

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

In March 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased by 7.50%** compared to March 2024.

**4,573**

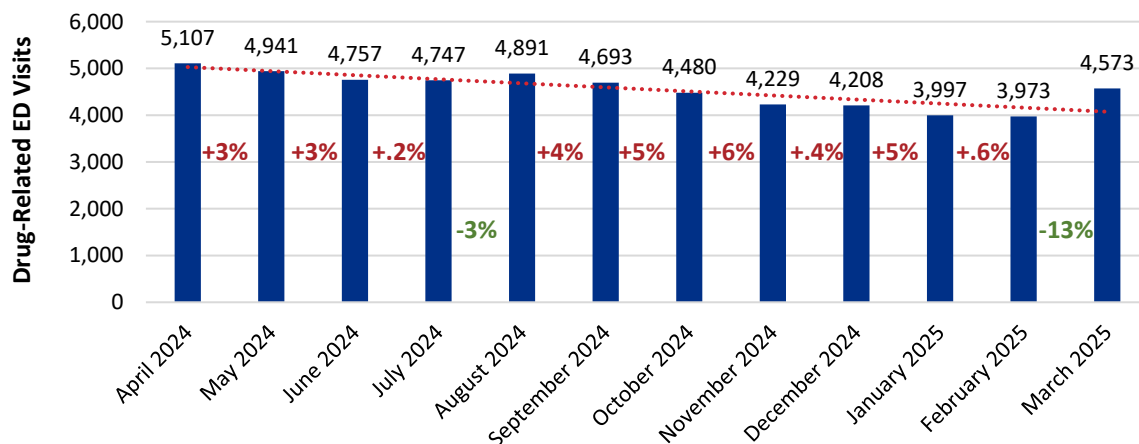
**In March 2025**

**4,944**

**In March 2024**

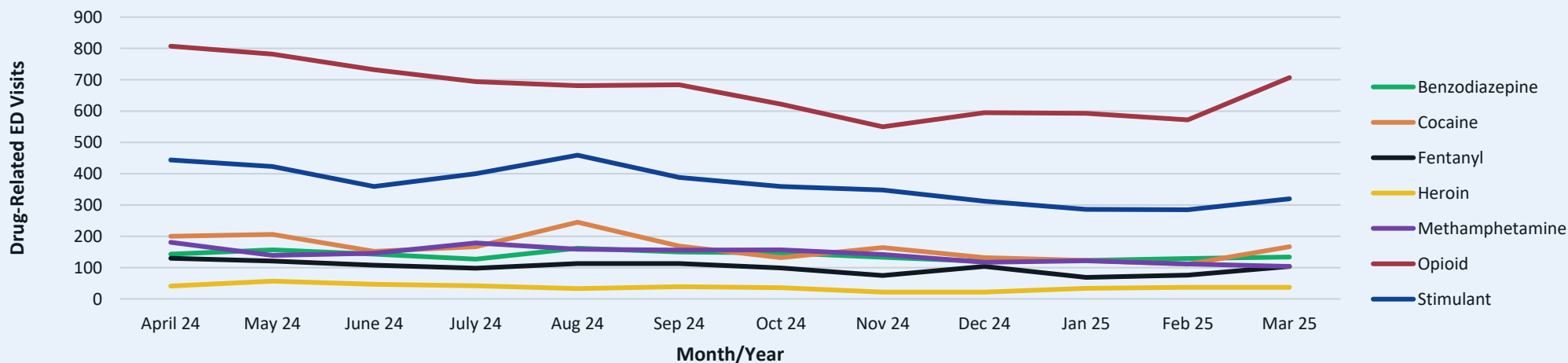
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

## Total Drug-Related ED Visits, April 2024 – March 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, March 2025.

## Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, April 2024 - March 2025



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

In March 2025, **fentanyl-related ED visits increased by 36%** when compared to fentanyl-related ED visits in February 2025.



In March 2025, **cocaine-related ED visits increased by 50%** when compared to cocaine-related ED visits in February 2025.

