



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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## The Opioid Crisis Across Minnesota

### *2016 Opioid Prescribing Rates*

Minnesota's opioid crisis continues to be driven by the over-prescribing and misuse of prescription opioid pain relievers. Any use of opioids increases the likelihood of chronic use, and when too many opioids are prescribed, many go unused, making their way into communities where they can end up being misused. In 2016, physicians wrote 47 opioid prescriptions for every 100 Minnesotans. Several counties recorded even higher rates of prescribing last year, of as much as one prescription for each resident.

[New guidelines](#) will help communities reduce opioid prescriptions; encourage safe, consistent standards when opioids are called for; and deliver compassionate support to people who need to use opioids longer-term. Governor Mark Dayton has also proposed a [slate of legislative actions](#) that would combat the opioid crisis and save lives across Minnesota.

Below, see the [rates of opioid prescribing](#) in each Minnesota county, from 2016.

County	Opioid Prescriptions Per 100 Residents
Aitkin	80.6
Anoka	52.1
Becker	45.6
Beltrami	55.4
Benton	39.3
Big Stone	84.9
Blue Earth	66.0
Brown	56.6
Carlton	62.9
Carver	40.2
Cass	31.2
Chippewa	70.4
Chisago	34.6
Clay	54.4
Clearwater	68.3
Cook	41.3
Cottonwood	73.9
Crow Wing	59.7
Dakota	48.4
Dodge	16.9
Douglas	91.0

Faribault	54.7
Fillmore	29.8
Freeborn	35.7
Goodhue	46.9
Grant	47.2
Hennepin	38.6
Houston	23.4
Hubbard	57.4
Isanti	52.4
Itasca	65.1
Jackson	26.5
Kanabec	82.4
Kandiyohi	64.3
Kittson	38.7
Koochiching	59.5
Lac qui Parle	61.0
Lake	32.8
Lake of the Woods	68.2
Le Sueur	10.9
Lincoln	43.2
Lyon	49.5
McLeod	69.0
Mahnomen	37.7
Marshall	24.0
Martin	76.7
Meeker	30.2
Mille Lacs	74.5
Morrison	64.8
Mower	41.2
Murray	36.1
Nicollet	20.2
Nobles	48.5
Norman	26.4
Olmsted	28.9
Otter Tail	56.2
Pennington	74.8
Pine	63.3
Pipestone	74.7
Polk	64.1
Pope	68.6
Ramsey	42.0
Red Lake	32.0
Redwood	50.0
Renville	31.0
Rice	50.2
Rock	59.6
Roseau	60.4
St. Louis	64.6
Scott	37.2

<b>Sherburne</b>	41.1
<b>Sibley</b>	28.0
<b>Stearns</b>	55.0
<b>Steele</b>	48.0
<b>Stevens</b>	57.5
<b>Swift</b>	55.0
<b>Todd</b>	25.3
<b>Traverse</b>	56.6
<b>Wabasha</b>	10.1
<b>Wadena</b>	145.6
<b>Waseca</b>	43.4
<b>Washington</b>	53.0
<b>Watsonwan</b>	43.0
<b>Wilkin</b>	62.2
<b>Winona</b>	47.4
<b>Wright</b>	52.8
<b>Yellow Medicine</b>	37.4

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To learn more about Governor Dayton's proposals to combat the opioid crisis, including actions already underway, [CLICK HERE](#).