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## OREGON ADDICTION FACT SHEET

### ADDICTION

- 1 out of every 10 Oregonians suffers from the disease of addiction<sup>1</sup>
- 2 out of every 3 Oregonians is a friend or family member to someone suffering from addiction<sup>1</sup>
- Oregon has a **9.22% untreated addiction rate** and ranks **50<sup>th</sup> in the nation in access to treatment**<sup>2</sup>

### HEALTH OF OREGONIANS

- **Five Oregonians die from alcohol-related causes every day**<sup>3</sup>
- One to two more Oregonians die from drug overdoses daily<sup>4</sup>
- Drug overdoses kill at the **same rate as firearms**<sup>4</sup> and at a **higher rate than HIV/AIDs** at the height of the epidemic<sup>5</sup>
- The death rates are expected to continue growing, resulting in an alarming **212% increase in alcohol deaths and a 157% increase in drug deaths** from 1999-2025<sup>6</sup>
- People suffering from addiction are nearly twice as likely to also suffer from mood and anxiety disorders<sup>7</sup>

### SOCIAL COSTS

- **1 out of every 10 Oregonians** living in homelessness suffer from addiction<sup>8</sup>
- **Two-thirds of homeless individuals** with an addiction are living in unsheltered locations<sup>8</sup>
- Over half of children entering foster care in 2017 had a parent with a drug use problem and 13.2% had a parent with an alcohol use problem<sup>9</sup>
- **3 out of every 4 people incarcerated** are addicted (61%) or have some level of misuse (13%)<sup>10</sup>

### ECONOMIC COST

- Untreated substance abuse **costs Oregon \$5.9 billion every year**<sup>11</sup>
  - \$4.15 billion in lost earnings, \$813 million in health care, and \$967 million in other costs such as law enforcement, criminal justice and social welfare expenditures
- Alcohol dependence alone cost Oregon \$3.2 billion in 2006, compared to only \$3.95 million earned in tax revenues from the sale of alcohol<sup>11</sup>
- Excessive drinking costs the U.S. \$2.05 per drink<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Substance Use Disorders in Oregon - Prevention, Treatment & Recovery](#), Oregon Substance Use Disorder Research Committee, Nov. 2017.

<sup>2</sup> [2016-2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Model-Based Prevalence Estimates](#), SAMHSA, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> [Alcohol-Related Deaths by County, Oregon, 2013–2016](#), Oregon Health Authority, Apr. 2018.

<sup>4</sup> [National Center for Health Statistics Stats of the State of Oregon](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2016.

<sup>5</sup> [Epidemiologic Profile of HIV/AIDS in Oregon](#), Oregon Health Authority, Mar. 2014.

<sup>6</sup> [Pain in the Nation: The Drug, Alcohol and Suicide Crises and the Need for a National Strategy](#), Trust for America's Health and Well Being Trust, Nov. 2017.

<sup>7</sup> [Health Consequences of Drug Misuse](#), National Institute on Drug Abuse, Mar. 2017.

<sup>8</sup> [Point-in-Time Estimates of Homelessness](#), Oregon Housing and Community Services, 2017.

<sup>9</sup> [2017 Child Welfare Data Book](#), Oregon Department of Human Services, Feb. 2018.

<sup>10</sup> [Quick Facts](#), Oregon Department of Corrections, Sept. 2018.

<sup>11</sup> [The Economic Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Oregon in 2006](#), ECONorthwest, 2008.

<sup>12</sup> [2010 National and State Costs of Excessive Alcohol Consumption](#), American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Nov. 2015.