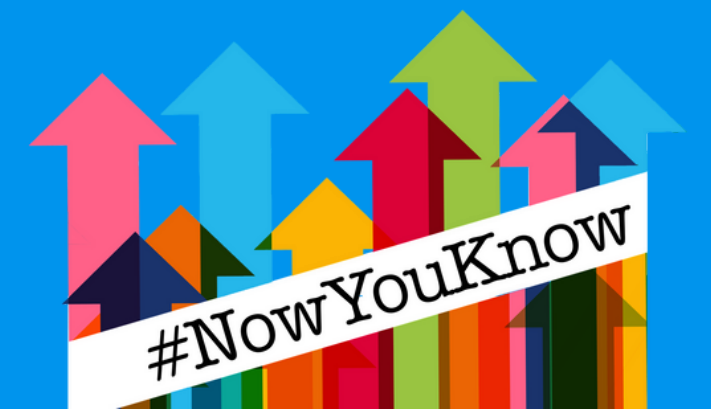




# PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN SOUTHWEST CT



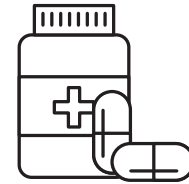
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## TOTAL CT PRESCRIPTION COUNT

**490,155**

### TOP 5 PRESCRIBED DRUGS

1. BENZODIAZEPINES (APRAZOLAM, LORAZEPAM)
2. OPIATE AGONISTS (OXYCODONE, HYDROCODONE)
3. ANXIOLYTICS
4. SEDATIVES
5. HYPNOTICS



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## TOTAL CT ACCIDENTAL DRUG INTOXICATION DEATHS

**1,374**

- 286 INVOLVED A MIX OF ANY OPIOID AND BENZOS
- 120 INVOLVED METHADONE
- 95 INVOLVED OXYCODONE
- 95 INVOLVED AMPHETAMINE/METHAMPHETAMINE



*There has been a 15.7% increase of overdose deaths from 2019 – 2020*

## RESOURCES & SUPPORT

*Counting and locking up your prescriptions and safely disposing of leftover or unwanted drugs at a dropbox are ways to reduce misuse!*



Visit [The Hub](#) for more info, support & resources!

*Among prescription medications, pain relievers are the most frequently used for non-medical purposes in the US*

**77%** OF YOUNG ADULTS (18 - 25) REPORTED ENGAGING IN SUBSTANCES TO HAVE A GOOD TIME

**30%** OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OBTAINED PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICATION WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION BY SOMEONE GIVING IT TO THEM OR TAKING IT FROM THEIR HOME OR SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME



*The highest rate of pain reliever misuse was reported by young adults (18-25-year-olds)*

*With young adults, stimulants, counterfeit drugs, and Adderall are particularly misused*

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## SW CT OVERDOSE DEATHS

**286**

BRIDGEPORT **65**

STAMFORD **19**

NORWALK & STRATFORD **17**

## TREATMENT ADMISSIONS FOR OPIATES AND SYNTHETICS HAS INCREASED

|      | CT STATE | SW CT |
|------|----------|-------|
| 2020 | 3,260    | 394   |
| 2018 | 1,829    | 208   |

2020

## EMERGING & DEADLY SUBSTANCES

- XYLAZINE (ANIMAL TRANQUILIZER) AND FENTANYL: 141 OVERDOSE DEATHS
- FLUALPRAZOLEM (DESIGNER BENZODIAZEPINE) AND FENTANYL: 11 OVERDOSE DEATHS
- EUTYLONE (SYNTHETIC STIMULANT): 3 OVERDOSE DEATHS