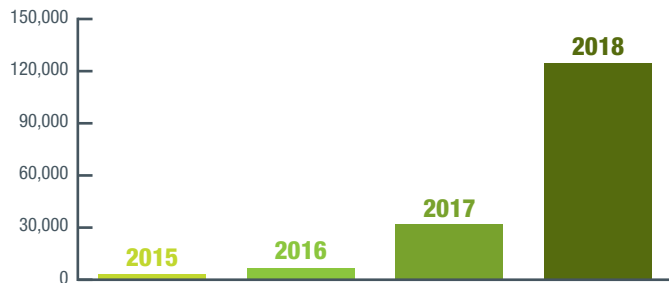


# Alberta's Response To The Opioid Crisis

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## Saving Lives: Naloxone

More than **130,000 naloxone kits** have been distributed to Albertans as of January 2019. Naloxone temporarily reverses overdoses and allows people to seek emergency care.



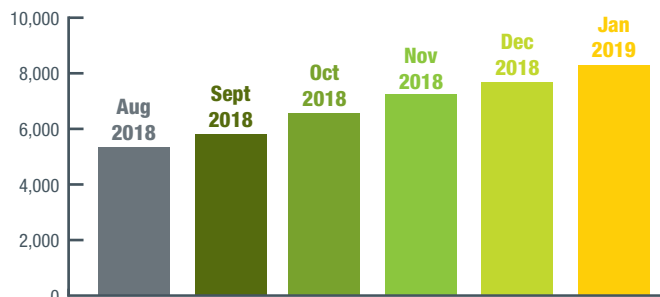
Naloxone kits distributed 2015 – December 31 2018

## Distribution Sites

More than **1,800 sites** distribute naloxone kits across the province, including pharmacies.

## Overdose Reversals

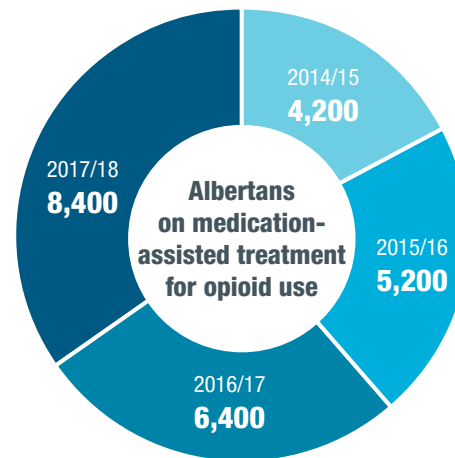
More than **8,323 overdose reversals** have been voluntarily reported by people replacing their used kits, from January 1, 2016 to January 31, 2019.



Overdose reversals August 2018 – January 2019

## Treatment: Medication

More than **8,400 Albertans** are on medication-assisted treatment for opioid use (2017/18), which provides methadone or 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 to December 31, 2018:

**Calgary:** 51,922 site visits | 716 overdose reversals

**Lethbridge:** 127,851 site visits | 1,303 overdose reversals

**Edmonton:** 29,298 site visits | 334 overdose reversals

**Red Deer:** Between October 1, 2018 and February 28, 2018, the Red Deer overdose prevention site had more than **10,180 visits and 233 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.

