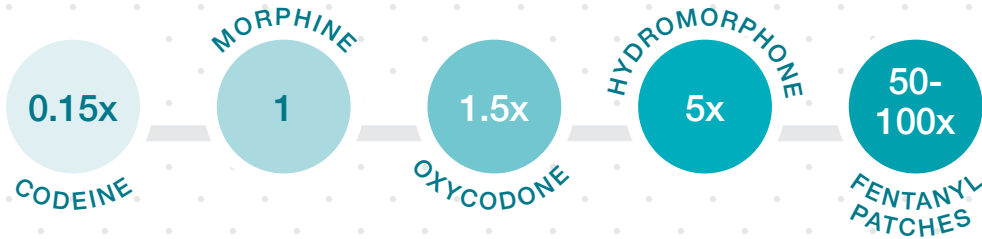


# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE GROWING USE OF PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS IN ONTARIO?

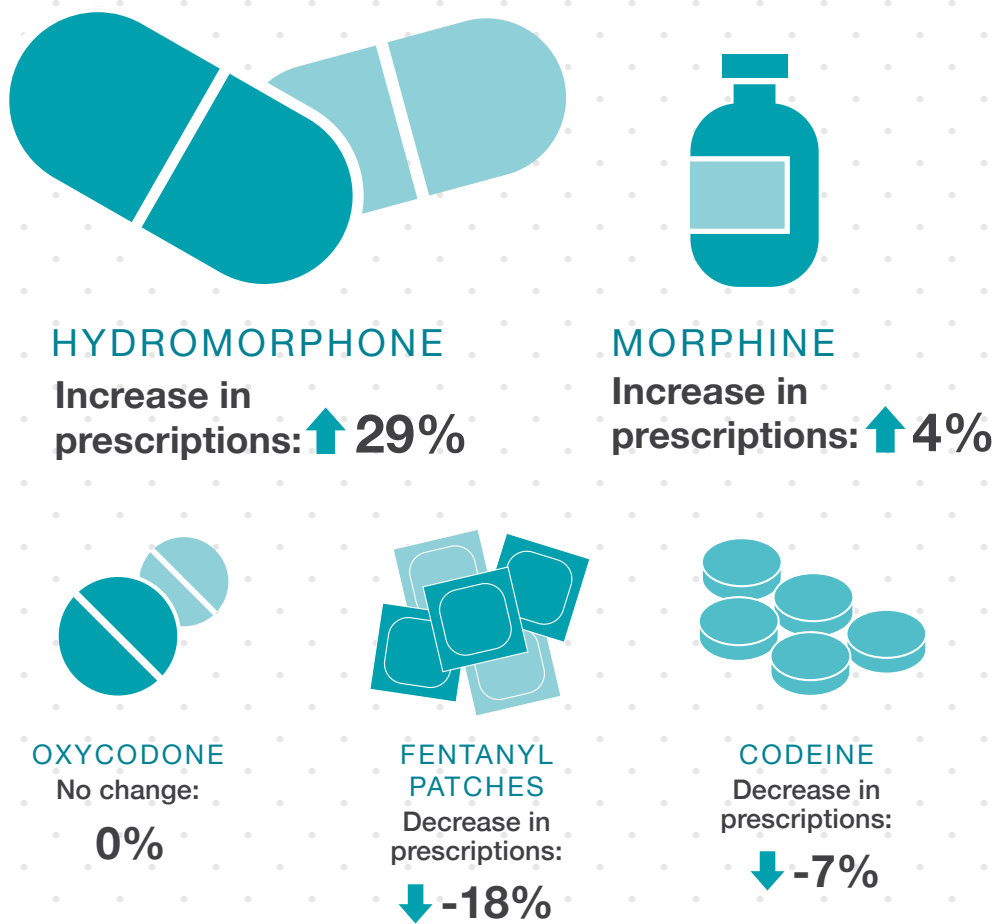
Health Quality Ontario's latest report looks at the current state of opioid prescribing in Ontario.

More people in Ontario are filling prescriptions for stronger opioids.

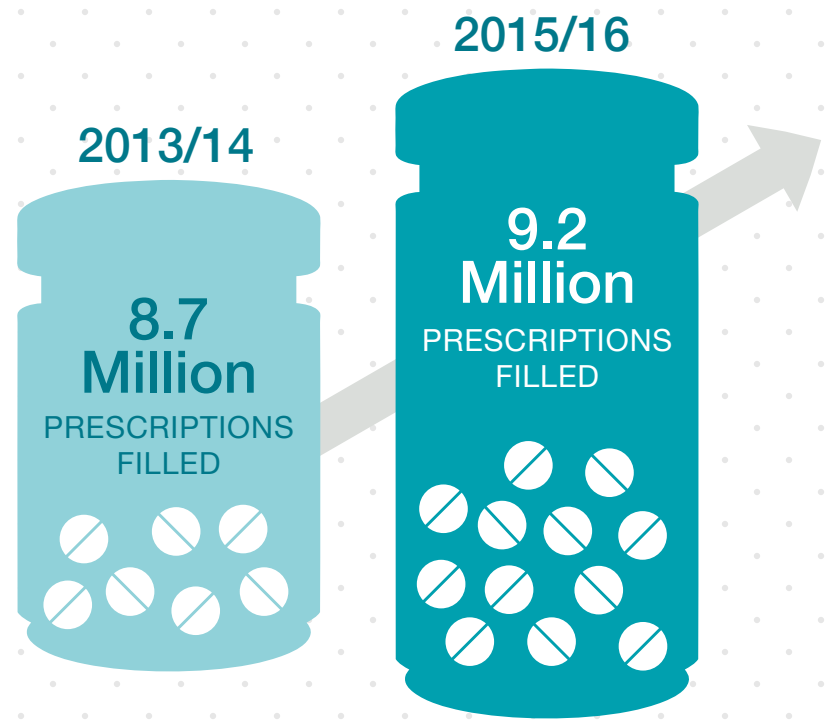
Commonly prescribed opioids and their strength: (approximate morphine equivalent)\*



Percentage of change in opioid prescriptions filled from 2013/14 to 2015/16:



The number of opioids prescriptions filled in Ontario has increased in the last three years.



Prescriptions are up by nearly **450,000** since 2013/14.

\*Strength does not factor in the dose, nor the length of the prescription. These levels are approximations only.  
\*\*Varies depending on patch strength and length of time on skin.

The number of opioid prescriptions filled varies substantially by region in Ontario.

Prescriptions filled per 100 people

