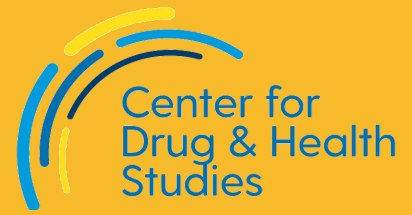
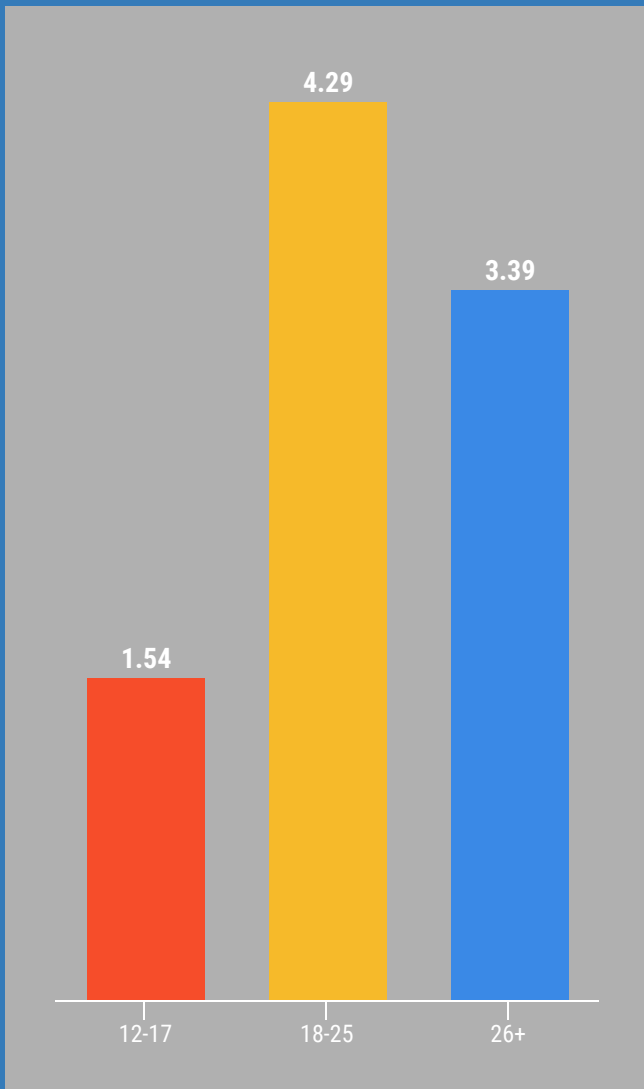


Opioids in Delaware



Pain reliever misuse* in Delaware, past year, by age group (%)



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

*Misuse is defined in the NSDUH as: "use in any way not directed by a doctor, including use without a prescription of one's own; use in greater amounts, more often, or longer than told; or use in any other way not directed by a doctor."

Source(s):

^a National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2019-2020.

^b Center for Drug & Health Studies. (2021). Delaware School Survey: Secondary [Annual Survey]. University of Delaware. Note: Delaware School Survey data is unweighted.

^c Prescription Monitoring Program, 2012-2021. Delaware Division of Public Health.

^d "SUDORS Dashboard: Fatal Overdose Data." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.