

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

In April 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased by 10.46%** compared to April 2024.

**4,492**

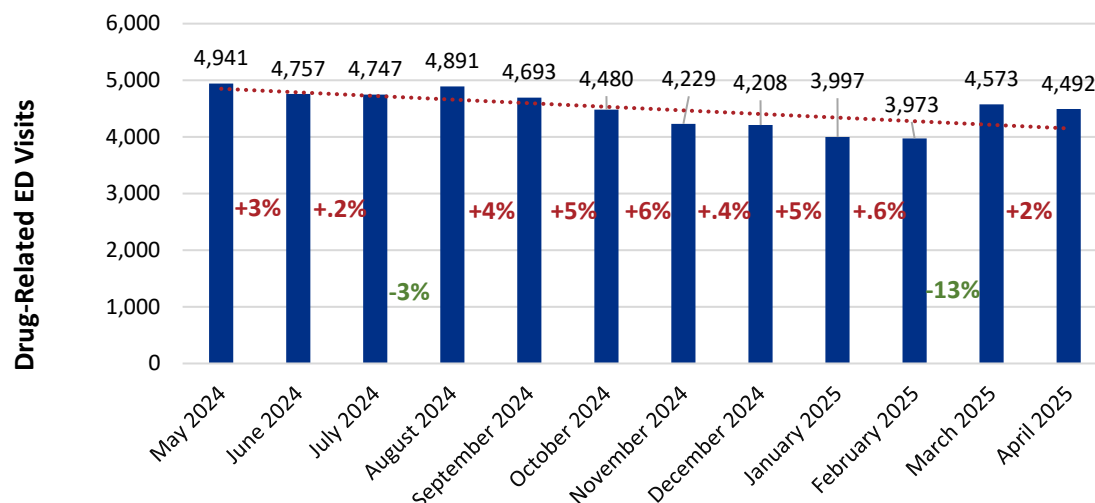
**In April 2025**

**5,017**

**In April 2024**

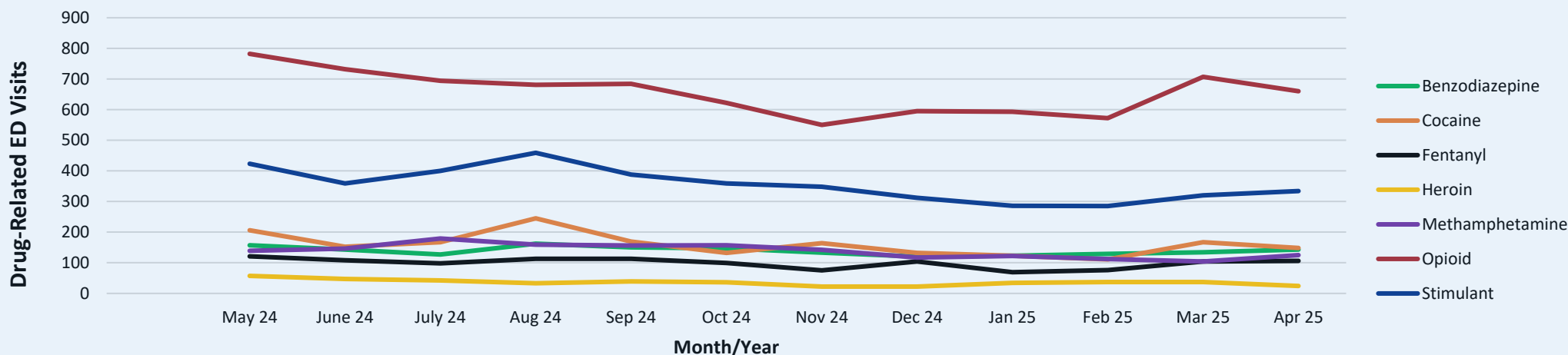
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

**Total Drug-Related ED Visits, May 2024 – April 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, April 2025.

**Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, May 2024 – April 2025**



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# Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, March 2025 and April 2025

In April 2025, **methamphetamine-related ED visits increased by 20%** when compared to fentanyl-related ED visits in March 2025.



In April 2025, **heroin-related ED visits decreased by 35%** when compared to cocaine-related ED visits in March 2025.

