

Americans agree that those in opioid recovery need access to treatment options

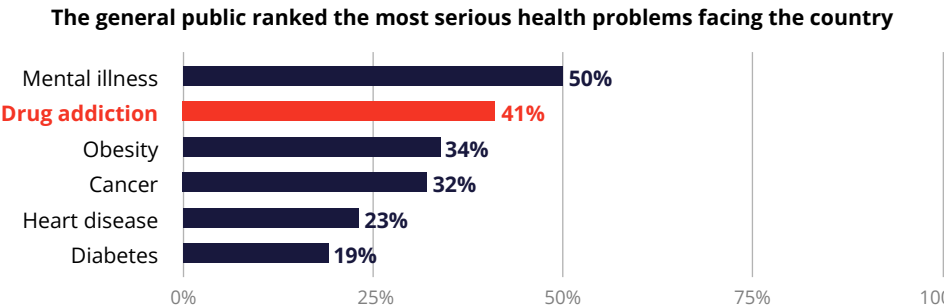
Mobilize Recovery surveyed 772 respondents from the general public and 304 people in recovery from opioid addiction to better understand how both groups view the journey from active addiction to recovery.

The findings reveal common ground on what long-term recovery needs. But lived experience points to persistent barriers and differing views on how far America has come.

Where the two groups agree

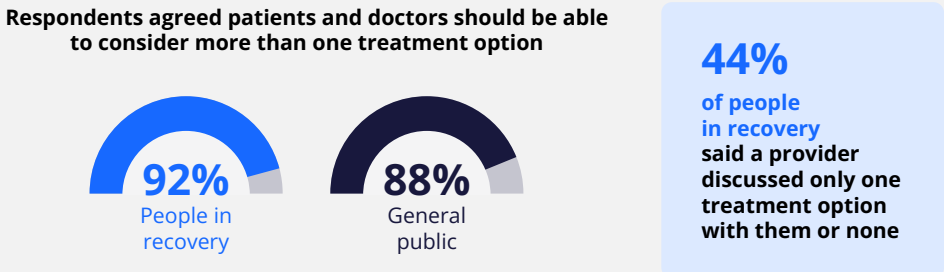
Addiction remains a major national health concern

41% of the general public named drug addiction one of the country's two most serious health problems, putting it ahead of obesity, cancer, heart disease and diabetes. This number was even higher among those in recovery at 51%.



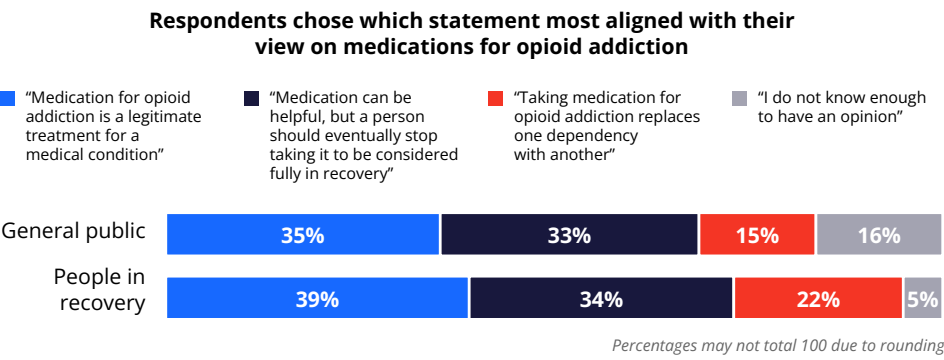
People need choices when they pursue treatment

There is near-universal agreement that treatment should reflect individual needs, yet almost half of people in recovery were given one option or none at all from their provider.



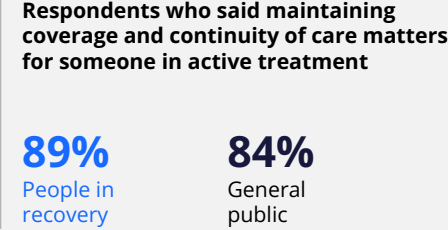
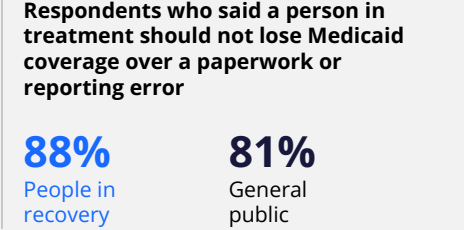
Medication is an effective part of recovery — yet stigma persists

Surprisingly, people in recovery were more likely than the general public to subscribe to the misconception that medication swaps one dependency for another.



