Opioid Epidemic

AND THE COURTS

Opioid abuse has been steadily increasing in the United States.

In 2014

78 Americans died every day from an opioid overdose.

In 2015

1 in 10 Americans reported using an illicit drug in the past 30 days.

The U.S. provides

80% of the world’s opioid drug supply.

In 2012 12 states had more opioid prescriptions than people.

Alabama: 142.9 per 100 people
Tennessee: 142.8 per 100 people
West Virginia: 137.6 per 100 people
Kentucky: 128.4 per 100 people
Oklahoma: 127.8 per 100 people
Mississippi: 120.3 per 100 people
Louisiana: 118 per 100 people
Arkansas: 115.8 per 100 people
Indiana: 109.1 per 100 people
Michigan: 107 per 100 people
South Carolina: 101.8 per 100 people
Ohio: 100.1 per 100 people

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