

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

In December 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas increased by 7.41% compared to December 2024.

**4,520**

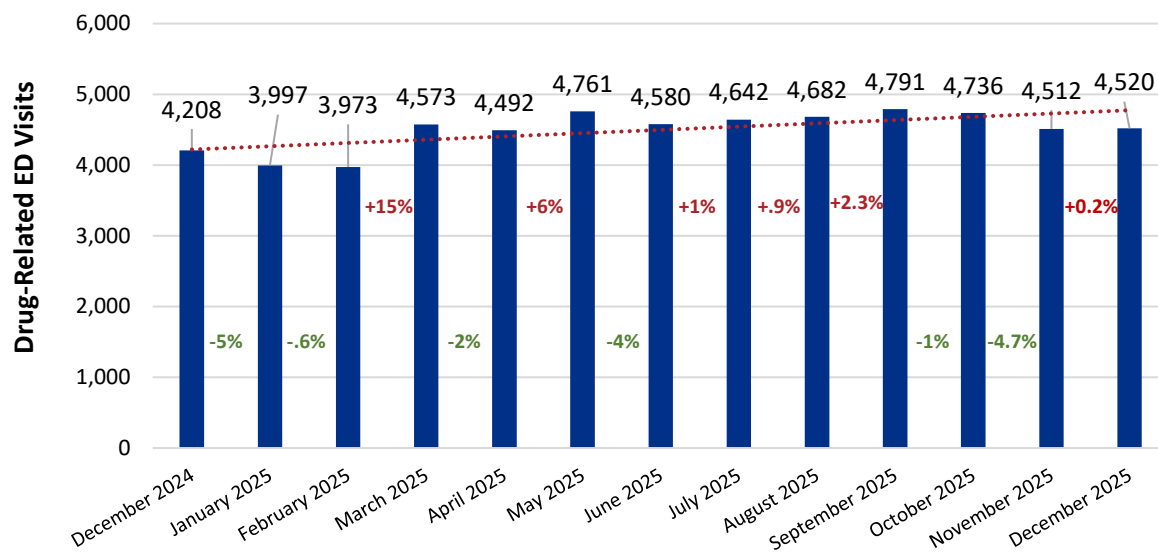
In December 2025

**4,208**

In December 2024

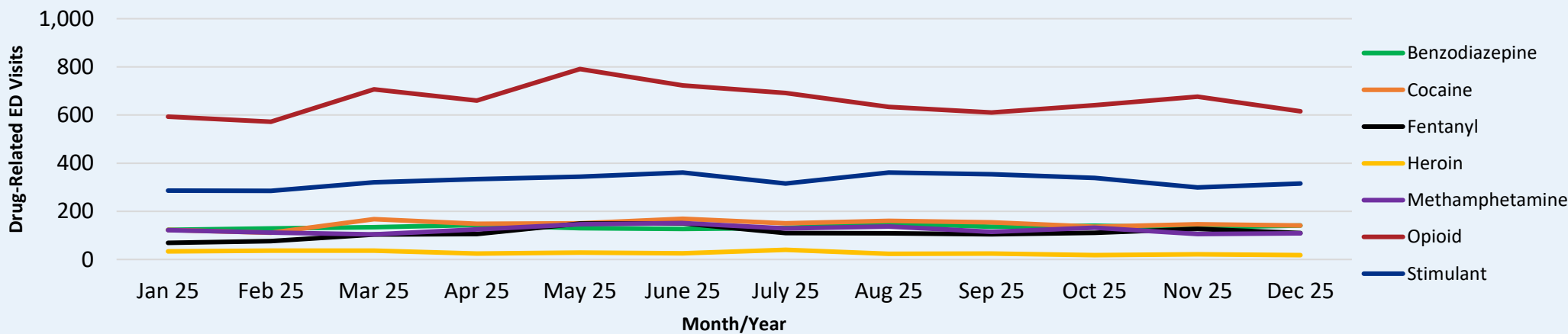
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

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

## Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, January 2025 – December 2025







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# Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, November 2025 and December 2025

In December 2025, **heroin-related ED visits decreased by 14.3%** when compared to heroin-related ED visits in November 2025.



