

Burden of Prescription Opioids in Dane County

More than 500,000 prescriptions for opioids have been dispensed to Dane County residents annually since 2013.

The rate of opioid prescriptions has remained stable in Dane County.

Year	Number	Population	Rate per 1000
2013	317,918	503,072	632.0
2014	360,174	508,973	707.6
2015	350,132	516,852	677.4
2016	318,639	516,852	616.5
Total	1,346,863		

21 million
Average number of
opioid pills
dispensed annually

- These data were obtained from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) statistics dashboard.
- The numbers represent prescriptions filled in Dane County from 2013 (when the PDMP was established) to 2016.
- Rates were calculated based on the total number of Dane County residents beginning at birth. The population for 2015 was used to calculate the rate in 2016.

Syringe Exchange Program

- The number of syringes distributed by Public Health Madison and Dane County **increased by 2,313%**, from 2,541 syringes in 2008 to 61,308 syringes in 2016.

The number of opioid involved deaths continues to increase.

- In 2016, Dane County lost 85 people to an opioid involved overdose death.
- The rate of prescription opioid involved deaths in Dane County has doubled since 2000, from 6.3 per 100,000 in 2000 to 12.4 per 100,000 in 2016.
- The rate of heroin involved deaths has more than tripled since 2000, from 3.0 per 100,000 in 2000 to 10.1 per 100,000 in 2016.

