

Suspected Drug Poisoning Emergency Department (ED) Visits in Texas, January 2025

In January 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased by 11.86%** compared to January 2024.

3,997

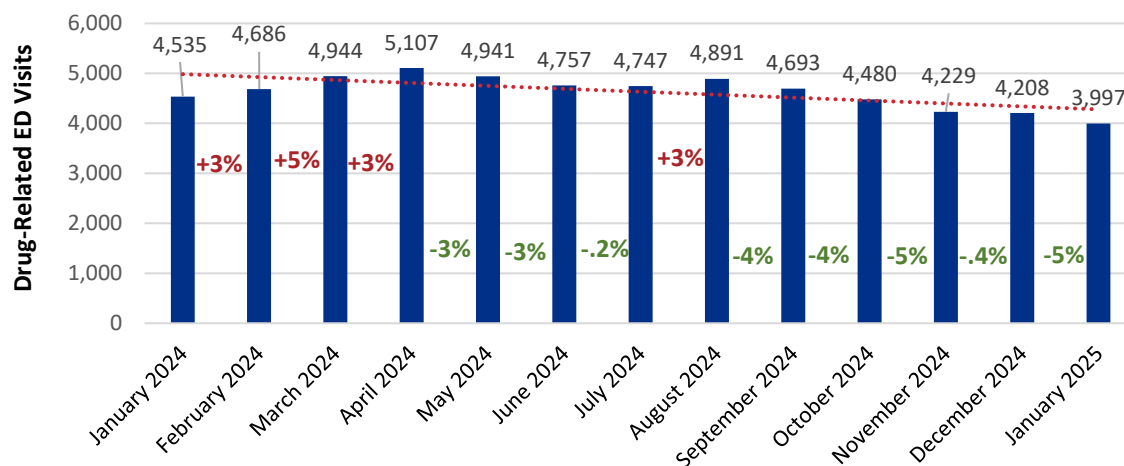
In January 2025

4,535

In January 2024

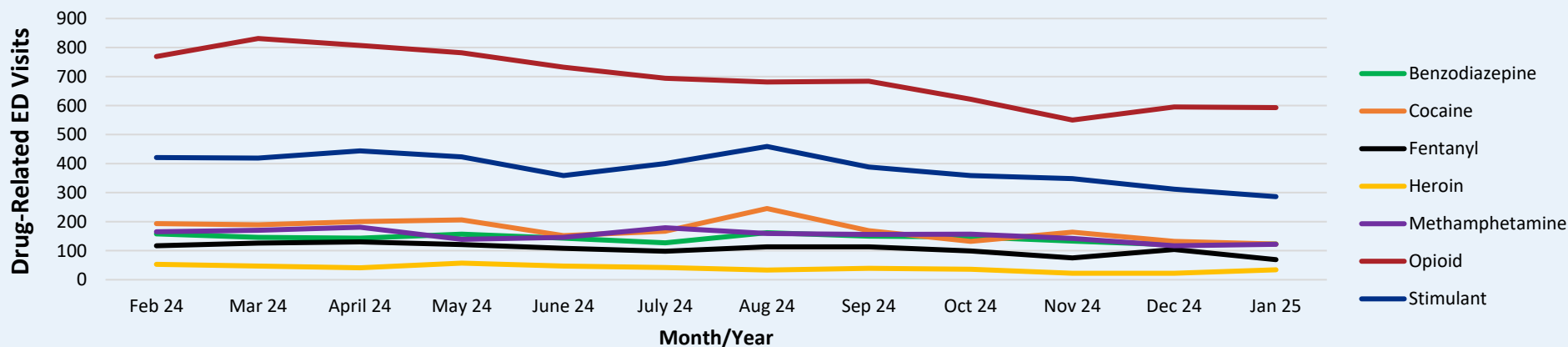
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real-time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

Total Drug-Related ED Visits, January 2024-January 2025



*The "+" and "-" indicate the increase or decrease of the ED visits compared to the previous month.
Data prepared by Injury Prevention Unit Epidemiologists using NSSP ESSENCE data, January 2025.

Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, February 2024 – January 2025



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Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, December 2024 and January 2025

In January 2025, **fentanyl-related ED visits decreased by almost 34%** when compared to fentanyl-related ED visits in December 2024.



In January 2025, **heroin-related ED visits increased over 54%** when compared to heroin-related ED visits in December 2024.

