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Opioid Epidemic Status Report: Tuolumne County

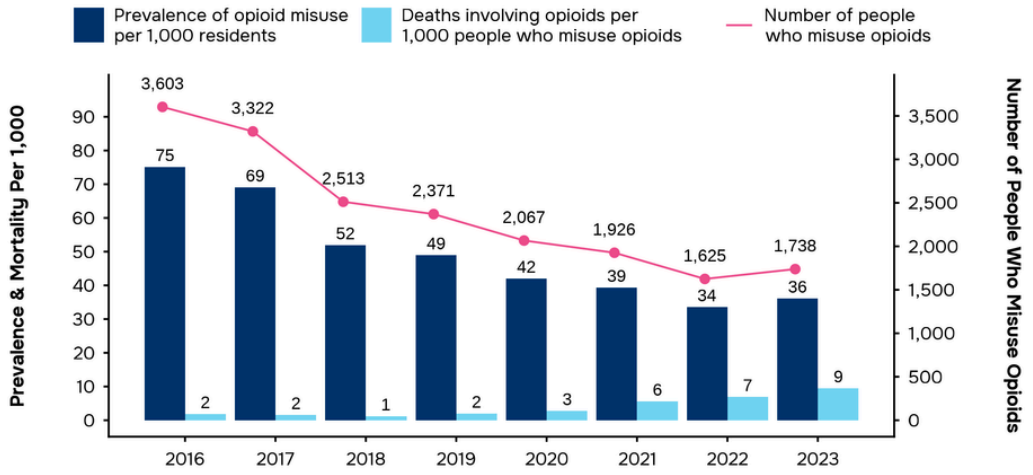
The Opioid Epidemic Status Reports present county-level estimates of people who misuse opioids (PWMO) in California, developed by Staci Hepler and David Kline of Wake Forest School of Medicine. Estimates draw on opioid surveillance data (CA Department of Public Health), county population data (CA Department of Finance), and state-level misuse estimates (National Survey on Drug Use and Health). County-level methadone counts are reported by the CA Department of Health Care Services.

4.5x
increase in overdose mortality rates

In 2023, 1,738 people misused opioids in Tuolumne County. From 2016 to 2023, overdose mortality increased over four-fold among people who misused opioids.

Estimated Trends in Opioid Misuse and Mortality

Tuolumne County, 2016 - 2023

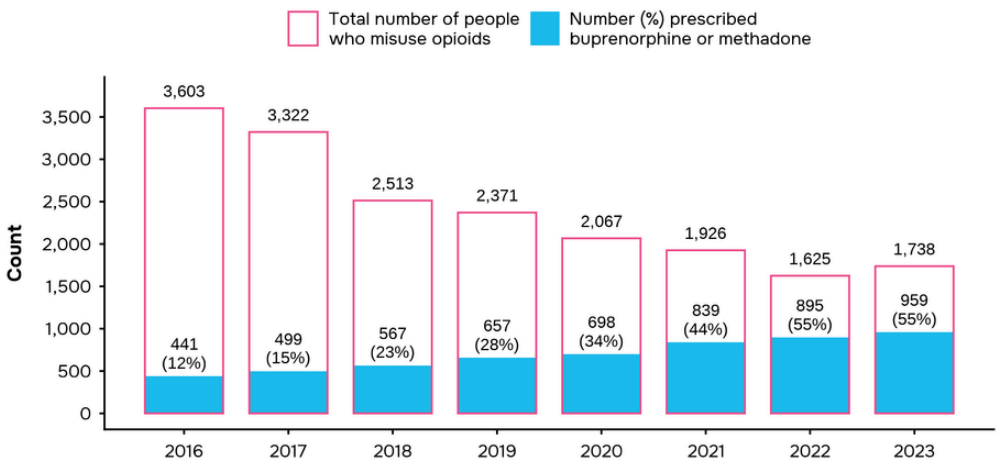


55%
MOUD coverage

959 people in Tuolumne County – or 55% of those who misused opioids – were prescribed medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in 2023.

Estimated Trends in MOUD Prescribing

Tuolumne County, 2016 - 2023



Year	bup	methadone
2016	421 (12%)	20 (1%)
2017	481 (14%)	18 (1%)
2018	551 (22%)	16 (1%)
2019	641 (27%)	16 (1%)
2020	683 (33%)	15 (1%)
2021	817 (42%)	22 (1%)
2022	866 (53%)	29 (2%)
2023	913 (53%)	46 (3%)

779
PWMO who did not receive treatment

The 2023 MOUD gap in Tuolumne County was 779 people.

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