

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

In April 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased more than 12%** compared to April 2024.

**4,492**

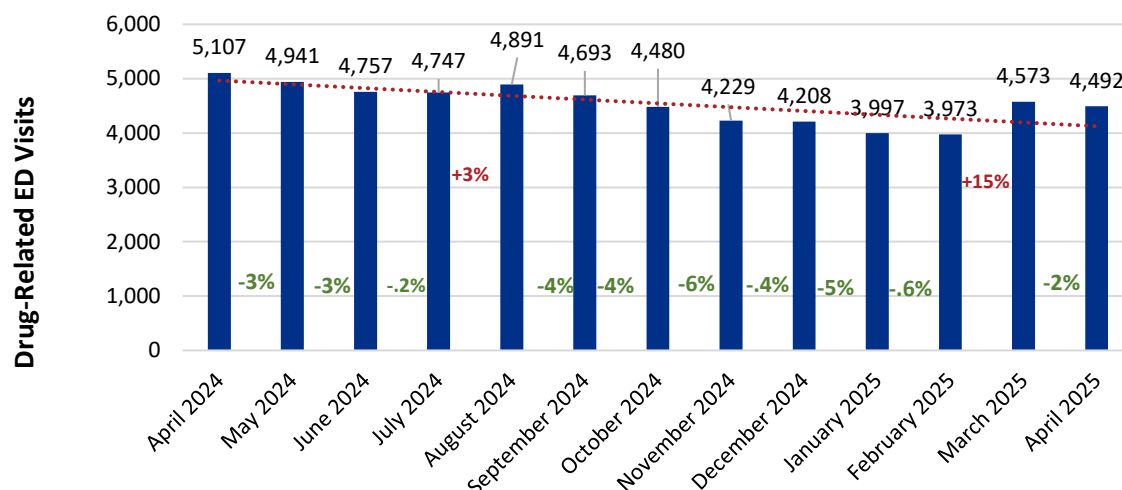
In April 2025

**5,107**

In April 2024

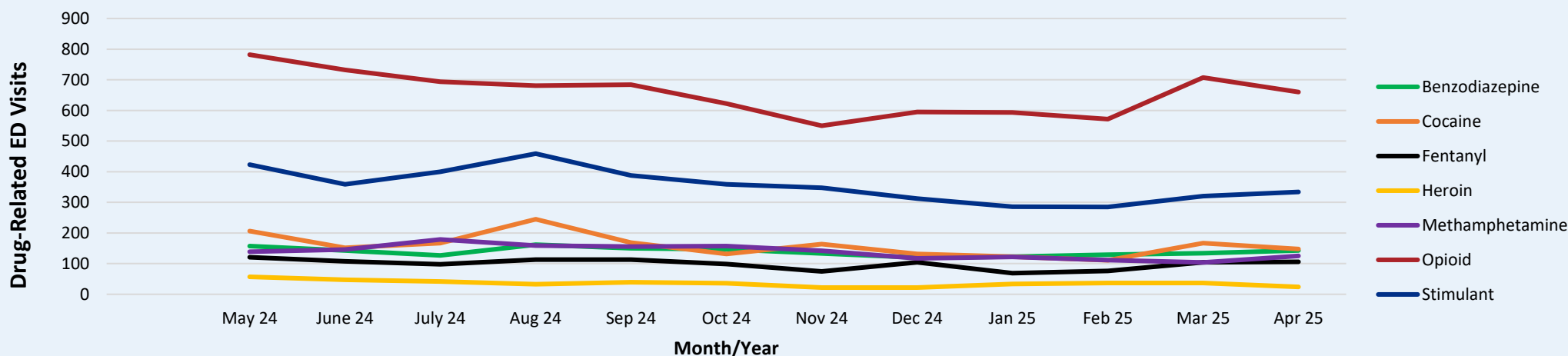
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

**Total Drug-Related ED Visits, April 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 over 20%** when compared to methamphetamine-related ED visits in March 2025.



