

OPIOIDS IN AMERICA

In 2015,

over **300 million** prescriptions were written for opioids, which is more than enough to give every American adult their own bottle of pills.¹

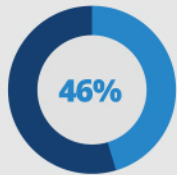


Opioids have claimed

175,000
lives from
1999-2013.



In 2013,
opioid overdoses
caused **16,235**
deaths, alone.



Opioid Costs

In the United States, prescription opioid abuse costs are about **\$56 billion** annually³

Of this amount:

46% is attributable to workplace costs (e.g., lost productivity): **\$26 Billion**

45% to healthcare costs (e.g., abuse treatment): **\$25 Billion**

9% to criminal justice costs: **\$5 Billion**



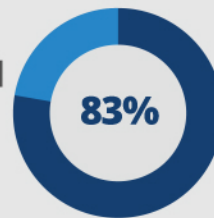
Payoffs

1 in 12 Doctors were Paid by Pharmaceutical Companies Marketing Opioids:



From 2013 to 2015

More than **375,000** non-research opioid-related payments were made to more than **68,000** physicians, totaling more than **\$46 million**



The Top **1%** of Physicians Received **83%** of the Payment



Family and General Practice Physicians received the most payments (almost 1 in 5)

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