

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN NORTHWEST OHIO

A 2019 ANALYSIS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

The opioid epidemic continues to be a serious public health issue affecting every state in the nation. In addition to the toll opioid abuse takes on human life, the crisis is affecting our economic well-being.

In metropolitan Toledo — Lucas, Wood, Fulton and Ottawa counties — the number of fatal opioid overdoses has risen from less than two dozen in 2007 to more than 145 annually in each of the last three years.

Each of those losses causes significant damage to the regional economy, both directly from lost spending, wages and productivity, and indirectly from lower employment and other trickle-down effects.

An analysis from The University of Toledo conducted in 2019 puts the total impact of overdose death at \$1.6 billion in northwest Ohio.

Access the full economic impact report online at utoledo.edu/economic-impact/opioids.

\$1.6B

TOTAL IMPACT OF OVERDOSE DEATHS
IN NORTHWEST OHIO*

\$8.67M

Direct impact
of each opioid
overdose death

147

Overdose deaths
directly attributed
to opioid overdose
in 2017

\$1.27B

Total lost economic
output directly
related to those
147 overdose deaths

\$329M

Indirect impact,
or spillover effect,
of overdose deaths

\$1.6B

Total economic
impact of the
opioid crisis in
metropolitan Toledo

\$36B

Metropolitan
Toledo's gross
domestic product
in 2017

4.5%

Region's total gross
domestic lost to
opioid crisis

2,082

Full-time equivalent
jobs lost in 2017
across the region
because of the
opioid epidemic