons compared to the average national rate of 14.6 deaths per 100,000 persons. The greatest rise occurred among deaths involving synthetic opioids other than methadone (predominantly fentanyl), with a nearly sixfold increase from 31 cases in 2011 to 184 cases in 2017. Heroin-involved overdose deaths increased from 16 deaths in 2010 to 149 deaths in 2016 before decreasing in 2017 to 111 deaths. Prescription opioid-involved deaths have remained steady since 2008 with 195 cases of overdose deaths reported in 2017. (Opioid Summaries by State, [NIH](#)).

The 21st Century Cures Act funded through the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis awarded Minnesota \$10.8 million over two-years. Minnesota has used the funding to award grants to more than 30 agencies across the state including tribal governments, counties and community organizations in an attempt to curb the runaway epidemic of opioid misuse throughout the state.

## Prevention

The Single State Authority for Substance Abuse Services in Minnesota is the Department of Human Services ([DHS](#)). Prevention resides within the department's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD).

## Opioid-related Programs

### Opioid Response Network (STR-TA)

The [ORN](#) was created to provide education and training at a local level to health care professionals and community partners to provide evidence-based practices in the prevention, treatment and recovery of opioid use disorders. This network provides local training and education free of charge for specific needs at a community level to address the opioid health crisis. The Opioid Response Network team stands ready to assist you. Submit a request [here](#).

## 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 Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

## Minnesota's System of Support

Comprised of 3 organizations, the system addresses the root causes of substance abuse. Together, the system provides information, in-person support and data to be effective, save time, implement best practices and grow substance abuse prevention in communities throughout Minnesota.

### Minnesota Prevention Resource Center

[MPRC](#) provides online prevention resources, communicates news and information about prevention work in Minnesota, provides training on basic prevention skills and hosts the annual statewide prevention conference.

### Regional Prevention Coordinators

[RPC](#) provide resources, consultation and technical assistance to local coalitions, agencies and other community members. Each center regularly provides training on basic prevention skills such as the SAPST and Ethics.

### Substance Use in Minnesota

[SUMN](#) is a web-based tool that provides data on alcohol, tobacco, and other drug consumption patterns, consequences, and contributing factors in Minnesota. Data and resources can be used to prepare applications for funding, to monitor prevention-related trends, and to plan programs by establishing community-level prevention priorities.



## Minnesota Guidelines for Opioid Prescribing

[Guidelines](#) for Opioid Prescribing in Minnesota. Includes responsible opioid prescribing for all pain phases.

## Research & Data Related Resources

### Opioid Dashboard

[Opioid Dashboard](#) is to be a one-stop shop for all statewide data related to opioid use, misuse, and overdose death prevention.

### Minnesota Drug Overdose and Substance Use Pilot Surveillance System

[MNDOSA](#) is located at selected hospitals in the state to track all emergency department-treated and in-patient admissions cases of recreational drug use, both fatal and nonfatal.

### Healthy Youth Development Research Center

[Healthy Youth Development PRC](#), funded by CDC, collaborates with state and local organizations to provide training, conduct research, and disseminate findings related to best practices in healthy youth development.

### Minnesota State Targeted Response to Opioid Crisis: [2017 Report](#)

### Minnesota's Opioid Action Plan

[Action Plan](#) disseminated in 2018

### Minnesota's State Epidemiological Profile

[Profile of Substance Use](#) created by State Epidemiology Outcome Workgroup (SEOW).

## Resources & Conferences

**Fast Tracker:** [Fast-Tracker](#) is real-time searchable directory of available Minnesota treatment resources.

### Minnesota Prevention Program Sharing Conference

The Minnesota Prevention Resource Center annual [Conference](#) that supports individuals and organizations from across the state to engage in addressing the root causes of substance abuse.

## Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

[MIWRC](#) provides support, advocacy, and activities that utilize traditional teachings and other cultural strengths to encourage healing and build resilience.

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