

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

In October 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **increased by 5.71%** compared to October 2024.

**4,736**

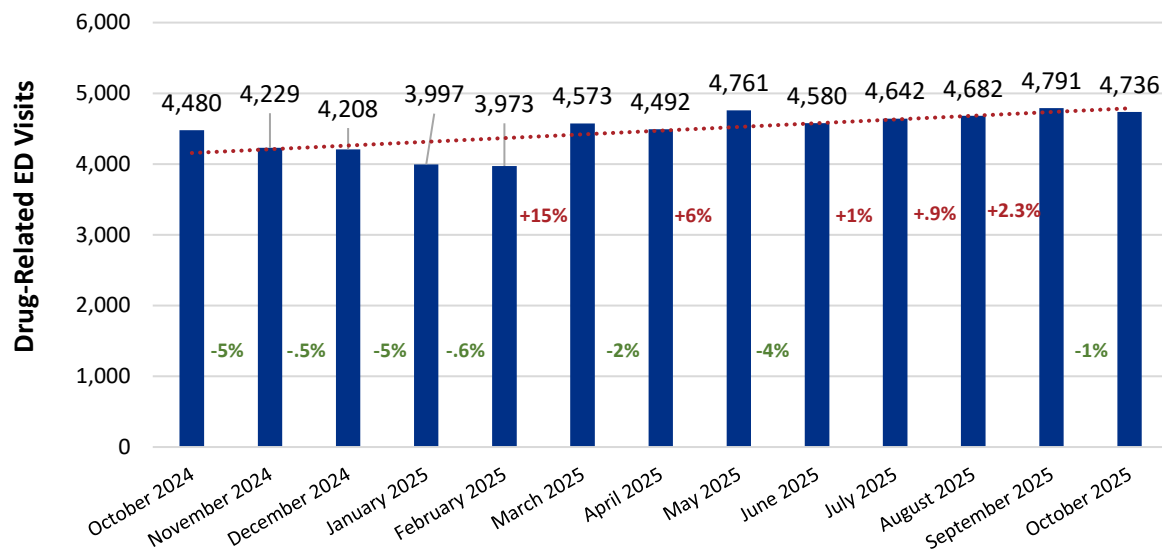
**In October 2025**

**4,480**

**In October 2024**

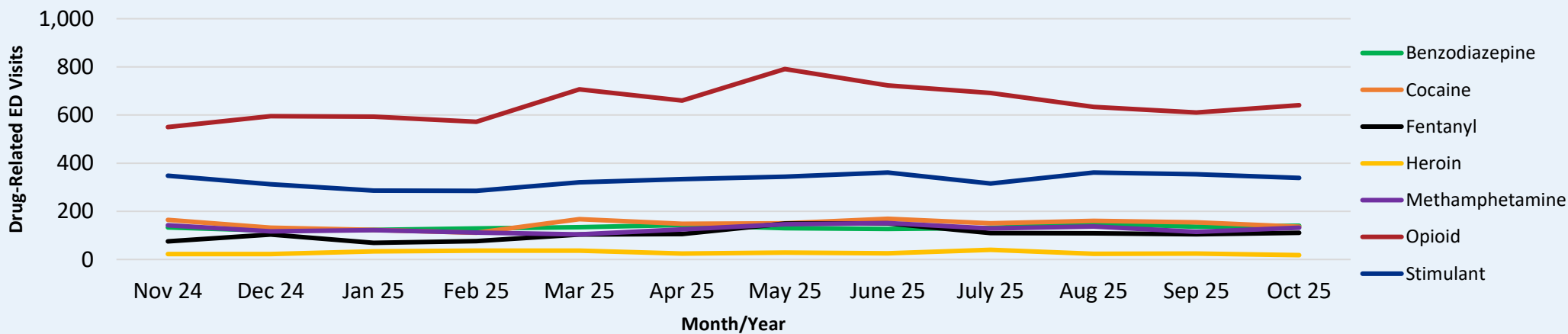
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

**Total Drug-Related ED Visits, October 2024 – October 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, October 2025.

## Drug-Related ED Visits by Drug Type, November 2024 – October 2025



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# Comparison of Drug-Related ED Visits, September 2025 and October 2025

In October 2025, **heroin-related ED visits decreased by 25%** when compared to heroin-related ED visits in September 2025.



In October 2025, **methamphetamine-related ED visits increased 14.7%** when compared to methamphetamine-related ED visits in September 2025.

