

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

In May 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **decreased by 3.64%** compared to May 2024.

4,761

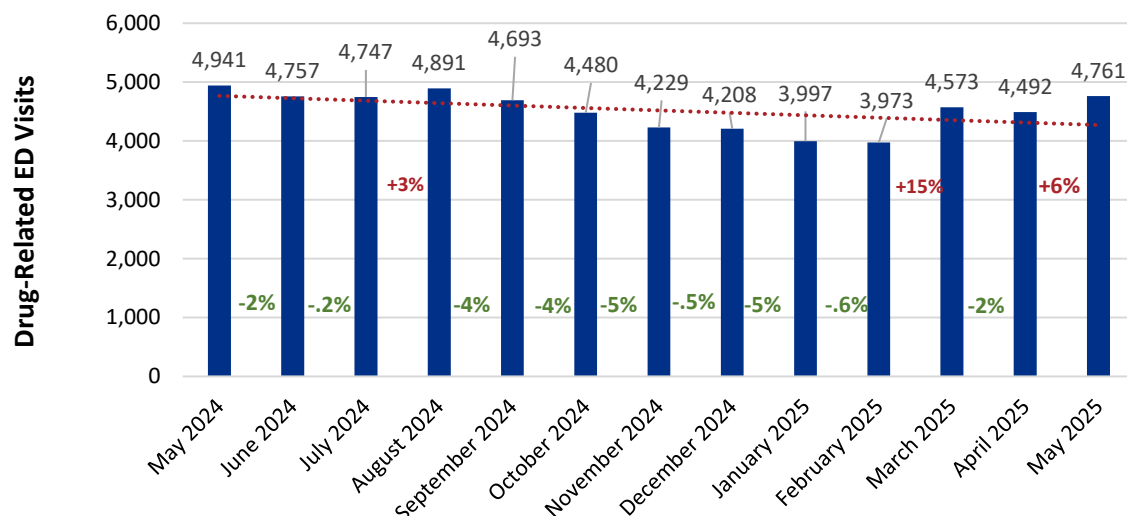
In May 2025

4,941

In May 2024

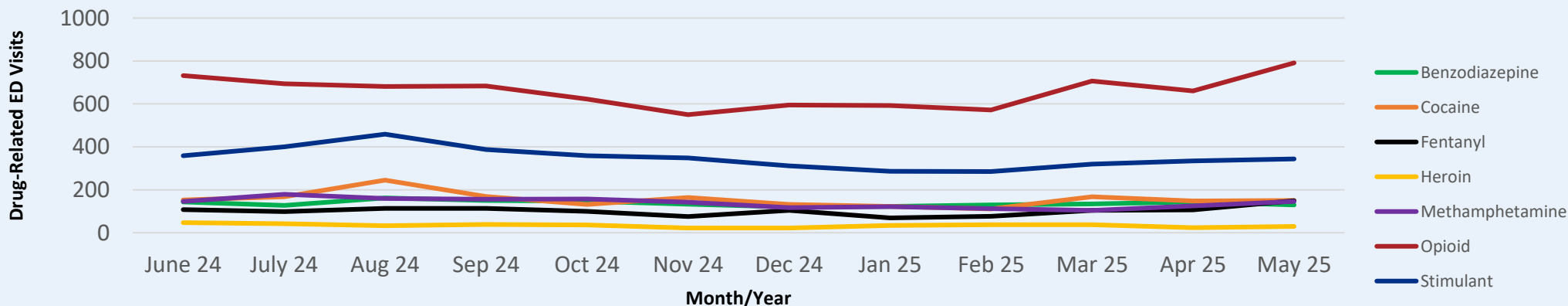
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

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

Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, June 2024 – May 2025



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Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, April 2025 and May 2025

In May 2025, **fantanyl-related ED visits increased over 40%** when compared to fantanyl-related ED visits in April 2025.



In May 2025, **heroin-related ED visits increased more than 20%** when compared to benzodiazepine-related ED visits in April 2025.

