

How Opioids Affect Orange County

The United States is experiencing an opioid crisis – and Orange County, California is no exception. In **ORANGE COUNTY:**

Nearly

**1.5
million**

opioid prescriptions were dispensed to county residents in 2018

7/10

drug-related deaths involve opioids, either illicit and/or prescription

Prescription opioids account for nearly

**half of opioid
overdose
deaths**

More than

8/10

opioid overdose deaths are accidental

Opioid-related emergency department visits

**more
than
tripled**

between 2005 and 2016

Opioid overdose deaths are more common among non-Hispanic

white men,
45 to 54 years old, living in coastal and south Orange County cities

There is a

**higher per capita rate
of overdose deaths in
Orange County**

than in both the state of California, and all surrounding southern California counties



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Sources:

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