

HEROIN USE IN MILWAUKEE: A DANGEROUS TREND ON THE RISE



255

drug-related deaths
in Milwaukee County in 2015.

600%

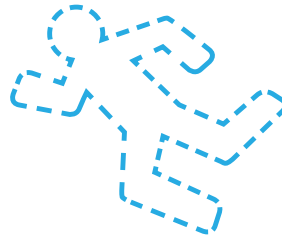
percent increase in
heroin related deaths in
Wisconsin over the last
fourteen years.

In 2014, heroin overdose deaths in Milwaukee County **surpassed the number of homicides** and the number of **motor vehicle deaths** for the first time.



119

heroin deaths



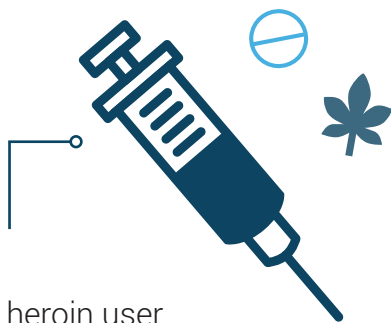
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homicides

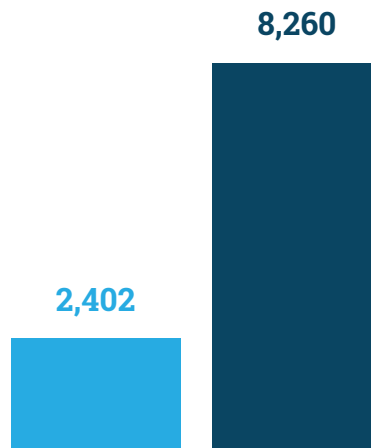


74

motor vehicle
deaths



The heroin user population is increasing at a **much faster rate than any other drug of abuse.**



Deaths involving heroin are also increasing at a much faster rate than other illicit drugs, **more than tripling** between 2007 and 2013.