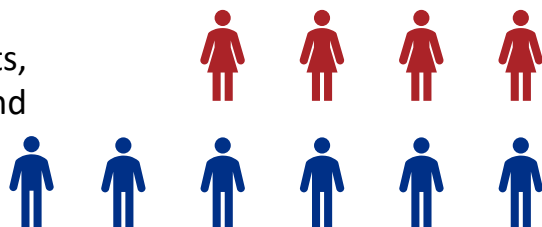
Drug Type	December 2024	January 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	4,208	3,997	5.0% 
Opioids	595	593	0.3% 
Heroin	22	34	54.5% 
Fentanyl	104	69	33.7% 
Stimulant	312	286	8.3% 
Cocaine	132	123	6.8% 
Methamphetamine	117	122	4.3% 
Benzodiazepine	120	123	2.5% 

Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

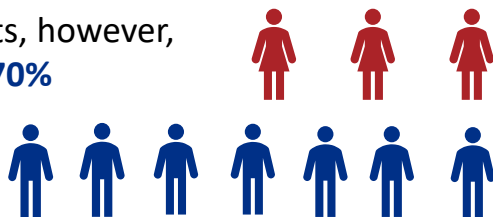
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Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

In **opioid-related** ED visits, **41% involved females** and **59% involved males**.



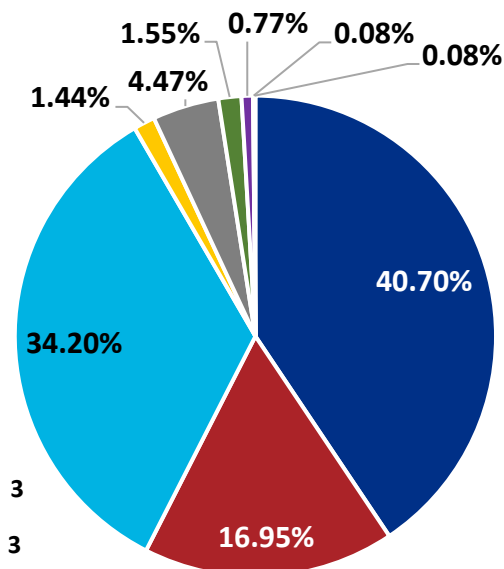
In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however, **30% involved females** and **70% involved males**.



All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity

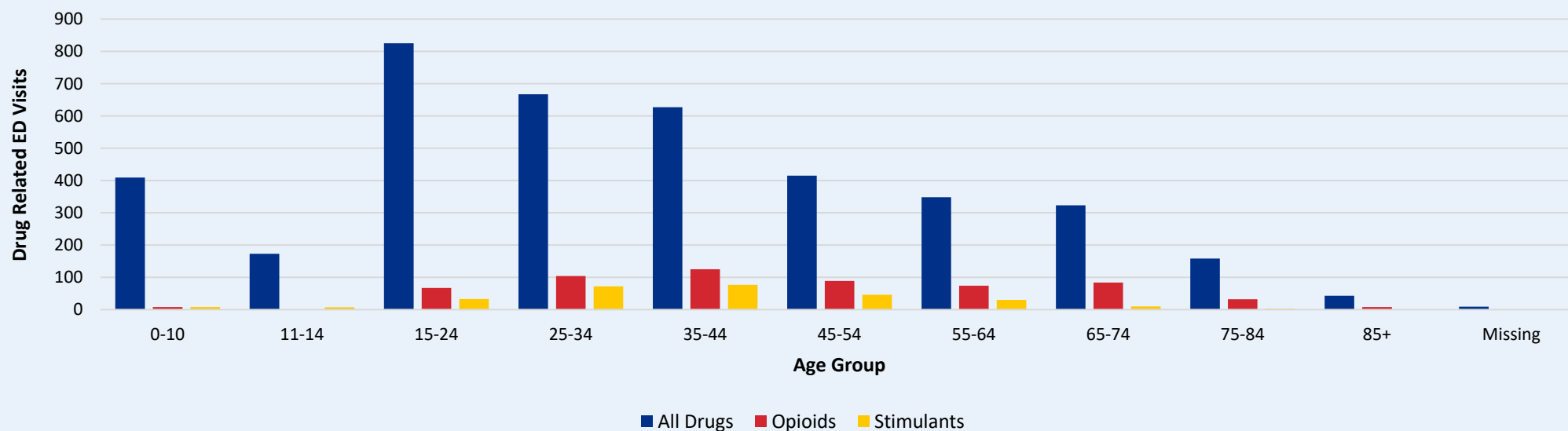
Race/Ethnicity and Number of Visits:

White	1,521
Black	633
Hispanic	1,280
Unknown	54
Other Race	167
Asian	43
Multiple Race	29
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3



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Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group



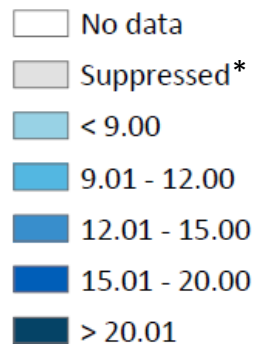
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County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

January 2025

Most Impacted Counties	
Comal	
Ellis	
Hunt	
Potter	
Randall	

ED Visit Rates per 100k population



*Rates where the numerator is 1-20 are suppressed because rates based on small numbers are unreliable.