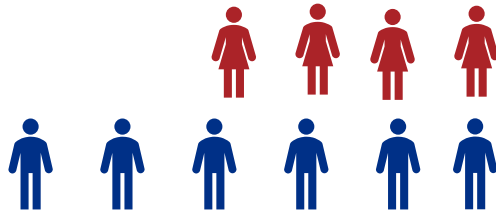
Drug Type	February 2025	March 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	3,973	4,573	15% 
Opioids	572	707	23% 
Heroin	37	37	0%
Fentanyl	76	104	36% 
Stimulant	285	320	12% 
Cocaine	111	167	50% 
Methamphetamine	112	104	7% 
Benzodiazepine	129	134	4% 

# Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

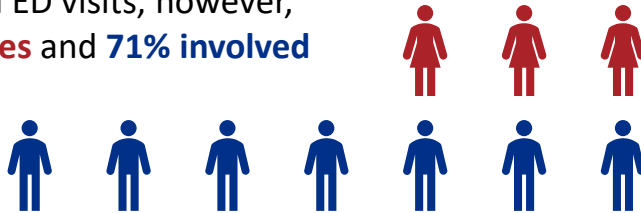
## March 2025

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

In **opioid-related** ED visits  
**40% involved females** and  
**60% involved males**.



In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however,  
**28% involved females** and **71% involved males**.\*

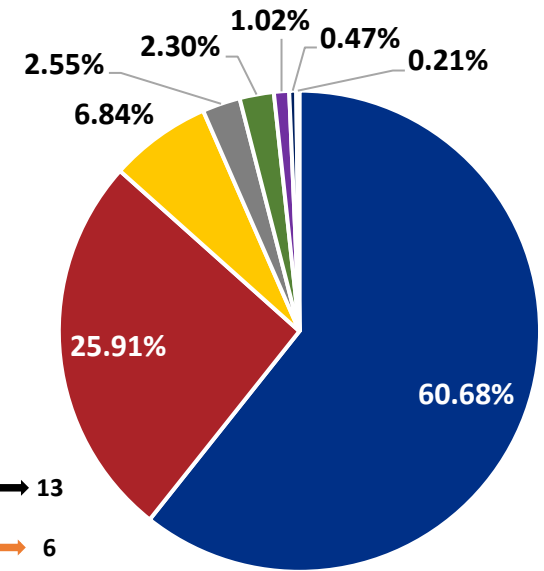


\*1% was missing.

### All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race

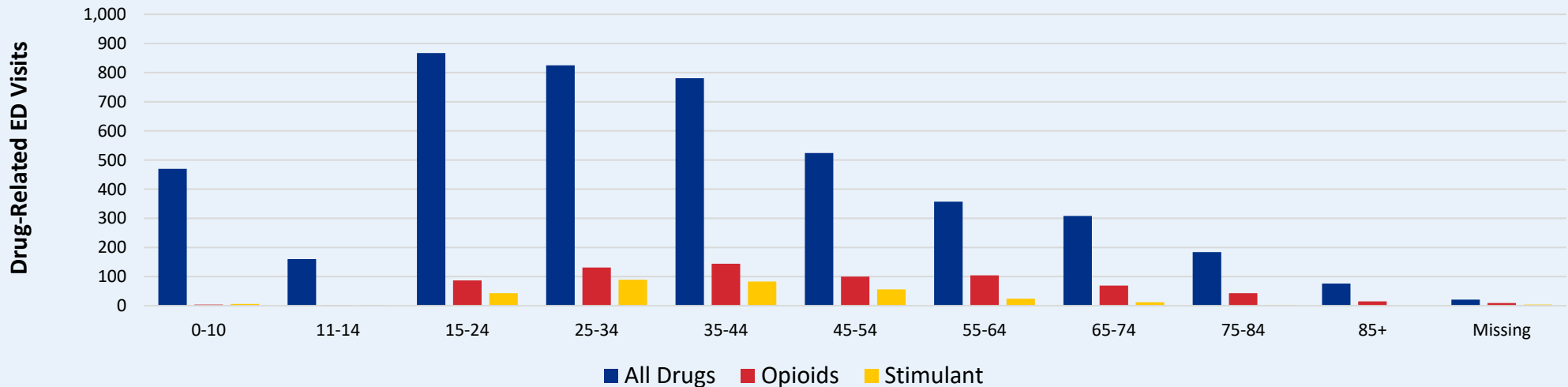
#### Race and Number of Visits:

White	1,656
Black	731
Unknown	193
Other Race	72
Asian	65
Multiple Race	29
American Indian or Alaska Native	13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6



