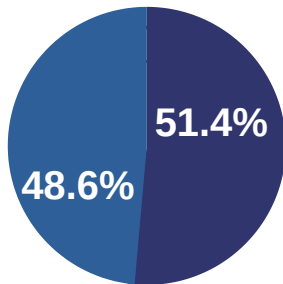




# Mental Illness and Opioid Use Risk Factors

- **Increased likelihood to receive prescription drugs** <sup>1</sup>



There are **115 million opioid prescriptions** distributed each year in the US.

**60 million opioid prescriptions (51.4%)** are received by adults with a mental health disorder.

- **Increased likelihood to misuse prescription drugs** <sup>2</sup>



5.3% of people with no SMI misused prescriptions drugs in 2015.



15.8% of people with any MI misused prescriptions drugs in 2015.

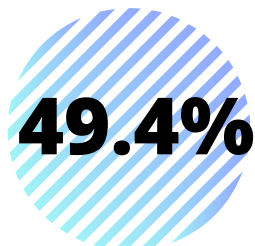


21.5% of people with a SMI misused prescriptions drugs in 2015.

MI = Mental Illness  
 SMI = Severe Mental Illness

- **Increased likelihood to use illicit drugs** <sup>3</sup>

According to the 2018 SAMHSA survey, **49.4% of individuals with a SMI were using illicit drugs** compared to 36.7% of people who had any mental illness and 15.7% without a mental illness.



- **Increased likelihood of dying from an overdose** <sup>4</sup>

Research found that the risk of fatal opioid-related overdose is **six times higher for persons with a SMI and three times higher for those with depression.**

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