

951

**2017 Opioid Deaths**

1 out of every 65

**deaths in 2017 were due to Opioid Overdose**

*Source: Bureau of Vital Statistics, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services*

The opioid epidemic, nationally and at home, continues to grow. In 2017, there were 951 Missourians who lost their lives due to an opioid\* overdose. This means one out of every 65 deaths statewide was attributed to opioid-involved overdose. Of these overdose deaths, 92.7% were accidental; the other 7.3% were classified as suicide (4.0%), homicide (0.8%), or undetermined intent (2.5%).

*\* The term "opioid" includes heroin unless otherwise specified. The term "non-heroin opioids" includes any opioid that is not heroin, such as prescription drugs like morphine, codeine, methadone, as well as illicitly manufactured opioids such as fentanyl.*