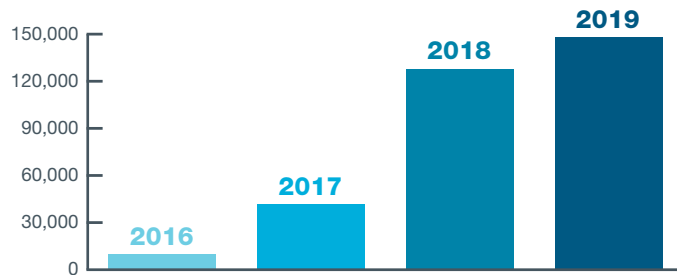


# Alberta's Response to the Opioid Crisis

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## Saving Lives: Naloxone

More than **145,000 naloxone kits** have been distributed to Albertans as of March 2019. Naloxone temporarily reverses overdoses and allows people to seek emergency care.



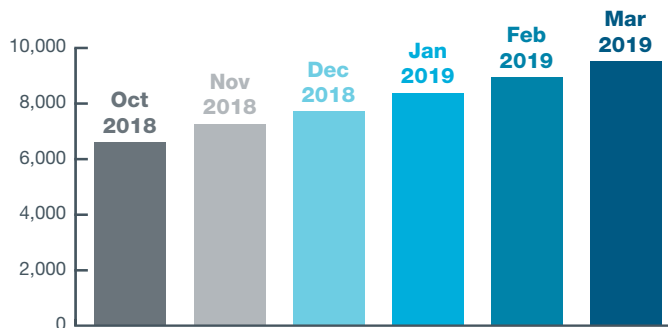
Naloxone kits distributed 2015 – March 31 2019

## Distribution Sites

More than **1,980 sites** distribute naloxone kits across the province, including pharmacies.

## Overdose Reversals

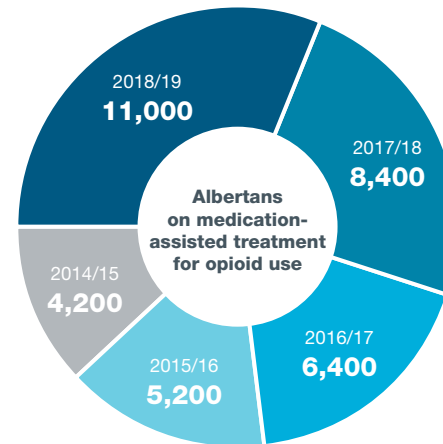
More than **9,500 overdose reversals** have been voluntarily reported by people replacing their used kits, from January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019.



Overdose reversals October 2018 – March 2019

## Treatment: Medication

More than **11,000 Albertans** are on medication-assisted treatment for opioid use (2018/19), which provides methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone (including Suboxone) to people to help prevent withdrawal and reduce cravings.



## Supervised consumption services

save lives by providing people supervision while they use their own drugs, naloxone and emergency care in the event of an overdose, and access to health care. From January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019:

**Calgary:** 68,415 site visits | 899 overdose reversals  
(opened Oct. 31, 2017)

**Lethbridge:** 188,111 site visits | 1,813 overdose reversals  
(opened February 28, 2018)

**Edmonton:** 46,731 site visits | 488 overdose reversals  
(first Edmonton site opened March 23, 2018; Boyle McCauley Health Centre opened Oct. 1)

**Grande Prairie:** 298 site visits | 16 overdose reversals  
(March 2019 only)

**Red Deer:** Between October 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018, the Red Deer overdose prevention site had more than **14,143 site visits** and **347 overdose events successfully reversed**.

## New Clinics and Expanded Programs

New publicly run opioid clinics and expanded treatment programs will serve up to **4,000 patients each year**.

The **AHS Virtual Opioid Dependency Program**, previously available in Central Alberta, is being expanded, starting in Lethbridge.

