More than 81,000 drug overdose deaths occurred in the United States from May 2019–May 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a single year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While overdose deaths were already growing, the data shows a continued rise during the beginning of the COVID–19 pandemic.1

Opioids seem to be the biggest problem. Opioids include heroin and drugs made in labs, such as fentanyl and prescription pain relievers, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine and others.2

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