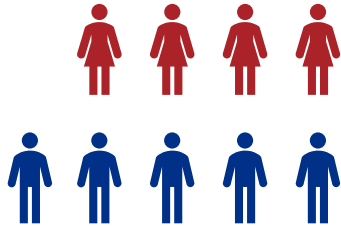
Drug Type	September 2025	October 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	4,791	4,736	-1.1% 
Opioids	610	641	+5.1% 
Heroin	24	18	-25.0% 
Fentanyl	105	111	+5.7% 
Stimulant	354	339	-4.2% 
Cocaine	154	136	-11.7% 
Methamphetamine	115	132	+14.8% 
Benzodiazepine	136	140	+2.9% 

# Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

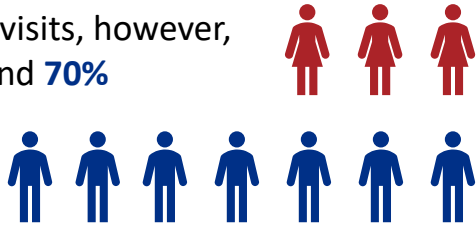
## October 2025

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

In **opioid-related** ED visits, **43% involved females** and **57% involved males**.

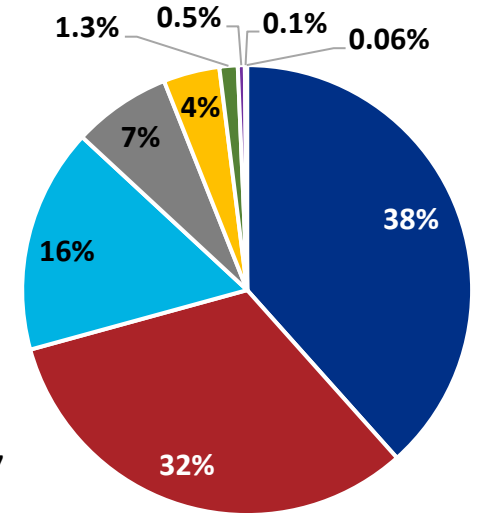


In **stimulant-related** ED visits, however, **30% involved females** and **70% involved males**.



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

- White → 1,793
- Hispanic → 1,531
- Black → 770
- Unknown Race or Ethnicity → 351
- Other Race → 70
- Asian → 62
- Multiple Race → 22
- American Indian or Alaska Native → 7
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander → \*

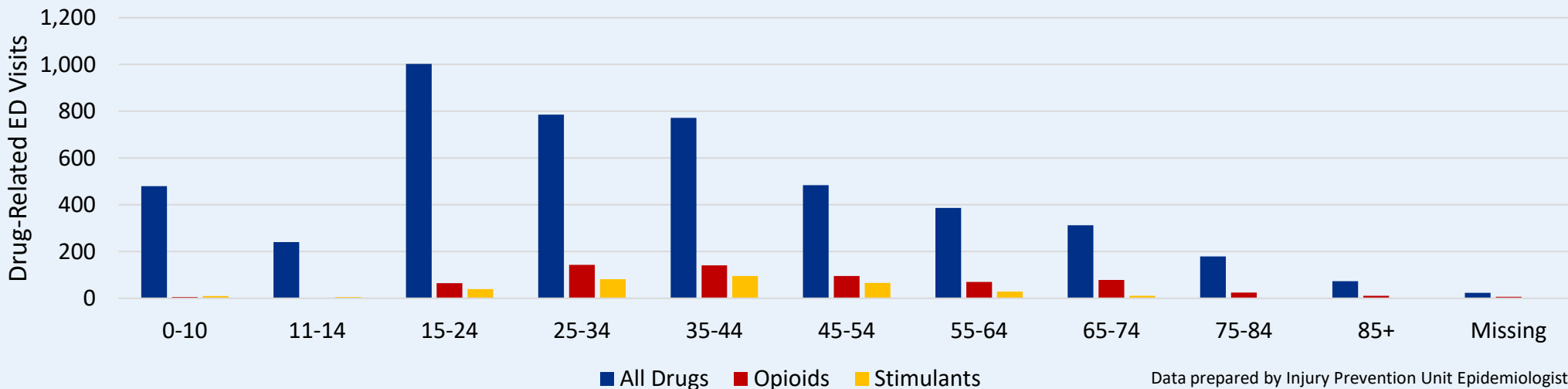


\* = Counts less than five were suppressed.

