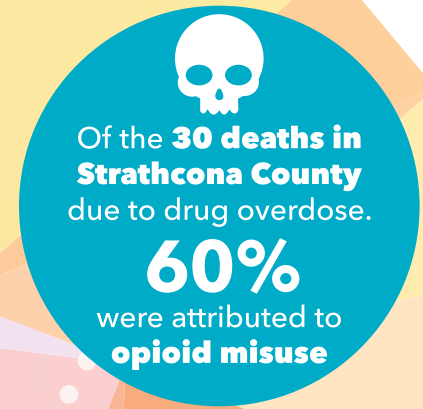
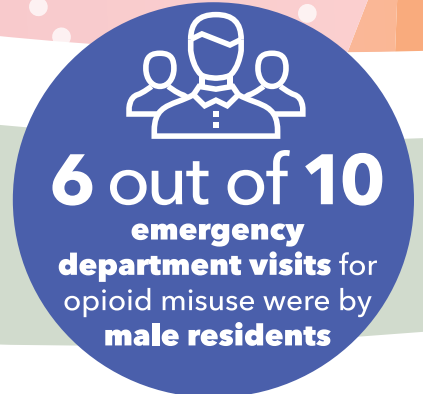
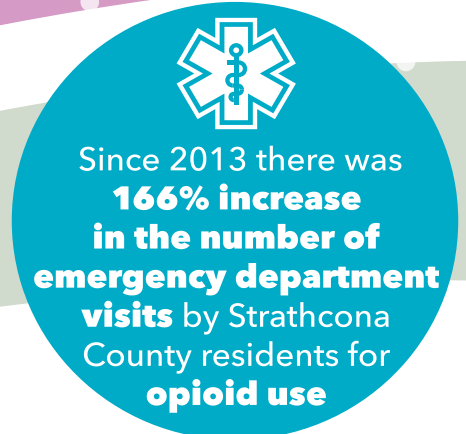
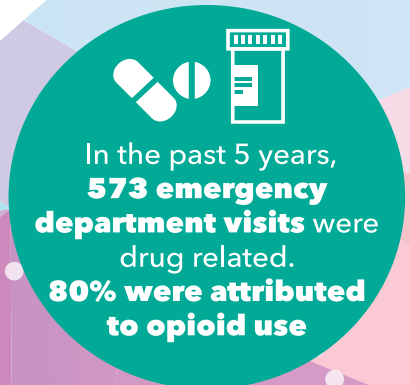
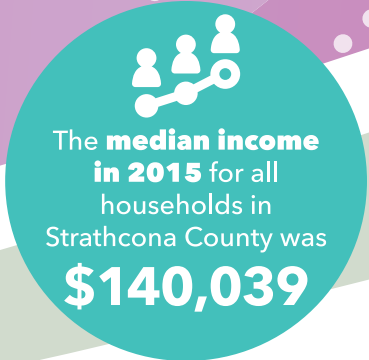
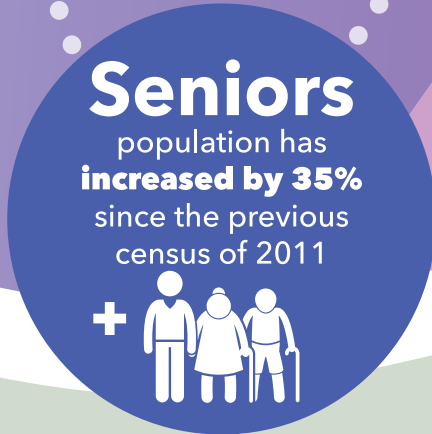
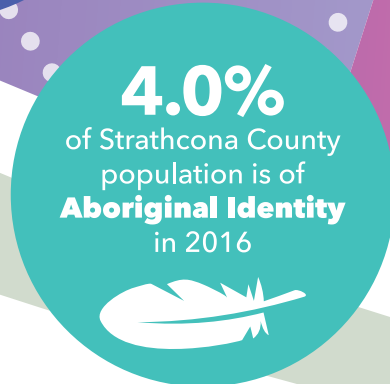
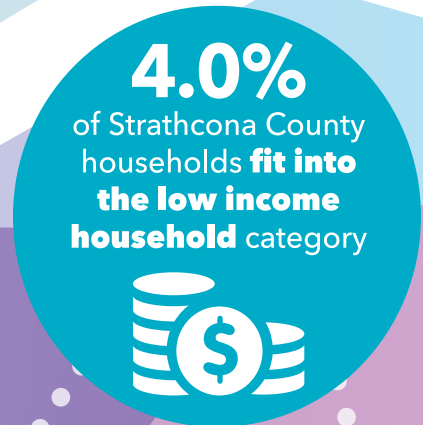
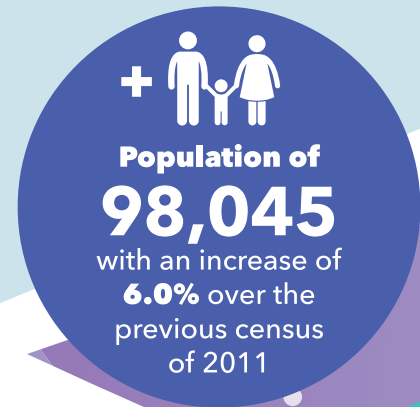


In Strathcona County...



ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN*

In response to growing concerns about the opioid crisis, the City of Edmonton and regional community partners met in March 2017 and from this discussion, Opioid Edmonton and Region response recommendations were developed. Municipalities were encouraged to develop their own local response.

The Strathcona County Social Framework Steering Committee responded by hosting a conversation with a number of local agencies and organizations. Additionally, the Community Partners in Action Committee (CPAC), a collection of social serving organizations that focused on collaboratively identifying and addressing broad social issues, community needs and service gaps, was also invited. From this meeting the Strathcona County Opioid Response Committee came into being.

Deeper examination of this issue revealed that all addiction is serious and it does not discriminate, it can happen to anyone. The Opioid Response was seen as an opportunity to create a broader, county specific, drug strategy that would focus on risk reduction, open conversations and a social stigma response.

*Data sources: Federal Census and Alberta Health, 2016