



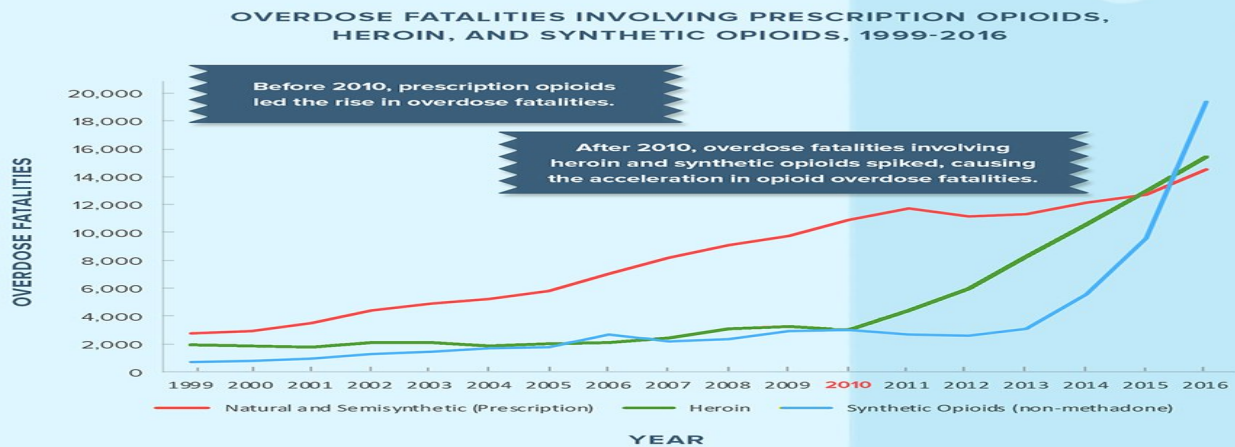
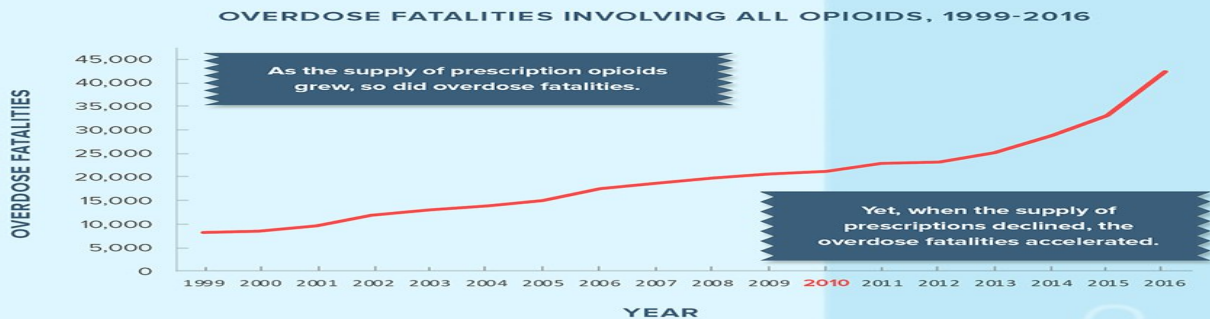
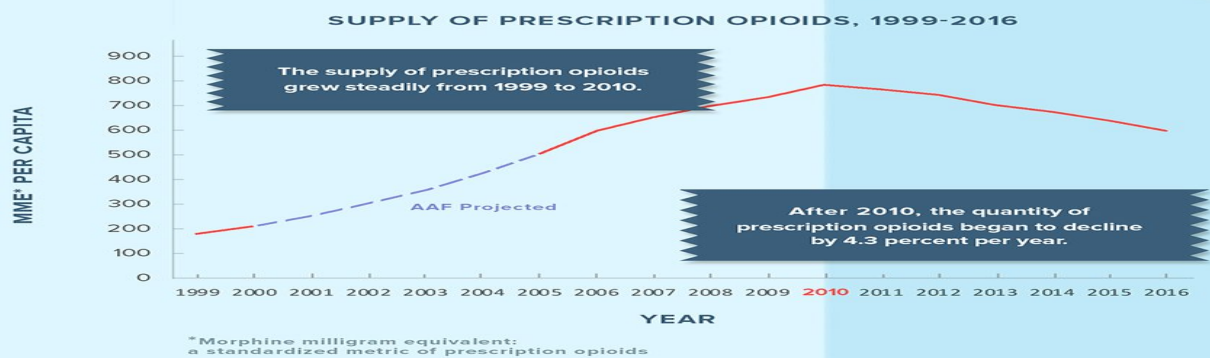
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Several major efforts were made to slow the growth of prescription opioids around 2010. Nevertheless, in the following years, the number of opioid-involved overdose fatalities began to grow even faster.



### Annual Growth Rates Of Overdose Fatalities Involving Illegal Opioids

As the supply of prescription opioids decreased, users turned to heroin and synthetic opioids with deadly results.



HEROIN

4.1%  
before 2010

TO

31.2%  
after 2010



SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS

13.7%  
before 2010

TO

36.5%  
after 2010

Combating opioid dependency requires a comprehensive approach: continuing to address the supply of legal prescription opioids, but also more effectively treating dependency and cutting off the supply of illicit opioids.



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