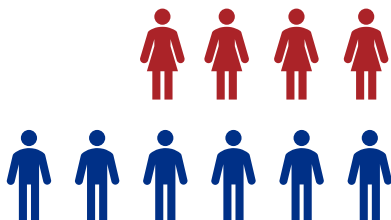
Drug Type	April 2025	May 2025	Percent change	
All Drugs	4,492	4,761	6.0%	
Opioids	660	791	19.8%	
Heroin	24	29	20.8%	
Fentanyl	106	149	40.6%	
Stimulant	334	344	3.0%	
Cocaine	149	150	0.7%	
Methamphetamine	125	146	16.8%	
Benzodiazepine	143	130	9.1%	

Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

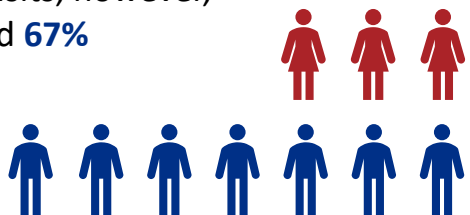
May 2025

Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

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



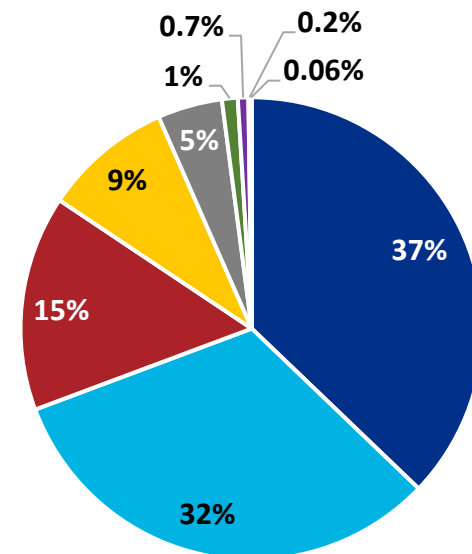
In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however, **33% involved females** and **67% involved males**.



All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity

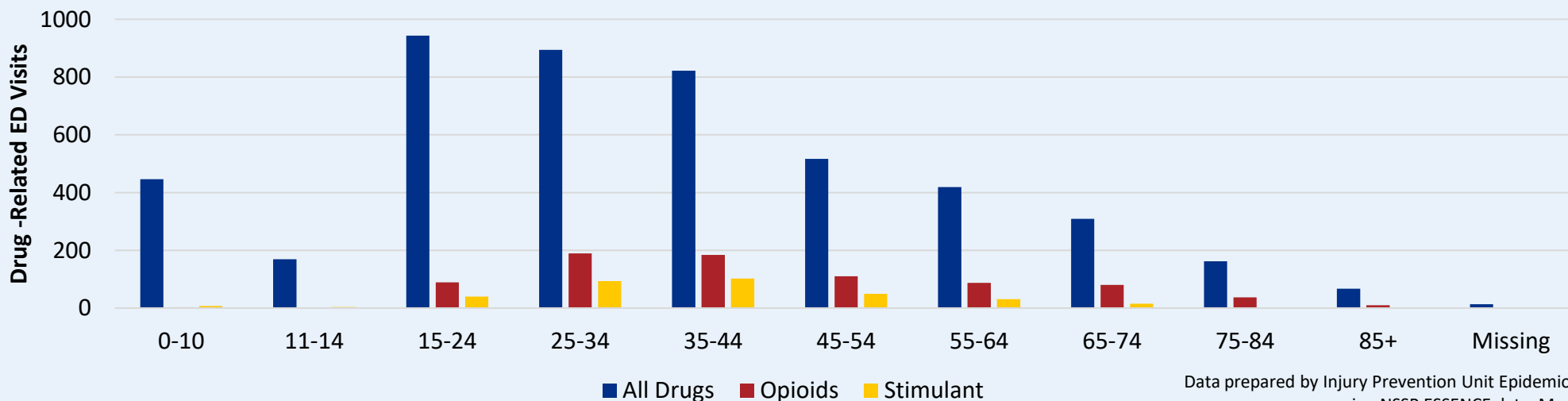
Race/Ethnicity and Number of Visits:

White	1,765
Hispanic	1,535
Black	729
Unknown Race or Ethnicity	416
Other Race	215
Asian	55
Multiple Race	35
American Indian or Alaska Native	8
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



