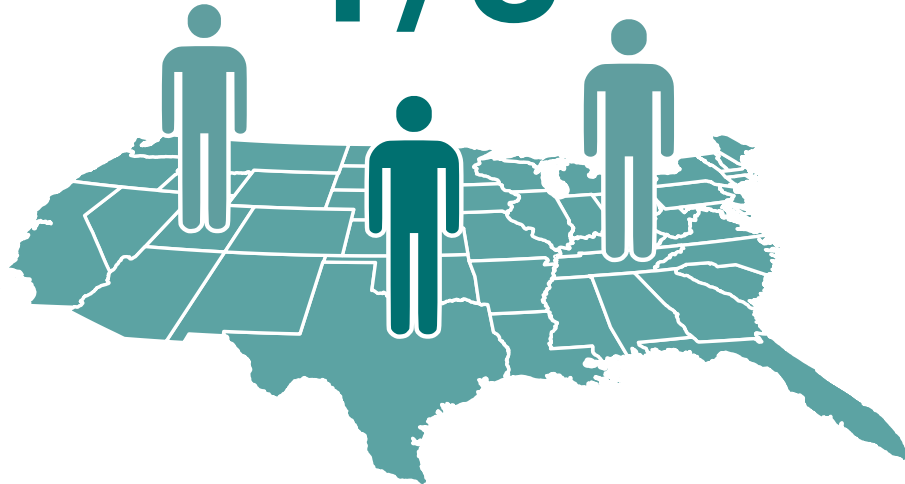


# PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS

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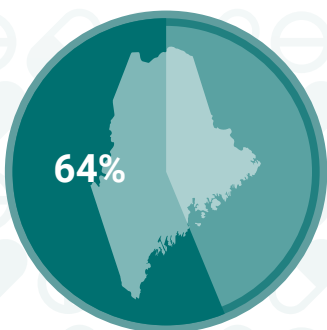
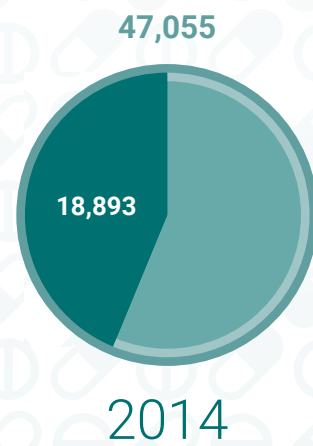


Chronic pain affects more than **one-third** of people in the United States.<sup>1</sup>



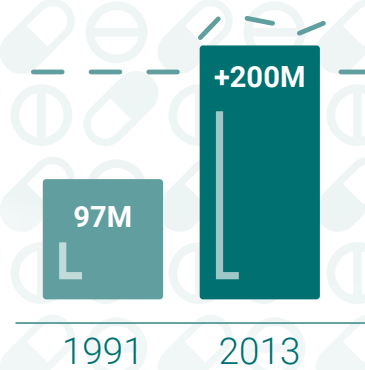
The number of overdose deaths from prescription pain relievers is more than all other drugs combined, including heroin and cocaine.<sup>1</sup>

In 2014, there were 47,055 lethal drug overdoses. 18,893 of them were related to prescription pain relievers.<sup>2</sup>



Maine is seeing a sharp increase in opioid overdose deaths this year and prescription opioids were found in 64 percent of overdose victims.<sup>3</sup>

The number of prescriptions for opioids escalated from around 76 million in 1991 to over 200 million in 2013.<sup>1</sup>



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