PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS
Know the Facts

Chronic pain affects more than one-third of people in the United States.¹

The number of overdose deaths from prescription pain relievers is more than all other drugs combined, including heroin and cocaine.¹

In 2014, there were 47,055 lethal drug overdoses. 18,893 of them were related to prescription pain relievers.²

Maine is seeing a sharp increase in opioid overdose deaths this year and prescription opioids were found in 64 percent of overdose victims.³

The number of prescriptions for opioids escalated from around 76 million in 1991 to over 200 million in 2013.¹

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¹National Institute on Drug Abuse ²American Society of Addiction Medicine ³Attorney General’s Office