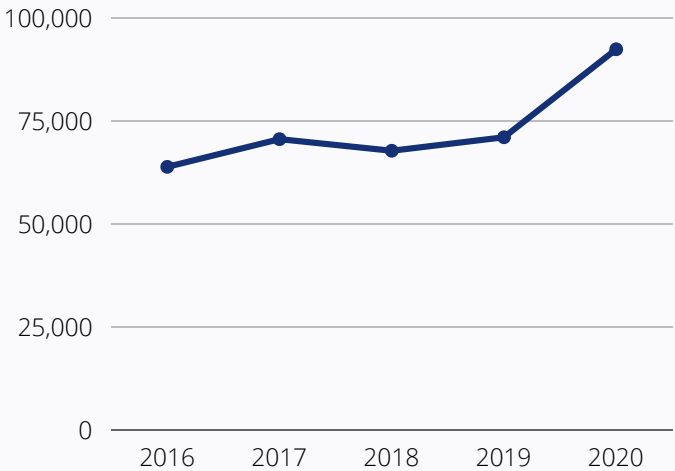


# FENTANYL FACTS

- Fentanyl can be prescribed to an individual and also taken as an illicit substance.
- People take fentanyl knowingly and without their knowledge. This is due to the fact that fentanyl is increasingly contaminating the street drug supply as a cheap and powerful addition to other substances.

United States Opioid Overdose Deaths



- Synthetic opioids are the primary drivers of overdose deaths in the United States.
  - Overdose deaths involving opioids rose 38.1% from 2020 to 2021.
  - Overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids (primarily illicitly manufactured fentanyl) rose 55.6%.
- You **cannot** overdose simply by touching fentanyl. Fentanyl must be introduced into the bloodstream or a mucus membrane by smoking, snorting, or injection.
- Naloxone, commonly referred to as the brand name Narcan can effectively reverse a fentanyl overdose if administered promptly..

