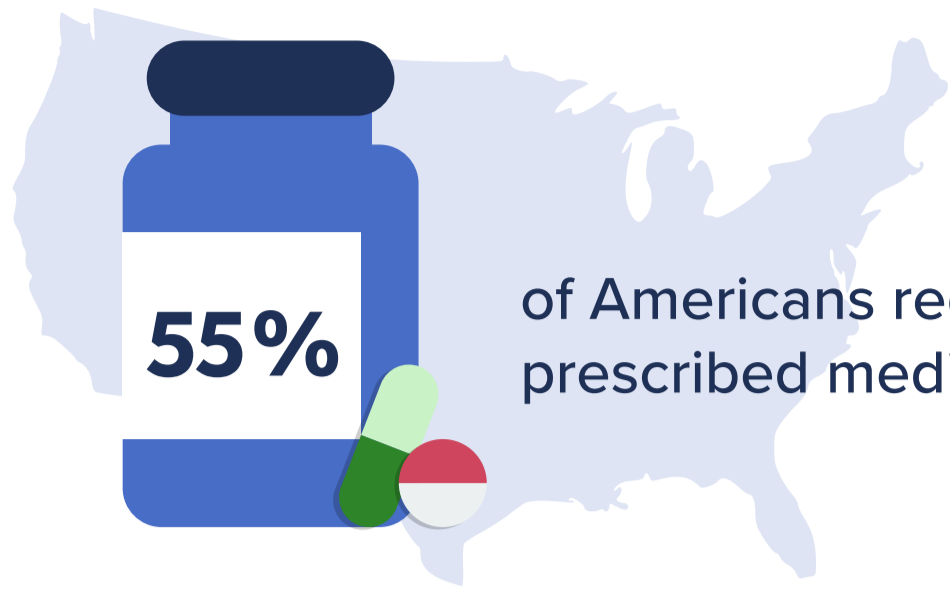


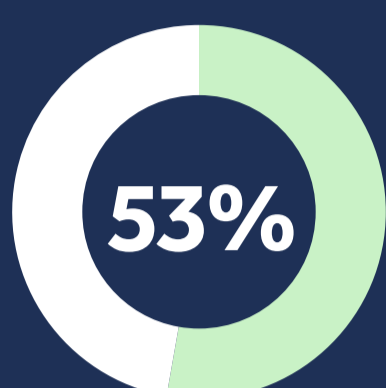
# 9 Surprising (And Alarming!) Medication Stats

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of Americans regularly take a prescribed medication.<sup>1</sup>

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of Americans who take prescription medications say they get them from more than one healthcare provider.<sup>1</sup>



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



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

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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**.<sup>3</sup>



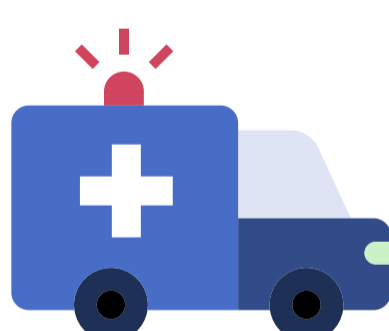
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Opioid overdoses accounted for more than **42,000 deaths in 2016**, more than any previous year on record, with an estimated 40% of such deaths involving a prescription opioid.<sup>5</sup>

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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.<sup>6</sup>



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Telehealth physicians **score higher** with patients when they prescribe antibiotics.<sup>7</sup>

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**More than 4 billion** prescriptions were filled at U.S. pharmacies in 2017.<sup>8</sup>



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