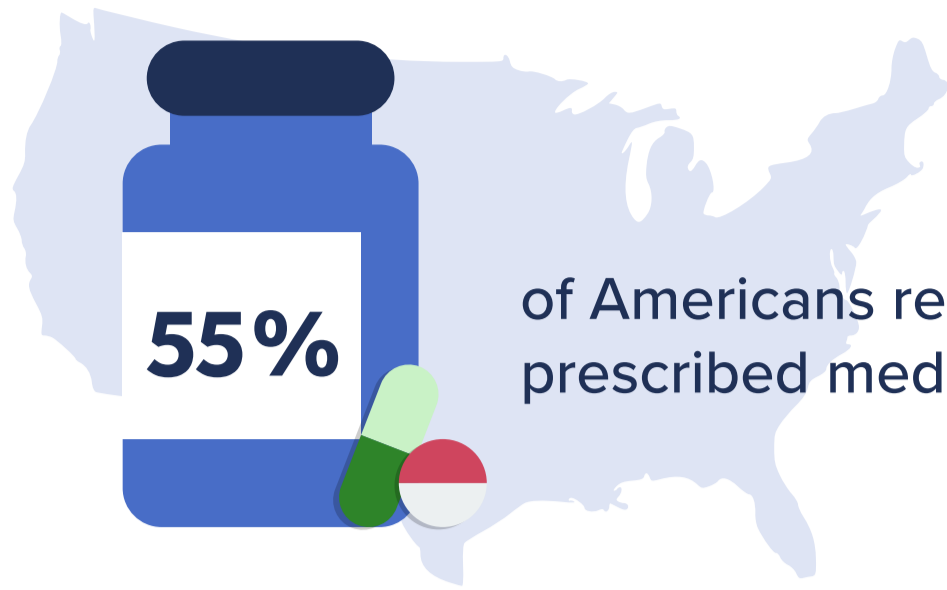


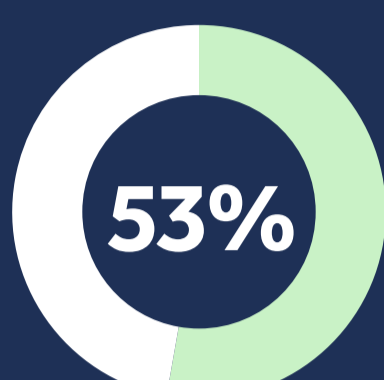
9 Surprising (And Alarming!) Medication Stats

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55% of Americans regularly take a prescribed medication.¹

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53% of Americans who take prescription medications say they get them from more than one healthcare provider.¹



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More than one-third of Americans say no provider has reviewed their medicines to see if all are necessary.¹



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The number of medicines a patient is taking is the **single most important predictor** of medicine-related harm.²

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The number of people taking 5 or more medicines went from 8.2% in 1999–2000 to **15% in 2011–2012**.³



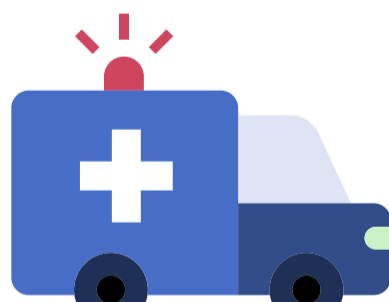
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Opioid overdoses accounted for more than **42,000 deaths in 2016**, more than any previous year on record, with an estimated 40% of such deaths involving a prescription opioid.⁵

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People with four or more ER visits were **48 times more likely to die of prescription drug overdose** compared to those who visited an ER once or not at all.⁶



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Telehealth physicians **score higher** with patients when they prescribe antibiotics.⁷

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More than **4 billion** prescriptions were filled at U.S. pharmacies in 2017.⁸



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