

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

In February 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased by 15.22%** compared to February 2024.

**3,973**

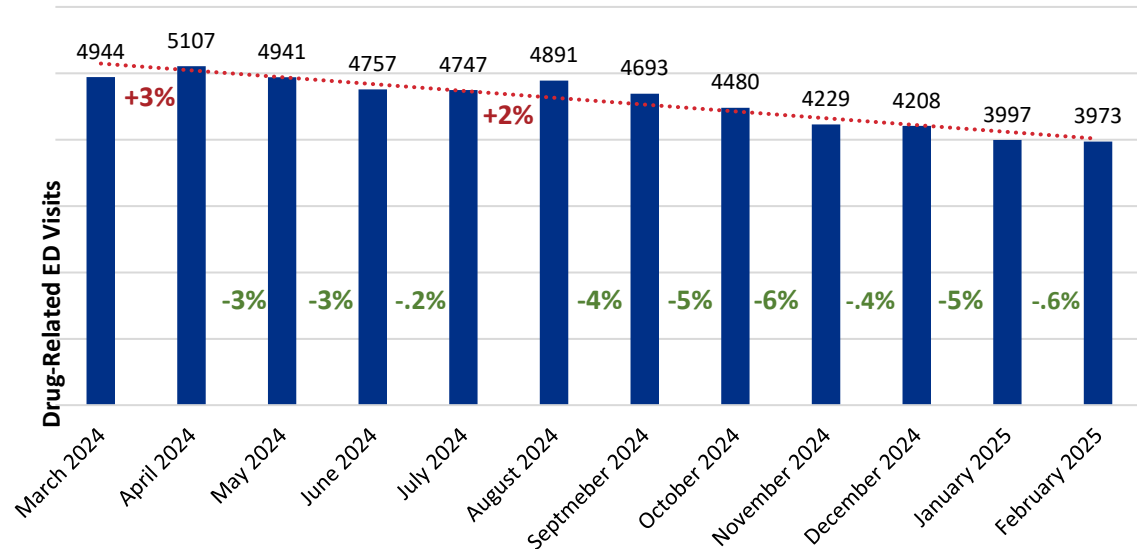
In February 2025

**4,686**

In February 2024

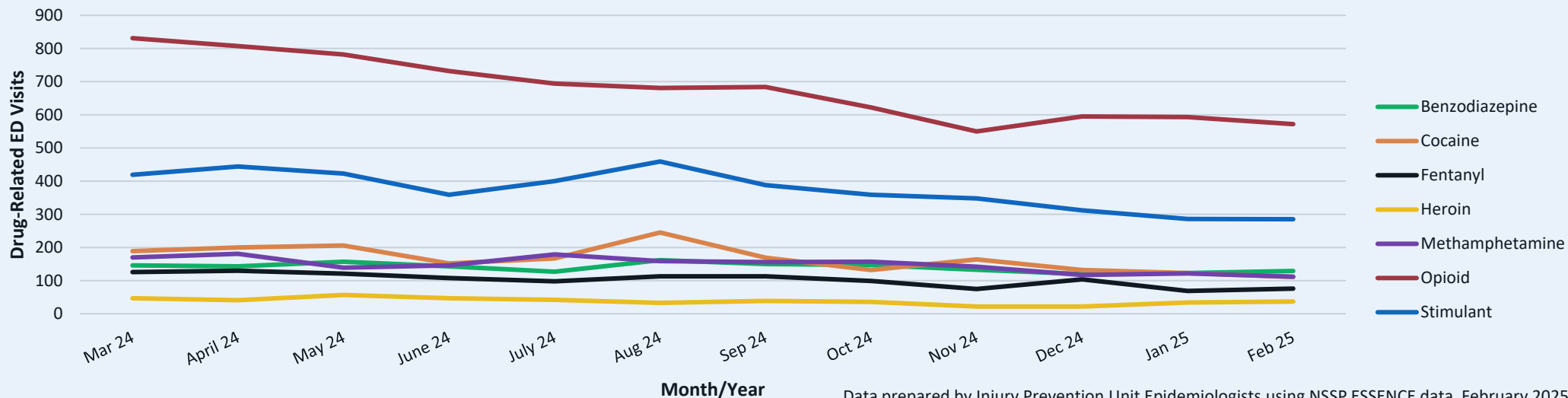
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

**Total Drug-Related ED Visits, March 2024 – February 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, February 2025.

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



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# Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, January 2025 and February 2025

In February 2025, **fentanyl-related ED visits increased by 10%** when compared to fentanyl-related ED visits in January 2025.



In February 2025, **cocaine-related ED visits decreased by 10%** when compared to cocaine-related ED visits in January 2025.

