Prescription for Progress:
United against opioid addiction

Part One: Opioid Abuse is an Epidemic

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STUDY DEMOGRAPHICS

Opioid Study Demographics

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<td>Statewide sample</td>
<td>n: 1384 NYS Residents</td>
<td>+/- 3.0%</td>
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<td>Capital District sample</td>
<td>n: 650 Capital District Residents</td>
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HAS THE OPIOID CRISIS TOUCHED YOUR LIFE?

Statewide 54%, Capital Region 58% have been personally touched by opioid abuse*

**"Touched by opioid abuse" defined by any one or more of opioid experiences below being present.**

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<td>Immediate family abused</td>
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<td>Friend, extended family</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Someone you know through work</td>
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<td>Friend, coworker, relative, shared with you or their family</td>
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<td>Know someone that died</td>
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HAS OPIOID-ABUSE GOTTEN WORSE?
In the past few years, has opioid abuse gotten worse, stayed the same or improved?

Statewide: Opioid abuse
- Gotten worse: 4%
- Stayed the same: 13%
- Improved: 83%

Capital Region: Opioid abuse
- Gotten worse: 2%
- Stayed the same: 9%
- Improved: 90%

IS OPIOID-ABUSE AN EPIDEMIC?
It is an epidemic.

How much have you heard about our country facing an opioid crisis?

Statewide
- Great deal: 63%
- Some: 29%

Capital Region
- Great deal: 63%
- Some: 22%
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Agree/disagree that the U.S. is in the middle of an opioid epidemic?

- Statewide: Agree 80%
- Capital Region: Agree 84%

How serious of a problem would you say opioid abuse is in your area?

- Statewide: Very 41%, Somewhat 41%
- Capital Region: Very 42%, Somewhat 42%

When you hear people discussing the "opioid crisis", do you think primarily of the abuse of legal opioids, illegal or both?

- Statewide: Legal 13%, Illegal 10%, Both 77%
- Capital Region: Legal 10%, Illegal 8%, Both 82%
How serious a public health problem in the State of New York is each of the following?

**Prescription**
- Statewide: 66% Very serious, 28% Somewhat serious
- Capital Region: 66% Very serious, 28% Somewhat serious

**Heroin**
- Statewide: 69% Very serious, 23% Somewhat serious
- Capital Region: 78% Very serious, 18% Somewhat serious

**Synthetic opioids**
- Statewide: 68% Very serious, 26% Somewhat serious
- Capital Region: 70% Very serious, 24% Somewhat serious

How serious a public health problem in the State of New York is each of the following? (Scale: 0 - 3)

- Synthetic opioids: Statewide 2.61, Capital region 2.63
- Heroin use: Statewide 2.59, Capital region 2.73
- Prescription drug abuse: Statewide 2.59, Capital region 2.63
- Mental illness: Statewide 2.45, Capital region 2.73
- Obesity: Statewide 2.43, Capital region 2.43
- Alcohol abuse: Statewide 2.28, Capital region 2.28
- Tobacco use: Statewide 2.23, Capital region 2.23
- E-cigarette and vaping: Statewide 1.89, Capital region 1.83
- Marijuana use: Statewide 1.65, Capital region 1.65