In December 2025, **benzodiazepine-related ED visits increased 6.0%** when compared to benzodiazepine-related ED visits in November 2025.

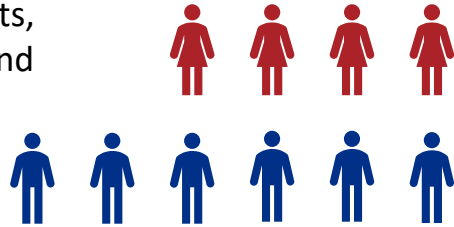
Drug Type	November 2025	December 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	4,512	4,520	+0.2% 
Opioids	676	615	-9.0% 
Heroin	21	18	-14.3% 
Fentanyl	127	110	-13.4% 
Stimulant	299	315	+5.4% 
Cocaine	146	141	-3.4% 
Methamphetamine	106	109	+2.8% 
Benzodiazepine	133	141	+6.0% 

# Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

## December 2025

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

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

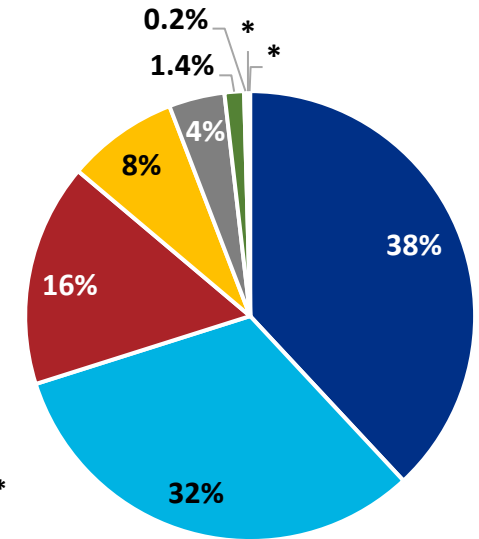


In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however, **30% involved females** and **70% involved males**.



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

- White → 1,721
- Hispanic → 1,466
- Black → 704
- Unknown Race or Ethnicity → 358
- Other Race → 189
- Asian → 62
- Multiple Race → 9
- American Indian or Alaska Native → \*
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander → \*

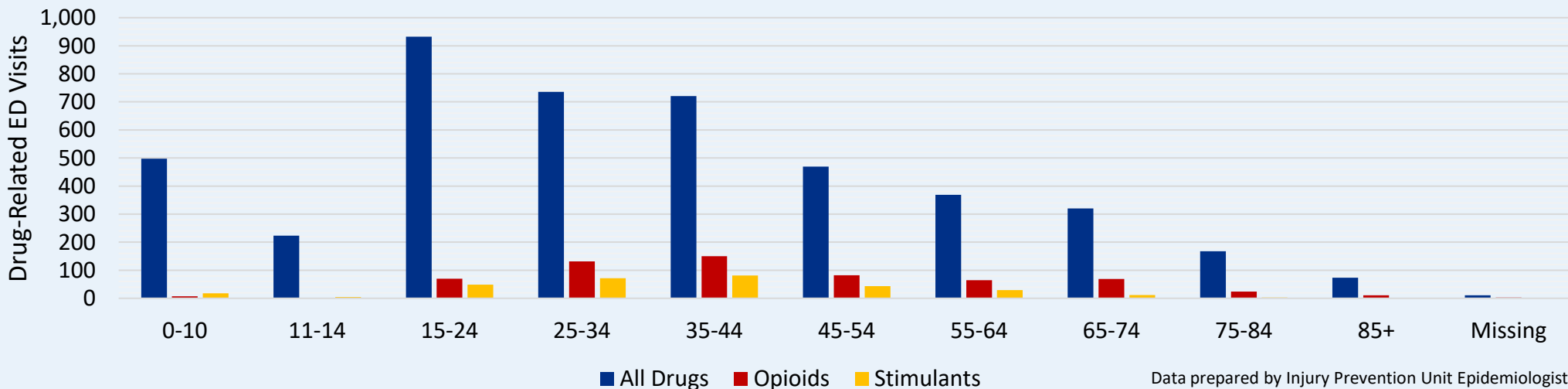


\* = Counts less than five and one additional category were suppressed to protect patient confidentiality.

