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Hello [r/dataisbeautiful](#)! We are [Steven Rich](#), [Aaron Williams](#) and [Andrew Ba Tran](#) of The Washington Post's data and design team! We've compiled a comprehensive database on the sale of pain pills which fueled the opioid epidemic. The Post team sifted through almost [380 million transactions from 2006 through 2012 in the Drug Enforcement Administration's database](#) and made the data available at state and county levels to help the public understand the national crisis. We're here to talk about the methodology, tracking, how they've seen people use their data, and how you can too!

Want to take a peek at the data? [Here's how to do it](#). "The Opioid Files" is an investigative effort to analyze an epidemic that's claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people since 1996. All of our past coverage can be found [here](#).

We start at 1 p.m. Looking forward to answering your questions, and special thanks to the mods for inviting us here!

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