

Daily Survey: Opioids



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted May 12 - 16, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Have you ever been prescribed opioid painkillers, such as OxyContin, Vicodin, Morphine, or Fentanyl?

Yes	41%
No	48%
Not sure	6%
Prefer not to say	4%

2. How much have you heard about opioid addiction in the United States?

A lot	59%
A little	32%
Nothing at all	10%

3. How much attention are you paying to the issue of opioid addiction in the United States?

A lot	19%
Some	38%
Only a little	24%
Not at all	15%
Not sure	4%

4. Do you feel you have a good idea of what opioids are?

Yes	73%
No	13%
Not sure	15%

5. Do you know anyone who has been addicted to opioids, which are powerful and addictive pain-relief drugs? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	5%
Yes, a family member	19%
Yes, a friend	16%
Yes, an acquaintance	17%
No	52%
Prefer not to say	4%

6. Do you know anyone who has died from using opioids? Select all that apply.

Yes, a family member	6%
Yes, a friend	11%
Yes, an acquaintance	14%
No	69%
Prefer not to say	3%

7. Do you think there is an opioid epidemic in this country?

Yes	64%
No	12%
Not sure	24%

8. How much discrimination is there against people addicted to opioids in America today?

A great deal	17%
A fair amount	43%
Not much	30%
None at all	10%

9. To the best of your knowledge, is opioid abuse more common in cities, suburbs, or rural areas?

Cities	32%
Suburbs	15%
Rural areas	14%
Not sure	39%

10. Should doctors ever be allowed to prescribe opioids?

Yes	59%
No	17%
Not sure	24%

11. How serious a problem is the opioid addiction in your community?

Very serious	15%
Somewhat serious	29%
Not very serious	17%
Not serious at all	9%
Not sure	30%

12. Over the past 10 years, do you think the number of people addicted to opioids in the your local community has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased a lot	25%
Increased a little	21%
Stayed the same	14%
Decreased a little	6%
Decreased a lot	2%
Not sure	32%

13. Over the past 10 years, do you think the number of people who have died from using opioids in your local community has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased a lot	23%
Increased a little	21%
Stayed the same	16%
Decreased a little	5%
Decreased a lot	2%
Not sure	34%

14. How serious a problem is the opioid addiction in the United States?

Very serious	46%
Somewhat serious	30%
Not very serious	7%
Not serious at all	3%
Not sure	15%

15. Over the past 10 years, do you think the number of people addicted to opioids in the U.S. has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased a lot	41%
Increased a little	23%
Stayed the same	11%
Decreased a little	5%
Decreased a lot	1%
Not sure	19%

16. Over the past 10 years, do you think the number of people who have died from using opioids in the U.S. has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased a lot	40%
Increased a little	22%
Stayed the same	11%
Decreased a little	5%
Decreased a lot	1%
Not sure	21%

17. Should the government be doing more or less to address opioid addiction?

Much more	35%
Somewhat more	28%
About the same amount	17%
Somewhat less	3%
Much less	3%
Not sure	15%

18. In dealing with the problem of opioids, should government focus more on...

Prosecuting people who use illegal opioids	22%
Providing treatment for people who use opioids illegally	57%
Not sure	21%

19. Do you think someone who has an opioid addiction has...

A personal weakness	29%
An illness	46%
Not sure	25%

20. Which party do you trust to do a better job of handling opioid addiction?

Republicans	22%
Democrats	25%
Both equally	11%
Neither	28%
Not sure	15%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling the issue of opioid addiction in the U.S.?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	31%
No opinion	30%

22. How much, if at all, do you blame the following for opioid addiction?

	Blame a lot	Blame a little	Don't blame at all	Not sure
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – Pharmaceutical companies that market and sell opioids	45%	26%	15%	14%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – Doctors who prescribe opioids	29%	39%	19%	13%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – Pharmacists who dispense opioids	16%	29%	39%	16%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which approves opioids	29%	30%	23%	17%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – Health insurance companies that cover opioids	21%	31%	31%	17%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – Drug dealers who illegally sell opioids	67%	17%	6%	10%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – People addicted to opioids	32%	36%	16%	15%
Who Blame for Opioid Addiction – The government	29%	33%	20%	18%

23. How effective do you think each of these would be in reducing the opioid problem in the U.S.?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not at all effective	Not sure
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Educating the public on the risks of taking opioids	40%	37%	10%	13%
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Making substance-use treatment programs more affordable and accessible	51%	27%	8%	13%
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Cracking down on drug dealers	45%	28%	13%	14%
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Providing medical treatment to people who are addicted to opioids	49%	32%	6%	12%
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Reducing stigma and discrimination towards people with opioid addiction	29%	33%	19%	19%
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Educating doctors on the risks of prescribing opioids	37%	33%	15%	15%
Treatment Opioid Addiction – Prosecuting people who are addicted to opioids and use them illegally	18%	26%	39%	17%

24. Do you think that legalizing marijuana would make people more likely to use opioids, less likely to use opioids, or will have no effect?

More likely	18%
Less likely	34%
No effect	25%
Not sure	23%

25. Is opioid use in the United States...? Select all that apply

A national emergency	25%
An epidemic	38%
A leading cause of death	29%
Growing quickly	40%
Part of a larger mental health crisis	42%
Overstated	7%
A matter of personal choices	22%
None of the above	2%
Not sure	16%

26. How much have you heard about Naloxone (Narcan), a nasal spray which can treat narcotic overdose in an emergency situation?

A lot	28%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	29%

27. Do you own Naloxone (Narcan), a nasal spray which can treat narcotic overdose in an emergency situation?

Yes	12%
No	78%
Not sure	10%

Interviewing Dates	May 12 - 16, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.39 to 3.775, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.327.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.