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### Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group



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# County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

## March 2025

### Most Impacted Counties

Comal

Grayson

Hunt

Parker

Walker

Wichita

ED Visit Rates per 100k population

No data

Suppressed\*

< 9.00

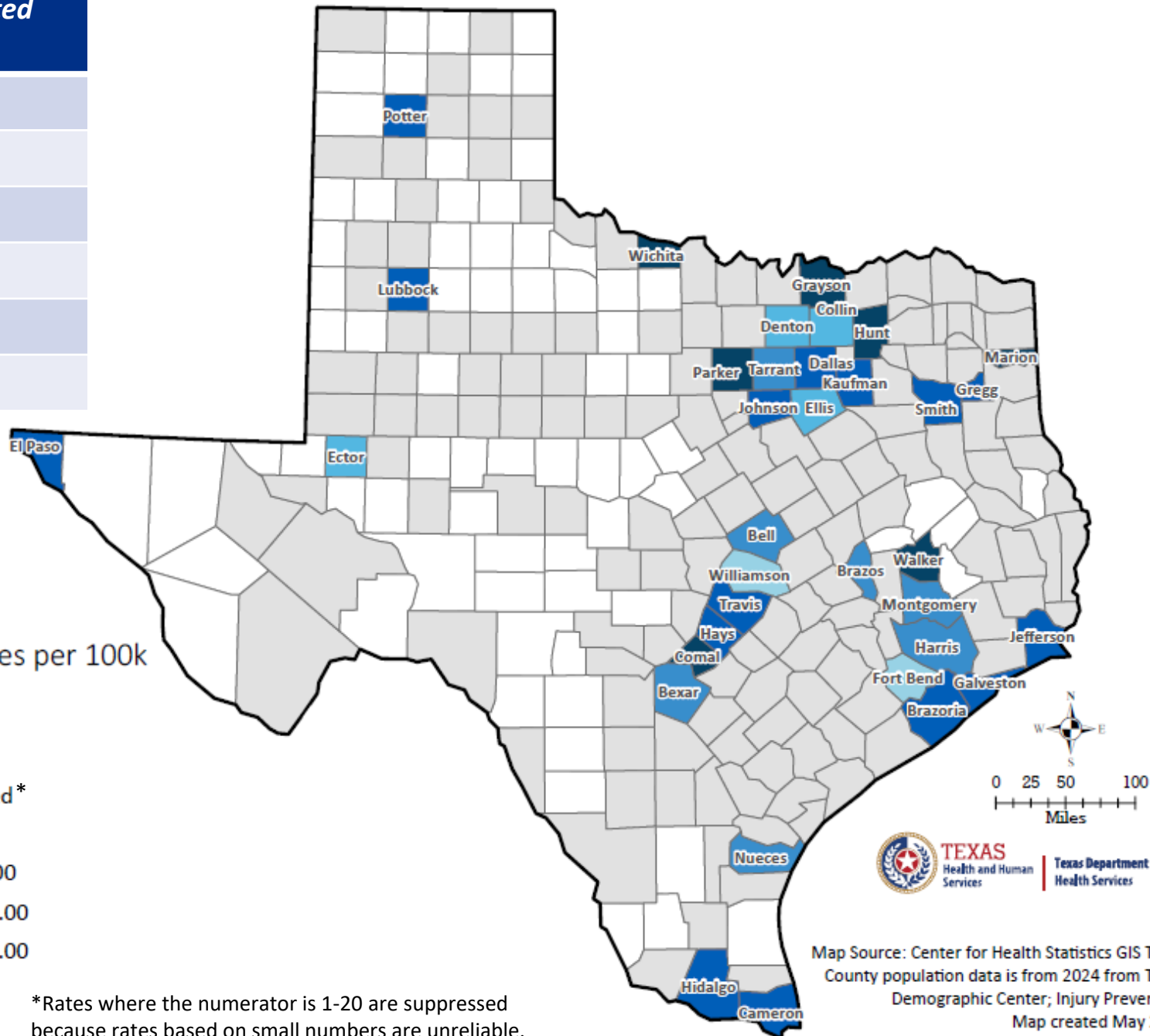
9.01 - 12.00

12.01 - 15.00

15.01 - 20.00

> 20.01

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



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