The rate of people in Delaware with an opioid prescription has declined since 2015, decreasing from 204 to 151 people per 1000 residents by 2018.

After peaking in the mid-2000s, prescription painkiller misuse among 8th and 11th graders in Delaware is at its lowest point in 2019, with an annual prevalence of only 3%.

In 2018, Delaware had the second-highest overdose fatality rate of the 50 states and District of Columbia. Only West Virginia ranked higher.

The perception of risk associated with prescription drug misuse remains high for both 8th and 11th grade students.