

# A National Epidemic: Opioid Misuse & Overdose

## The opioid epidemic doesn't discriminate:

- Impacts all regions of Michigan
- Across all age groups
- At all income levels



## The results are damaging & impact everyone:

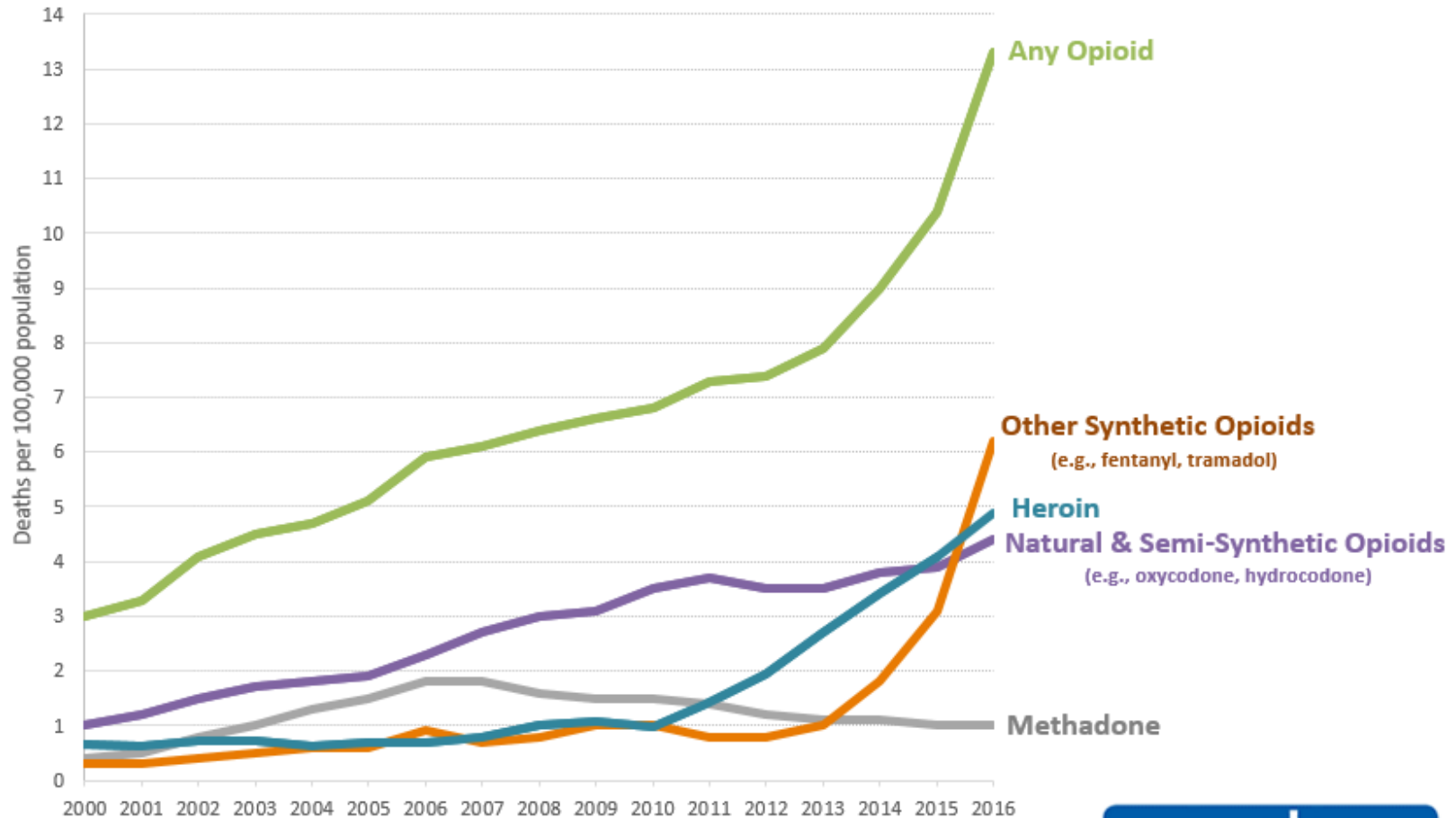
- Excess morbidity and mortality
- Increased crime
- Higher medical and societal costs

<h3>FACTS FROM THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC</h3>	<p>On an average day in the U.S., more than 650,000 opioid prescriptions are dispensed.</p>	<p>The number of Michigan deaths from an overdose of opioids exceeds deaths from traffic crashes or gun fatalities.</p>
<p>Overdose deaths in Michigan have tripled since 2012 – a total of 1,365 died in 2016.</p>	<p>A recent BCBSA report cites 21% of members were prescribed an opioid in 2015.</p>	<p>Opioid prescriptions in Michigan increased 41% between 2009 and 2015.</p>
<p>More Americans abuse prescription drugs than the number of cocaine, hallucinogen, methamphetamine and heroin abusers combined.</p>		<p>One in 4 teens report abusing a prescription drug at least once; this translates to 5 million teens (a 33% increase over 5 years).</p>
<p>70% of youths that abuse prescription medications get them from family and friends (sources include home medicine cabinets).</p>	<p>Global Consulting firm McKinsey estimates opioid abuse costs society about \$80 billion from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lost workplace productivity</li> <li>• enforcement and regulation</li> </ul>	<p>91 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• health care costs</li> </ul>		

Centers for Disease Control: The estimated lost productivity due to opioid use disorder totaled **\$20.4 billion** in 2013. Health care costs associated with opioid abuse totaled **\$830 million** in Michigan.

# The Problem Today: Heroin and Fentanyl

## Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids, by Type of Opioid, U.S. – 2000-2016



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. CDC WONDER, Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2017.  
<https://wonder.cdc.gov/>.

# National Overdose Deaths

## Number of deaths involving opioid drugs

