Opioid Use in Delaware

Lifetime Past Month

Opioid Use in Delaware Among middle school students, 4.6% reported misusing prescription pain medicine at least once in their lifetime.

Misuse among Younger Students

Heroin was the primary drug at admission in nearly half of all cases admitted to publicly funded treatment programs in Delaware.

Treatment Admissions

In 2016, Delaware had the 9th highest overdose fatality rates among all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

National Comparison

One in ten high school students report misusing a prescription painkiller in their lifetime, while nearly one in twenty students report misusing a prescription painkiller in the past month.

Source(s):

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