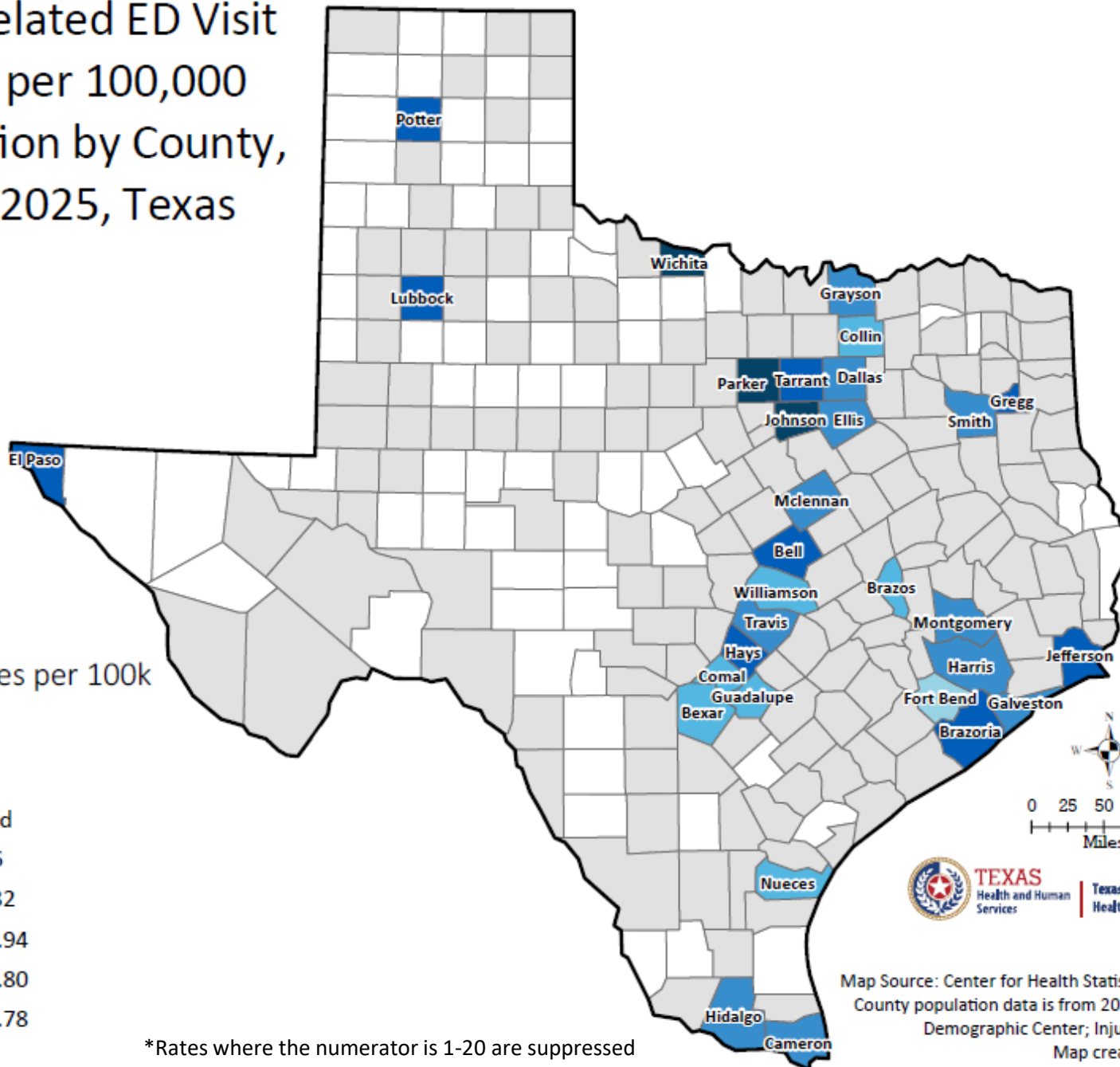
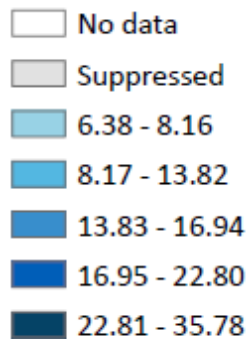
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County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

May 2025

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

ED Visit Rates per 100k
population



*Most Impacted
Counties*

Johnson

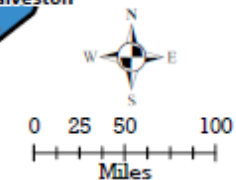
Parker

Wichita

Jefferson

Gregg

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



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