Addiction Facts and Figures

20 million
People in the U.S. suffer from addiction

1 in 7
of people in the U.S. are expected to develop a substance use disorder at some point in their lives.

23 MILLION
Americans are in recovery, proving that a person can be treated and recover from this illness.

50%
of people in the U.S. know someone who has suffered or is currently suffering from a substance use disorder.

<18
90% of Americans with a substance use disorder began using substances before the age of 18.

Research suggests genetic factors account for about half of a person's likelihood of developing a SUD.

10%
Only about 10 percent of people with a substance use disorder receive any type of specialty treatment.

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