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

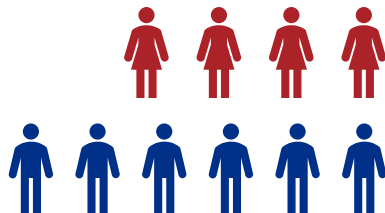
Drug Type	March 2025	April 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	4,573	4,492	1.8% 
Opioids	707	660	6.6% 
Heroin	37	24	35.1% 
Fentanyl	104	106	1.9% 
Stimulant	320	334	4.4% 
Cocaine	167	149	10.8% 
Methamphetamine	104	125	20.2% 
Benzodiazepine	134	143	6.7% 

# Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

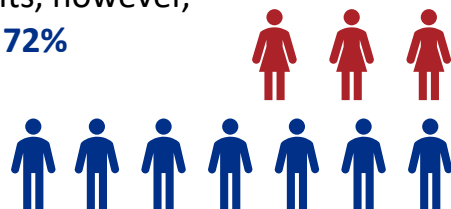
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### Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

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



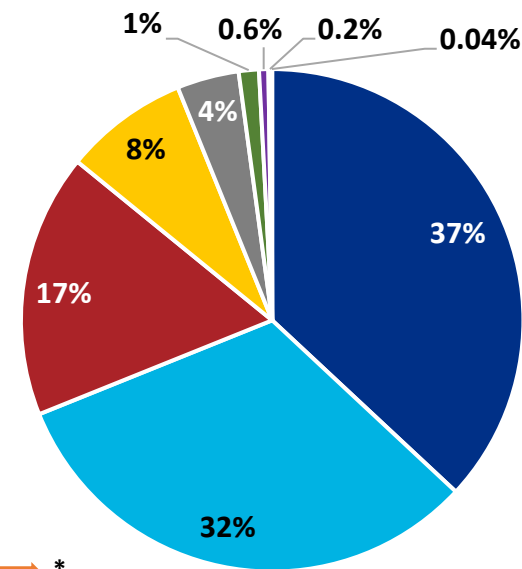
In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however, **28% involved females** and **72% involved males**.



### All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity

#### Race/Ethnicity and Number of Visits:

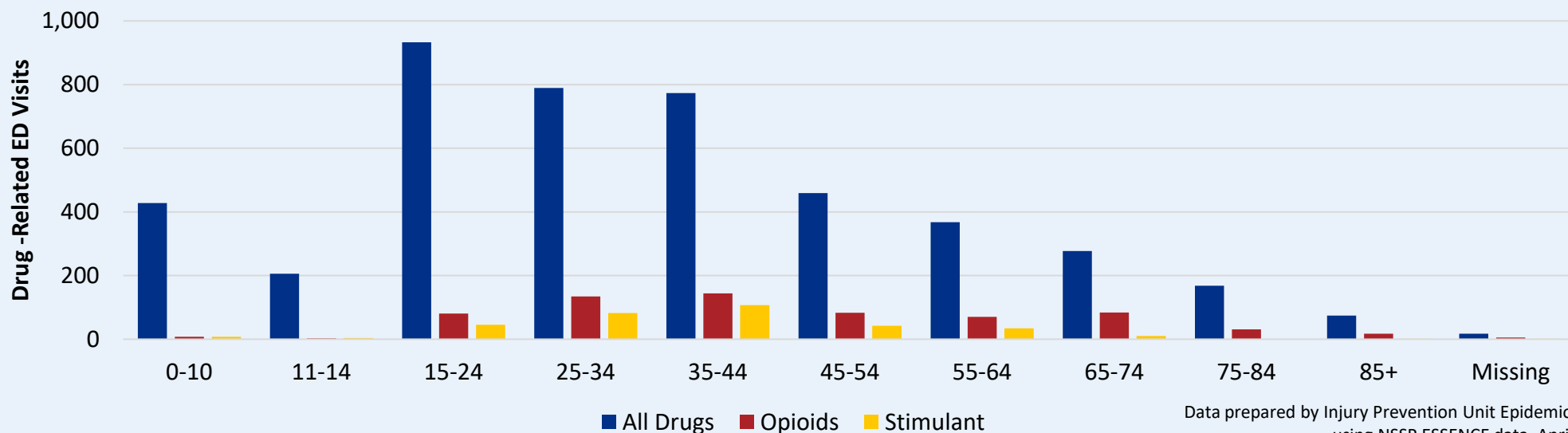
White	1,656
Hispanic	1,443
Black	771
Unknown Race or Ethnicity	346
Other Race	178
Asian	60
Multiple Race	27
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*



**Note:** Counts lower than five that have been suppressed and are indicated with an \*.  
Race and ethnicity percentages do not equal 100% due to rounding.

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### Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group



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# County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

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### Most Impacted Counties

Bastrop

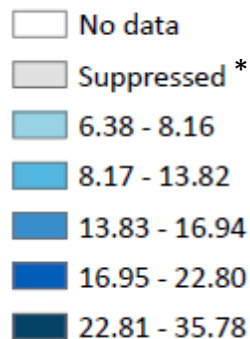
Hunt

Liberty

Parker

Walker

ED Visit Rates per 100k population



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

