Opioids in Delaware

Prescription pain reliever misuse among 18 to 25 year olds is nearly triple the rate of misuse among 12 to 17 year olds.\(^a\)

Prescribing Trends

The rate of people in Delaware filling an opioid prescription has declined since 2015, decreasing from 204 to 124 people per 1000 residents by 2021.\(^c\)

Painkiller Misuse

In 2021, prescription painkiller misuse had a lifetime prevalence rate of 4% among 8th graders and 3% among 11th graders, according to the Delaware School Survey.\(^b\)

National Comparison

In 2020, the Delaware rate of opioid-related overdose deaths was 44.4 per 100,000 persons, which is considerably higher than the national rate of 25.4 per 100,000 persons.\(^d\)

Source(s):  
\(^a\) National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2019-2020.  
\(^d\) *SUDORS Dashboard: Fatal Overdose Data.* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.