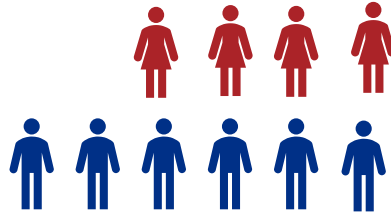
Drug Type	March 2025	April 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	4,573	4,492	2% 
Opioids	707	660	7% 
Heroin	37	24	35% 
Fentanyl	104	106	2% 
Stimulant	320	334	4% 
Cocaine	167	149	11% 
Methamphetamine	104	125	20% 
Benzodiazepine	134	143	7% 

# Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

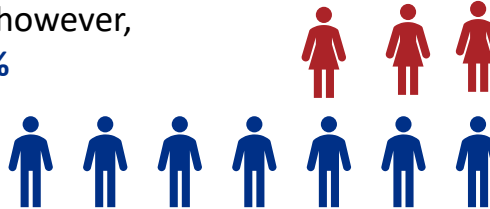
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### Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

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



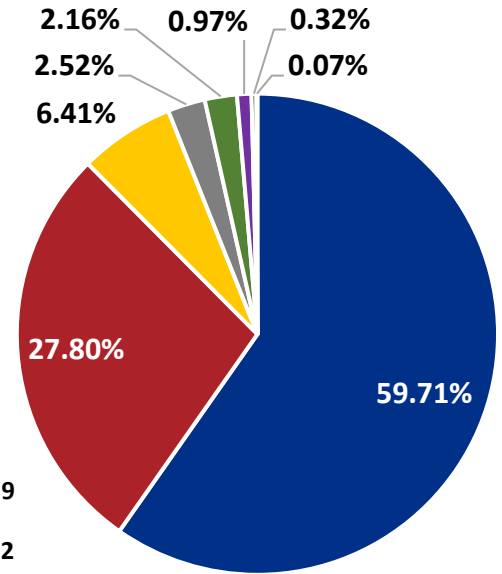
In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however,  
**28% involved females** and **72% involved males**.



### All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race

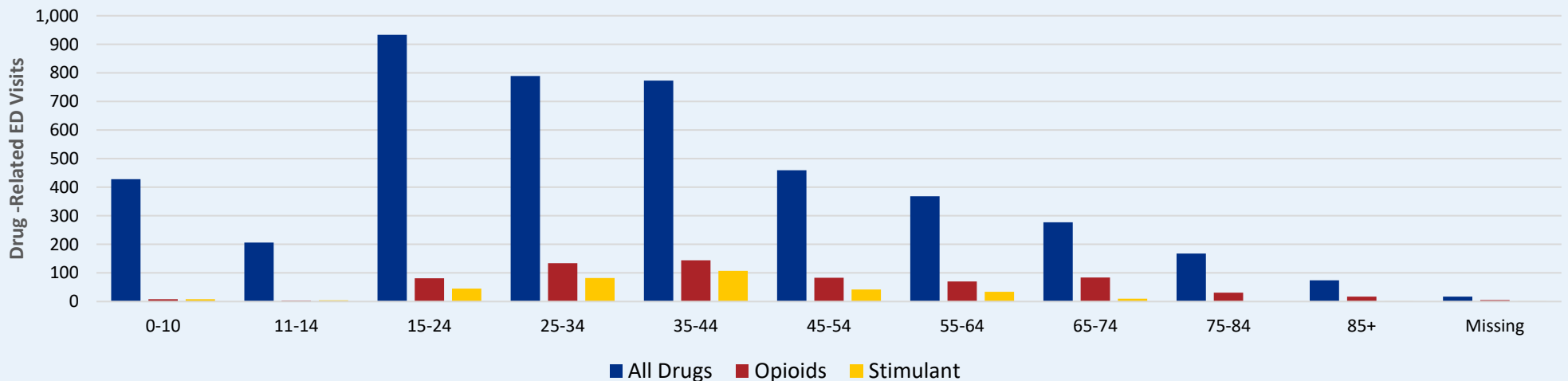
#### Race and Number of Visits:

White	1,538
Black	771
Unknown	178
Other Race	70
Asian	60
Multiple Race	27
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2



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### Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group



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# County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

April 2025

## Most Impacted Counties

Bastrop

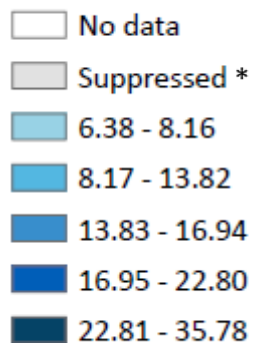
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Liberty

