

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

In August 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased by 4.27%** compared to August 2024.

4,682

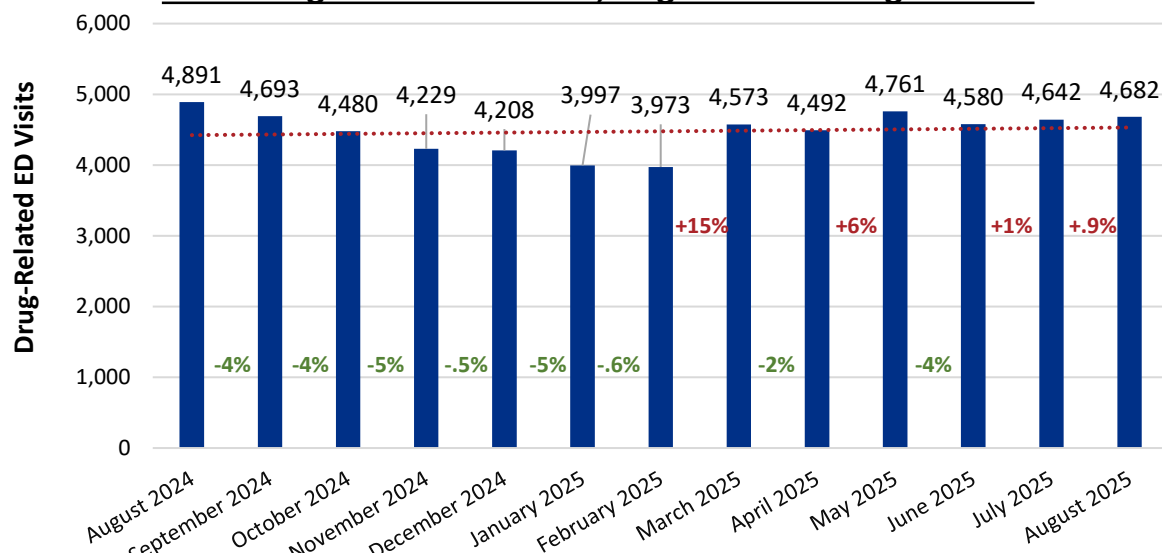
In August 2025

4,891

In August 2024

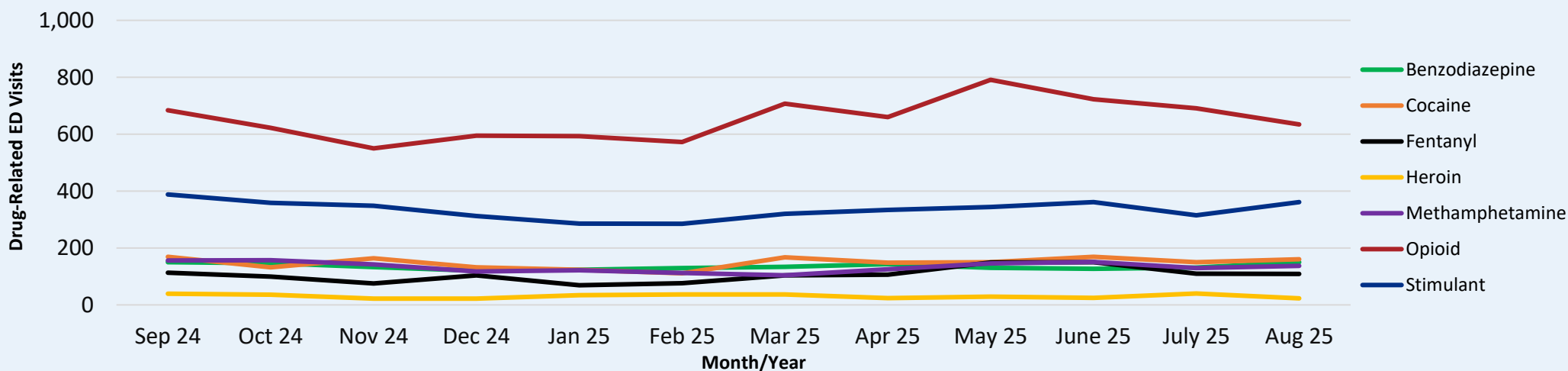
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

Total Drug-Related ED Visits, August 2024 – August 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, August 2025.

Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, September 2024 – August 2025



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Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, July 2025 and August 2025

In August 2025, **heroin-related ED visits decreased 42.5%** when compared to heroin-related ED visits in July 2025.



In August 2025, **stimulant-related ED visits increased 14.6%** when compared to stimulant-related ED visits in July 2025.

