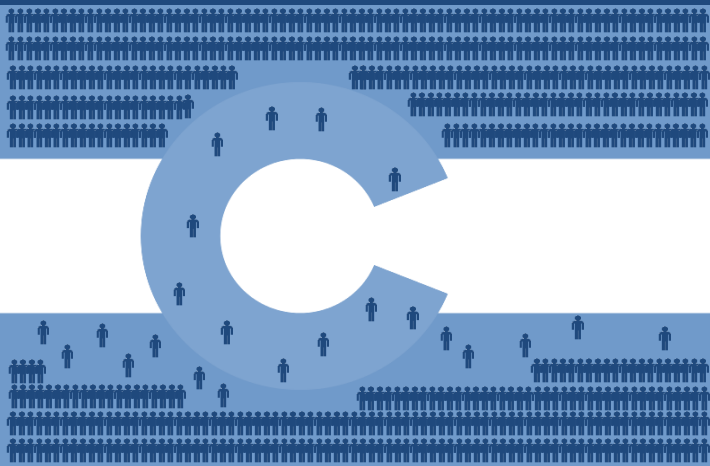
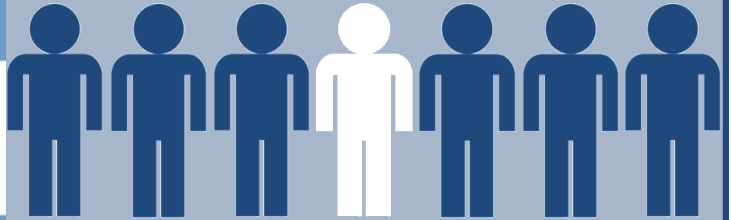


Prescription Drug Abuse in Colorado

In 2013, **598** people in Colorado died from unintentional drug poisoning

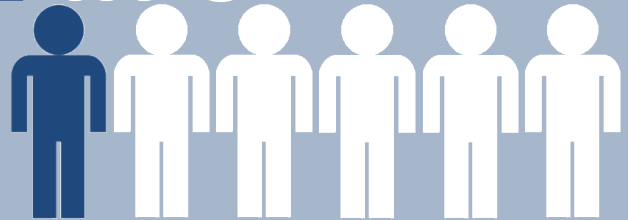


1 in 7 Colorado high school students has taken Rx medication without a doctors prescription



among high school seniors the rate is

1 in 6



That is



1.6 individuals each day

In 2014, Coloradoans turned in **39,849** pounds of unused medication



Since 2011,

144,494 pounds or

72 tons of unused medication has been collected at 9 events

In 2013, **295** people died in Colorado from opioid analgesic poisoning

That is

134 more than those killed in drunk driving related accidents



Statistics gathered from:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Health Statistics Section (2013)
Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Human Services-Office of Behavioral Health, Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (2013)
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Denver Field Division (2014)
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