



American Association of Poison Control Centers

Opioid Data
September 30, 2021

These numbers reflect the closed human exposures to opioids reported to poison centers as of September 30, 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	40,530

2021 by Month	Number of Cases
January 2021	4,537
February 2021	4,301
March 2021	4,594
April 2021	4,543
May 2021	4,497
June 2021	4,655
July 2021	4,620
August 2021	4,374
September 2021	4,409
October 2021	
November 2021	
December 2021	
Total	40,530

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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.