



PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE TRIBAL HEALTH

Opioid and Substance Abuse in Tribal Communities Fact Sheet

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) had the second highest overdose death rates from opioids in 2016 (13.9 deaths/ 1000,000 population) among racial/ethnic groups in the US.

Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Alcohol Use

61.2 percent (0.9 million) of AI/AN aged 18 and older reported using alcohol in the past year.

Substance Use Disorders

9.8 percent (136,000) of AI/AN aged 18 and older reported having an alcohol use disorder in the past year.

Substance Use Treatment

1.0 percent (14,000) of AI/AN aged 18 and older reported receiving treatment for illicit drugs at a specialty facility in the past year.

Drug Use

CDC data indicates that AI/AN had the second highest overdose death rates from heroin (5.0).

Sources: (box 1-3) 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of National Findings | Box 4: CDC

23.8 percent (0.3 million) of AI/AN aged 18 and older reported using illicit drugs in the past year.

National average: 18.2 percent



12.2%

5.2%

37.2%

Reported a substance use disorder in the past year.

Misused a prescription drug in the past year.

Used alcohol in the past month.

Source: 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of National Findings

HHS 5-Point Strategy

The HHS 5-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioids Crisis is tackling access to treatment and recovery services, data, pain management, overdose, and research, including AI/AN communities.



Better prevention, treatment, and recovery services



Better Data



Better Pain Management



Better Targeting of Overdose Reversing Drugs



Better Research

For more information please visit:
<https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/>