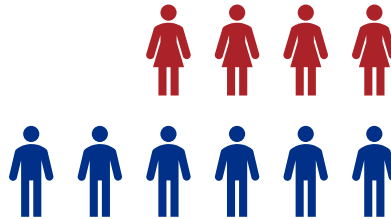
Drug Type	July 2025	August 2025	Percent change	
All Drugs	4,642	4,682	+0.9%	
Opioids	691	634	-8.2%	
Heroin	40	23	-42.5%	
Fentanyl	110	109	-0.9%	
Stimulant	315	361	+14.6%	
Cocaine	150	160	+6.7%	
Methamphetamine	129	137	+6.2%	
Benzodiazepine	131	150	+14.5%	

Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

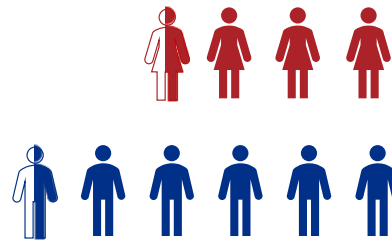
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Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

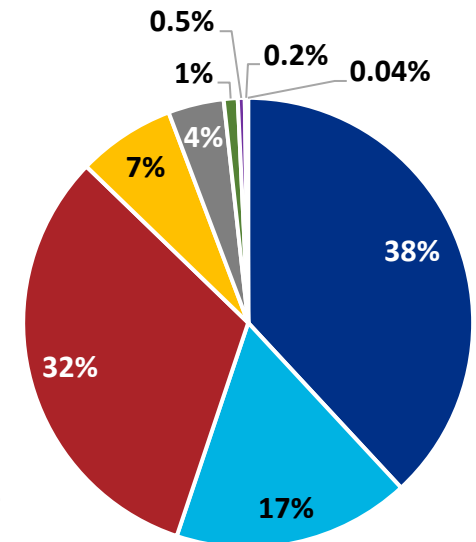
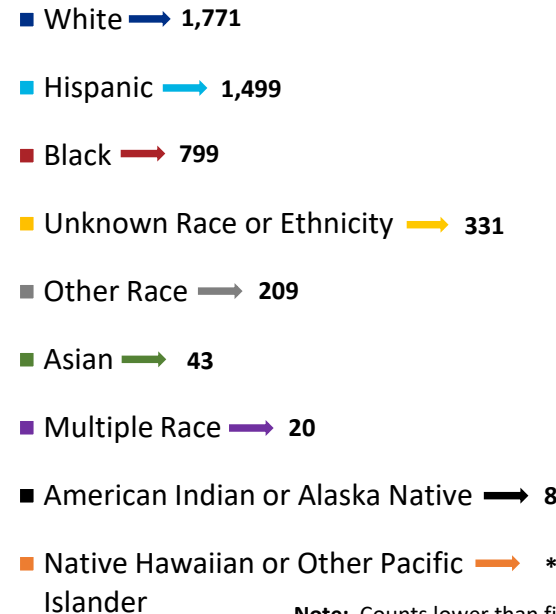
In **opioid-related** ED visits, **39% involved females** and **61% involved males**.



In **stimulant-related** ED visits, **35% involved females** and **65% involved males**.
This is a nearly **10% increase for females** and a nearly **ten percent decrease for males** from July 2025.



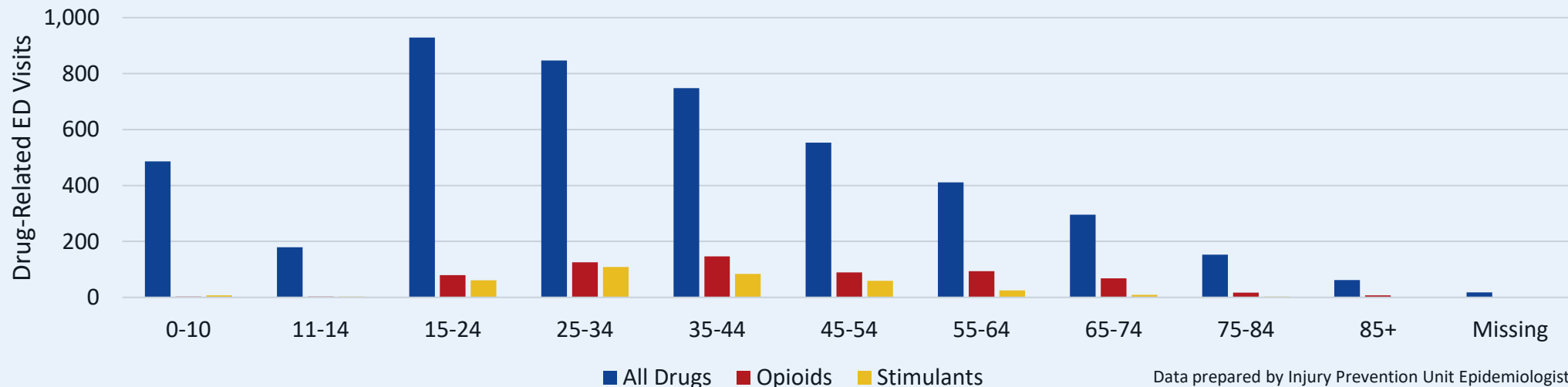
All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity



