

# Opioid Epidemic Abstract

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The opioid epidemic has been an issue in the United States for many years now. Medical providers have become more hesitant on prescribing opioids, but there is still a large presence of heroin on the street. The purpose of this research is to find which opioid is the most abused. If it is found to be an opioid that was prescribed, how often is it prescribed, and in what dosage. Data from each state was analyzed to see which has the most opioid-related overdoses and deaths. Additionally, we want to see which demographic is most likely to abuse opioids. One opioid in particular, fentanyl, has recently garnered more attention due to its lethality. This data could be extremely useful to law enforcement, health care providers, and legislators. This study hopes to show the dangers of opioid abuse and trends over time.