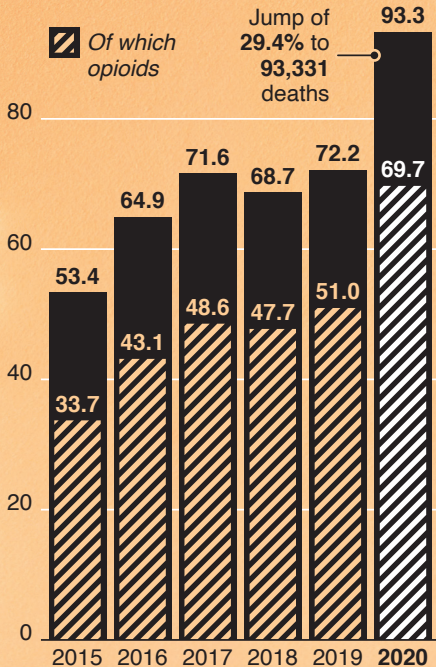


# U.S. drug overdose fatalities soar

A record number of Americans died of drug overdoses last year, rising almost 30% to over 90,000 deaths, according to a new CDC report\*

DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS (thousands)

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Deaths from opioids rose 37% in 12 months, to 69,710, largely fuelled by synthetic opioid painkillers

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sources: UPI, CDC Data is provisional

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