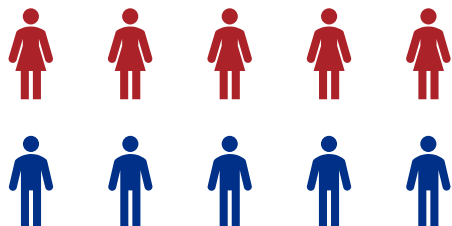
Drug Type	January 2025	February 2025	Percent change	
All Drugs	3,997	3,973	0.6%	
Opioids	593	572	4%	
Heroin	34	37	9%	
Fentanyl	69	76	10%	
Stimulant	286	285	0.3%	
Cocaine	123	111	10%	
Methamphetamine	122	112	8%	
Benzodiazepine	123	129	5%	

# Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

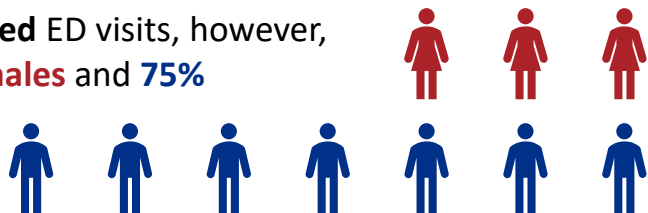
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### Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

The percentage of **opioid-related** ED visits was nearly equal with **47% involving females** and **53% involving males**.



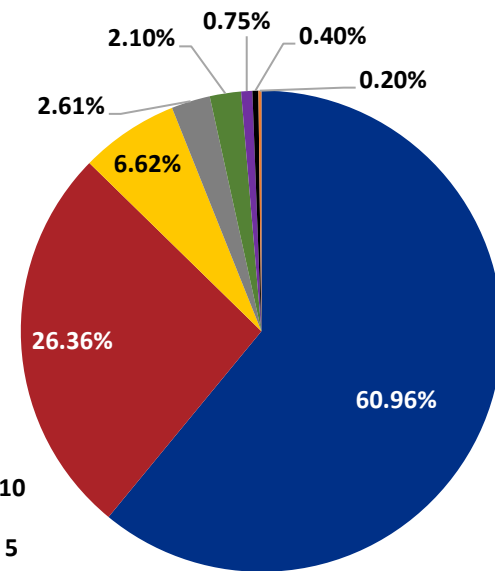
In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however, **25% involved females** and **75% involved males**.



### All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race

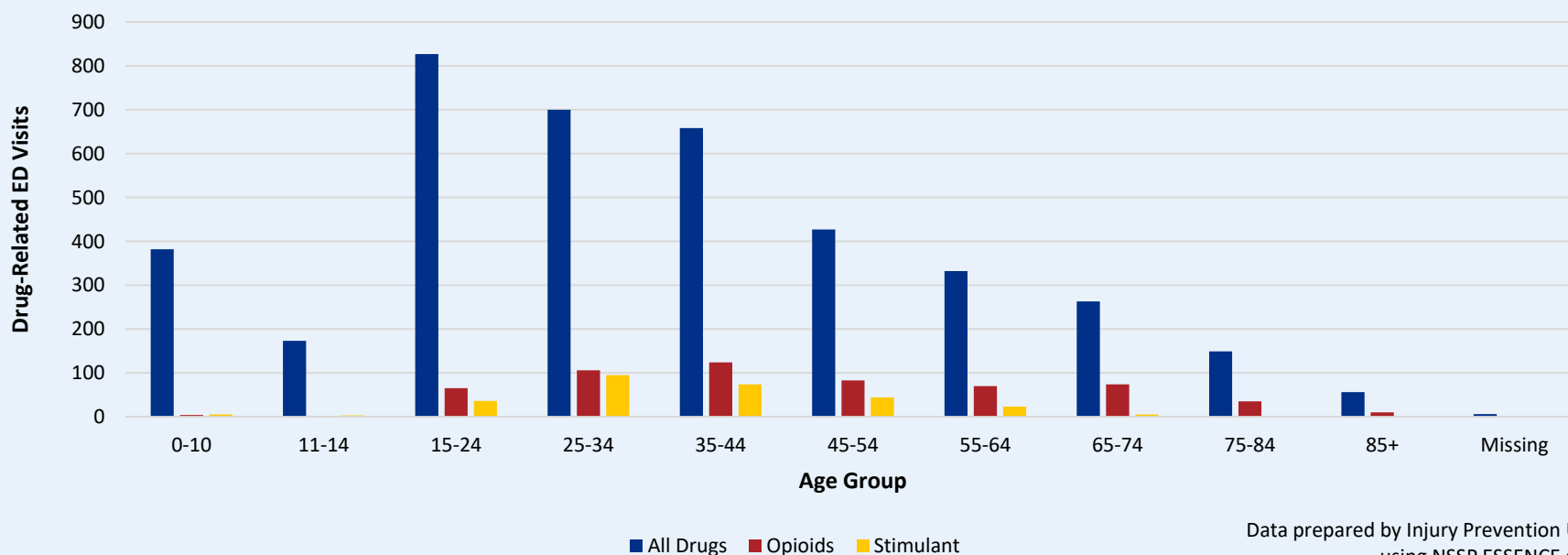
#### Race and Number of Visits:

White	1,538
Black	665
Unknown	167
Other Race	66
Asian	53
Multiple Race	19
American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5



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### Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group



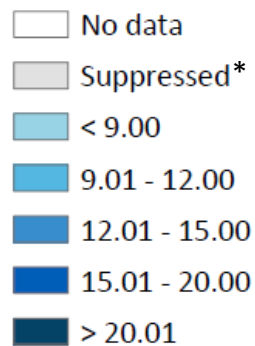
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# County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

## February 2025

Most Impacted Counties	
Marion	
Ellis	
Wichita	
Potter	
Hunt	

ED Visit Rates per 100k population



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

