The nation’s drug overdose and death epidemic has killed more than one million Americans in the past 25 years. The epidemic affects every state and continues to be driven by illicitly manufactured fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine, often in combination or in adulterated forms. More than 106,000 deaths were reported in the United States between May 2022 to May 2023. The AMA continues to urge policymakers’ action to increase access to evidence-based care for substance use disorders, pain and harm reduction measures. The research, news articles, state health department reports and other information below cite data from multiple and varied sources, including national, state and local public health agencies, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospitals, treatment centers, and medical journals. Relevant AMA advocacy, resources and recommendations to end the epidemic also are below.

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- Additional AMA resources include:
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  - AMA-Manatt Health 2022 state policy toolkit provides more than 400 specific laws, regulations, policy guidance and other actions being implemented to help reduce mortality and improve outcomes.
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  - [Dispelling Myths of Bystander Opioid Overdose](https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-value/dispelling-myths-bystander-opioid-overdose) is a new issue brief to provide relevant clinical information regarding bystander overdose as well as AMA policy regarding harm reduction initiatives.

- The AMA continues to urge states, pharmacy chains, and payers to remove all reference to the 2016 U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention opioid prescribing guidelines and replace them with the updated [CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain—United States, 2022](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6908.pdf), which CDC said “updates and replaces” the 2016 guideline. Additional, constructive guidance is available in the newly updated [Federation of State Medical Boards Strategies for Prescribing Opioids for the Management of Pain](https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-value/federation-state-medical-boards-strategies-prescribing-opioids-management)


See below for state-by-state news and other reports. A national snapshot can be found [here](https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-value/state-snapshot-overdose-epidemic).

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