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

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### Drug-Related ED Visits by Age Group



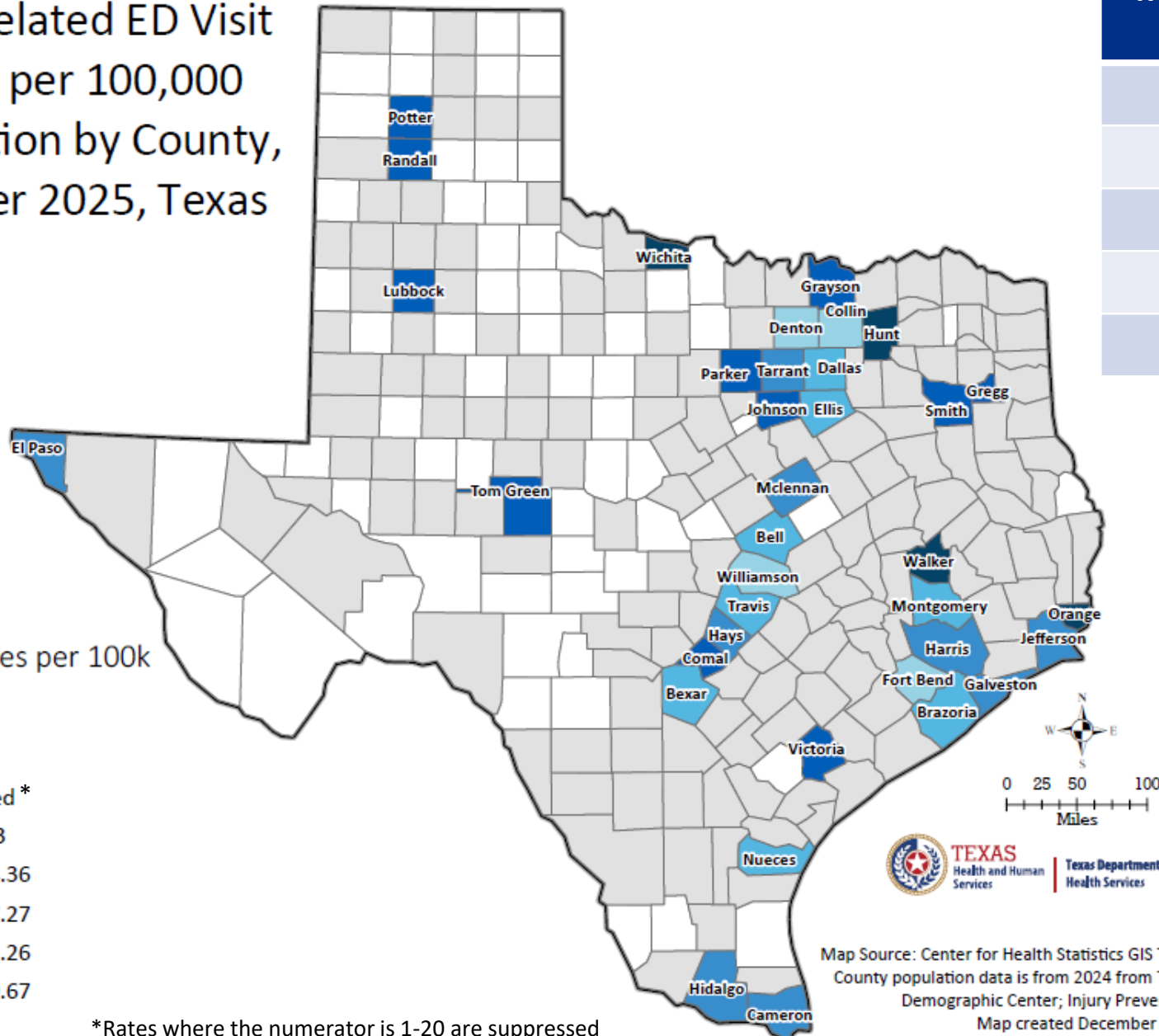
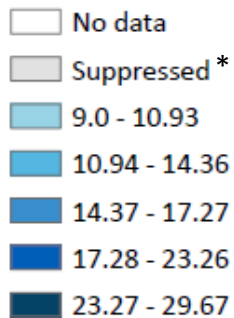
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# County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

## October 2025

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

ED Visit Rates per 100k population



### Most Impacted Counties

Hunt
Orange
Walker
Wichita
Victoria



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

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