Note: Counts lower than five that have been suppressed 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



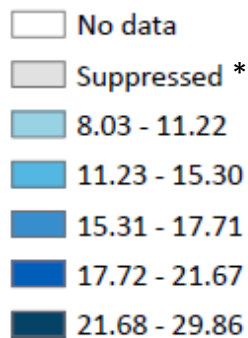
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County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

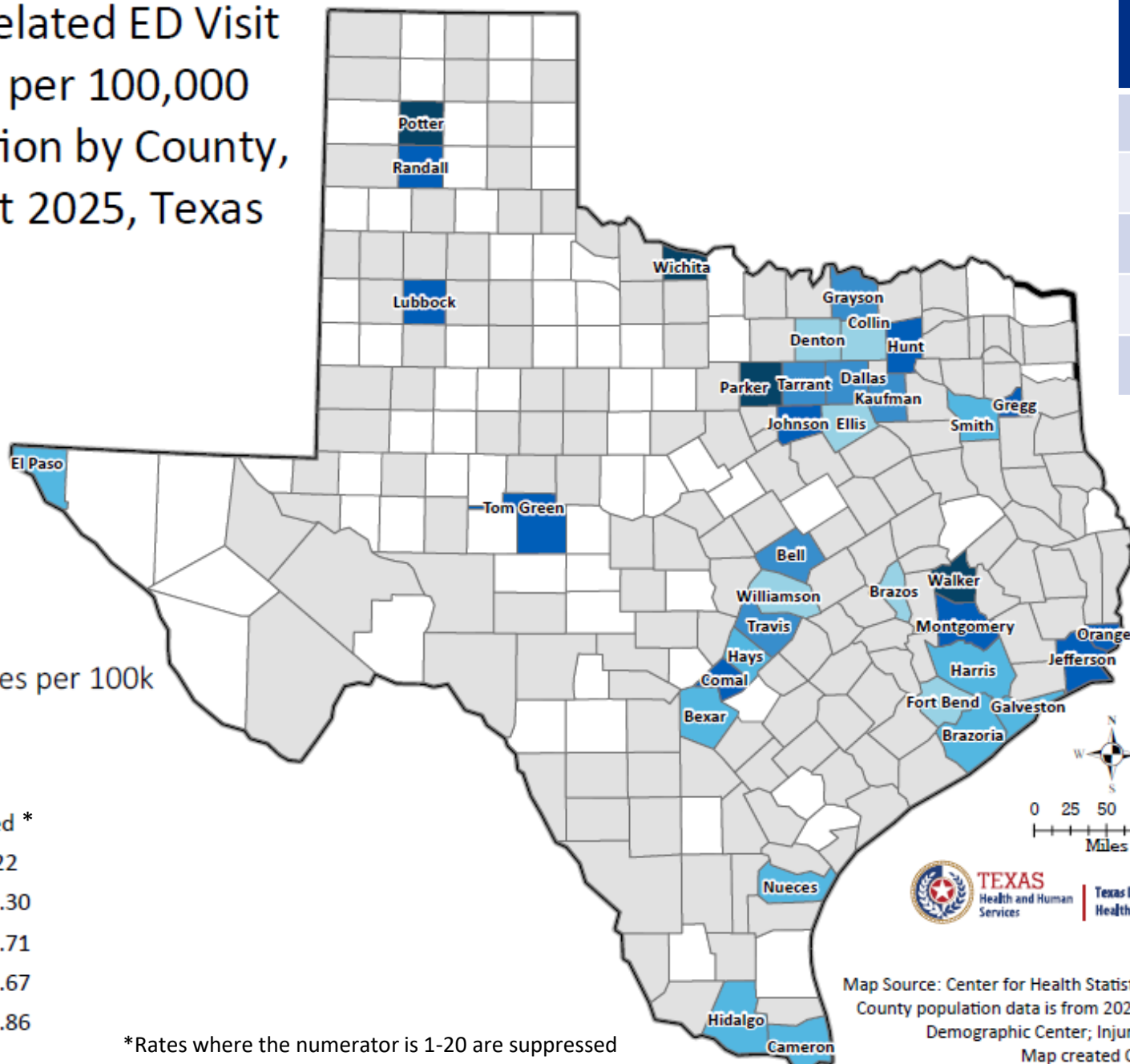
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Drug-Related ED Visit
Rates per 100,000
population by County,
August 2025, Texas

ED Visit Rates per 100k
population



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



**Most Impacted
Counties**

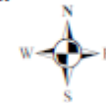
Parker

Potter

Walker

Wichita

Montgomery



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Miles



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services

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