Treatment continuity matters

There is nearly unanimous agreement that paperwork should not cost someone their treatment.

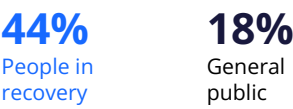


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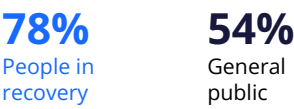
Americans agree that people in recovery deserve treatment access, choice and continuity. Where perspectives begin to diverge is in how much progress has been made, and the barriers people encounter when seeking care.

Where the two groups differ

Respondents who said the opioid crisis has improved over the past five years



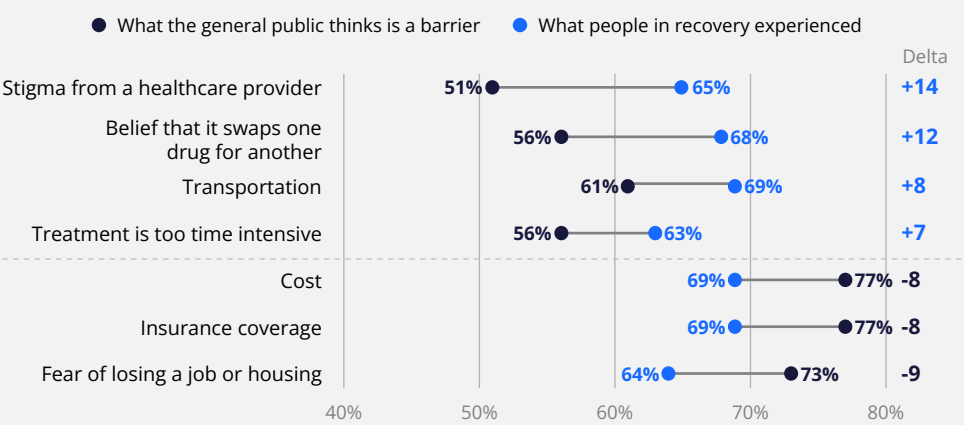
Respondents who said elected officials are paying the same or more attention to the opioid crisis as five years ago



People in recovery see a more hopeful picture of the nation's opioid response

They are more likely than the general public to say the crisis has improved over the past five years and that elected officials are maintaining or increasing their attention to the issue.

Barriers to getting or staying on medication for opioid addiction

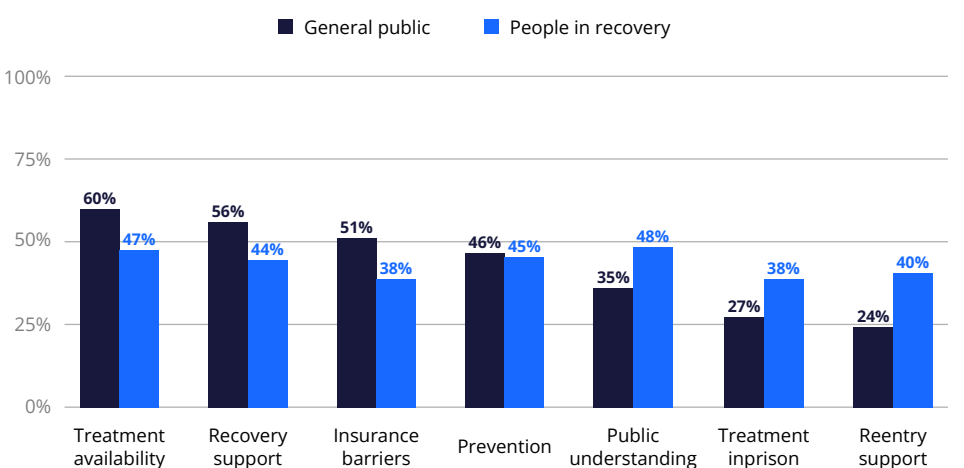


People in recovery encounter barriers the public may not see

Those in recovery often experience barriers to medication at a higher rate than the public assumes.

While the majority of the general public understood insurance coverage could be a barrier to care, 48% felt unsure whether delays in approval impacted care. In reality, 53% of people in recovery experienced delays or denials.

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People in recovery want federal action on awareness, not just access

The general public prioritized treatment capacity and services. People in recovery emphasized increasing understanding of addiction and supporting reentry after incarceration — suggesting that access alone does not address every barrier to recovery.

“People in recovery have reason for hope because we’ve seen that treatment works. But hope is not enough. Americans agree that people deserve effective treatment options and continuity of care. Now, we must break down stigma and remove barriers to make sure everyone who wants help has a path to recovery.”

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