



American Association of Poison Control Centers

Opioid Data
December 31, 2021

These numbers reflect the closed human exposures to opioids reported to poison centers as of December 31, 2021. The numbers may change as cases are closed and additional information is received.

Year	Number of Cases
2011	86,477
2012	83,941
2013	78,107
2014	75,292
2015	73,745
2016	74,795
2017	69,348
2018	61,139
2019	58,641
2020	56,350
2021	53,421

2021 by Month	Number of Cases
January 2021	4,542
February 2021	4,303
March 2021	4,600
April 2021	4,553
May 2021	4,517
June 2021	4,693
July 2021	4,640
August 2021	4,399
September 2021	4,527
October 2021	4,344
November 2021	4,178
December 2021	4,125
Total	53,421

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Month	Number of Cases				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
January	5,052	4,752	5,290	6,468	6,156
February	4,880	4,397	4,861	5,863	6,108
March	4,575	4,846	5,411	6,164	6,283
April	4,026	4,728	4,883	5,780	6,194
May	4,558	5,040	5,228	5,881	6,282
June	4,581	5,169	5,397	5,704	6,197
July	4,774	4,972	5,023	5,624	6,198
August	4,936	5,088	5,257	5,973	6,267
September	4,673	5,021	4,955	5,451	6,143
October	4,875	4,948	4,941	5,572	6,372
November	4,697	4,848	4,804	5,195	6,345
December	4,338	4,832	5,089	5,673	6,250
Total	55,965	58,641	61,139	69,348	74,795

Month	Number of Cases				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
January	6,278	6,483	6,662	7,411	7,375
February	5,571	5,823	6,285	6,960	6,708
March	6,264	6,369	6,800	7,335	7,646
April	6,334	6,196	6,523	7,000	7,288
May	6,446	6,375	6,705	7,214	7,410
June	5,889	6,218	6,495	6,810	6,883
July	6,232	6,489	6,695	6,941	7,285
August	6,310	6,679	6,657	7,068	7,387
September	6,293	6,248	6,376	6,836	7,184
October	6,205	6,276	6,523	6,890	7,237
November	5,864	6,089	6,263	6,691	7,117
December	6,059	6,047	6,123	6,785	6,957
Total	73,745	75,292	78,107	83,941	86,477

Please note: American Association of Poison Control Center data for this year and last is considered preliminary because it is possible that a poison center may update a case anytime during the year if new information is obtained. In the fall of each year, the data for the previous year is locked, and no additional changes are made.

The term “exposure” means someone has had contact with the substance in some way; for example, ingested, inhaled, absorbed by the skin or eyes, etc. Not all exposures are poisonings or overdoses.