Opioids, Pregnancy, and NAS
Can taking opioids during pregnancy lead to neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS)?

**YES**

Every hour, a baby is born suffering from opioid withdrawal.

In 2015, 79,000 pregnant women reported using heroin in the past month.

Between 2009 and 2012, NAS-related charges increased from $732 million to nearly $1.5 billion.

### Average Hospital Stays for Newborns

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<td><strong>Average Length</strong></td>
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<td>$66,700</td>
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**Sources**

Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. (2016). Results from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Detailed Tables.