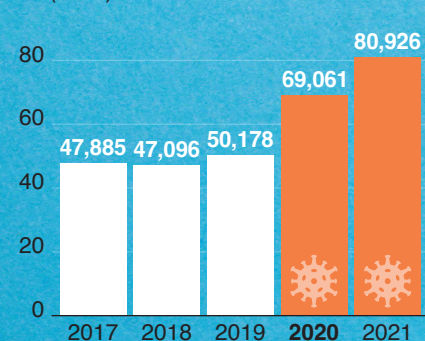


Spiralling cost of U.S. opioid crisis

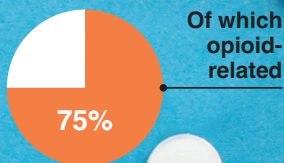
As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the economic toll of the opioid addiction crisis in the U.S. reached nearly \$1.5 trillion in 2020

U.S. OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS

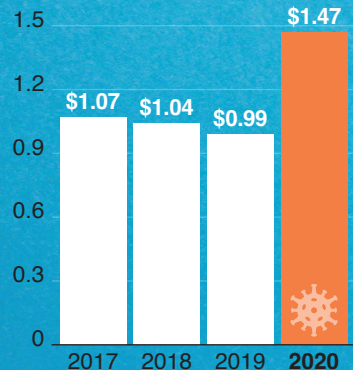
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107,000 people died of drug overdoses in U.S. in 2021



COST OF OPIOID CRISIS (\$ trillions)*



2021 financial data will be released later in 2022, and will likely be far higher than in 2020

*Financial estimates calculated by multiplying per capita cost estimate of opioid use disorder and fatal opioid overdoses from 2017 by total number of opioid use disorder cases and fatal opioid overdoses in 2018, 2019 and 2020 – figures then adjusted for inflation (2020 dollar rate)

Sources: Reuters, JEC

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