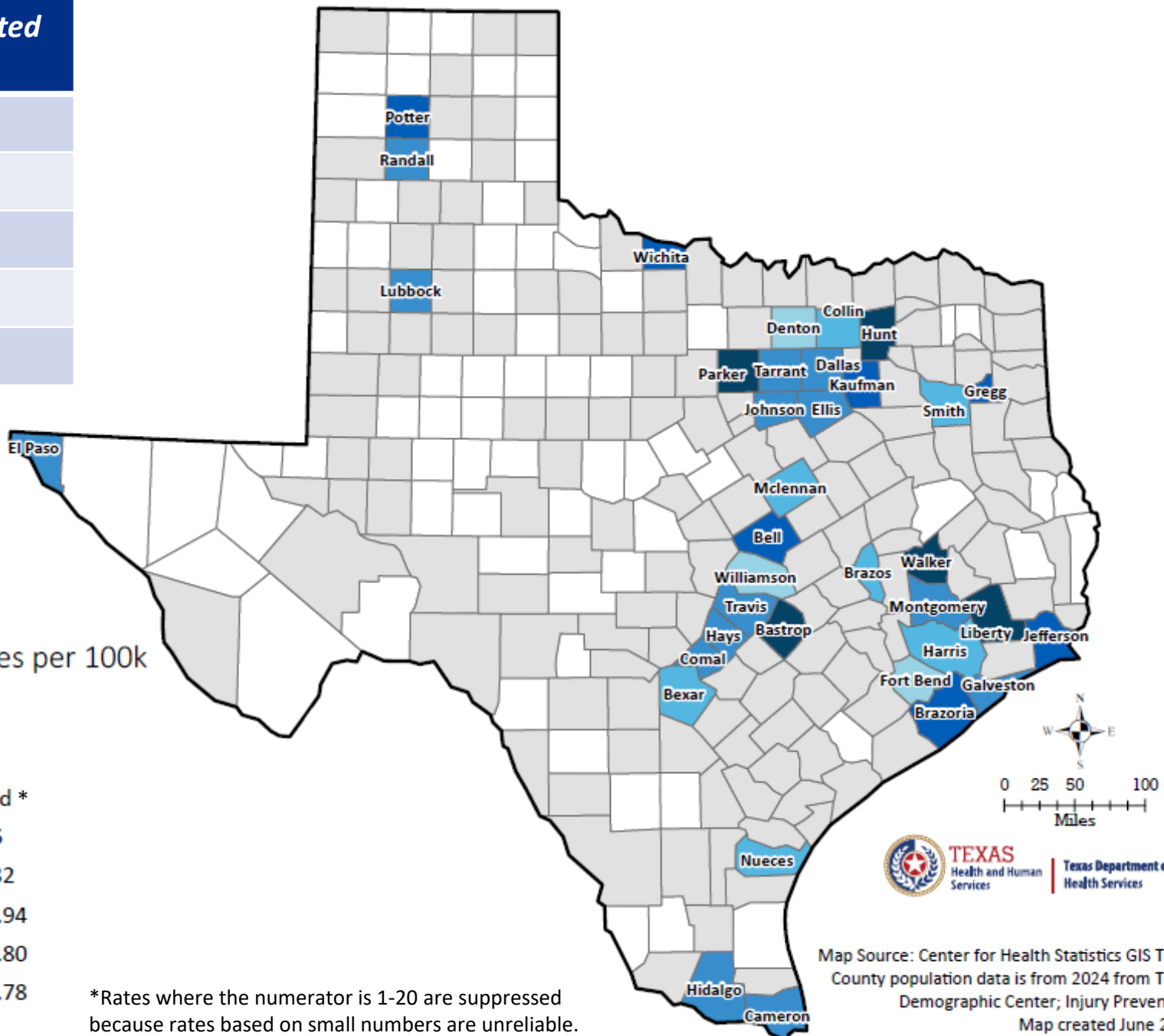
Parker

Walker

ED Visit Rates per 100k population



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



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Map Source: Center for Health Statistics GIS Team  
County population data is from 2024 from Texas  
Demographic Center; Injury Prevention  
Map created June 2025