Race and ethnicity percentages do not equal 100% due to rounding.

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### Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group

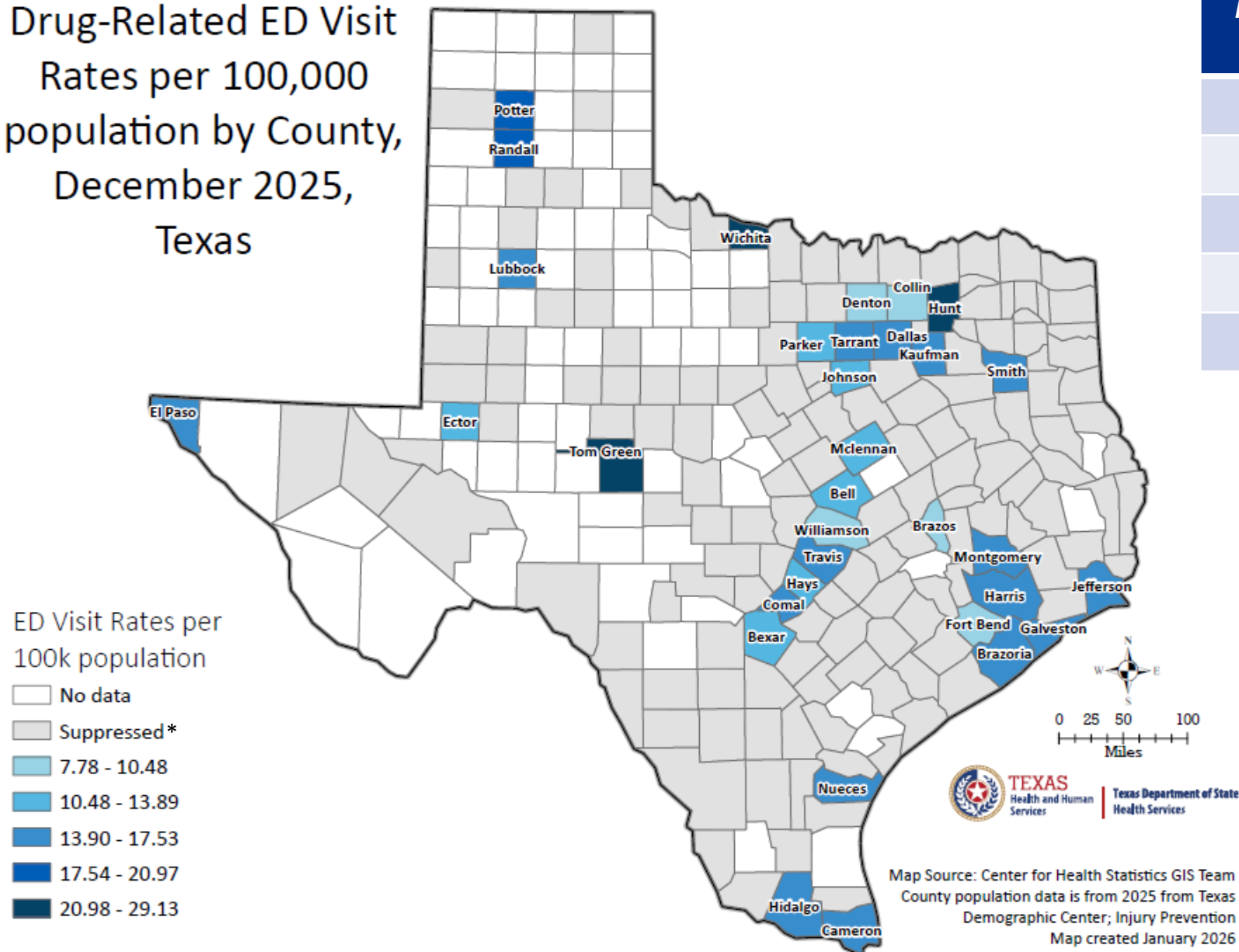


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# County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

## December 2025

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



Most Impacted Counties
Hunt
Tom Green
Wichita
Potter
Randall

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