

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

In September 2025, suspected drug poisoning ED visits in Texas **increased by 2.09%** compared to September 2024.

4,791

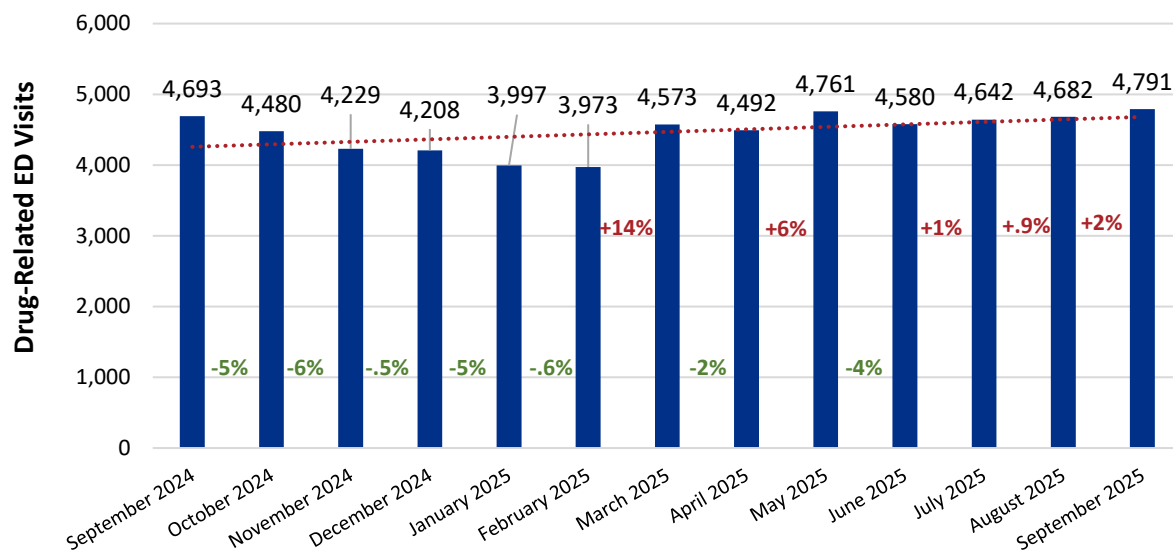
In September 2025

4,693

In September 2024

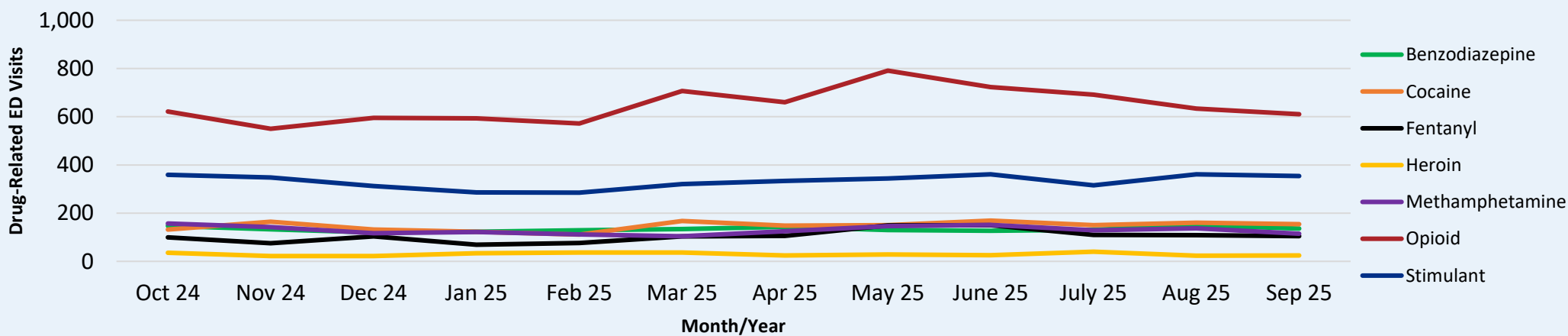
All data collected using the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) Electronic Surveillance System of the Early Notification of Community Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) which tracks real time trends from participating Texas hospitals and free-standing emergency and urgent care facilities.

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

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



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

In September 2025, **methamphetamine-related ED visits decreased 16.1%** when compared to methamphetamine-related ED visits in August 2025.



In September 2025, **heroin-related ED visits increased 4.3%** when compared to heroin-related ED visits in August 2025.

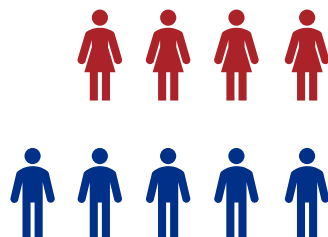
Drug Type	August 2025	September 2025	Percent change
All Drugs	4,682	4,791	+2.3% 
Opioids	634	610	-3.8% 
Heroin	23	24	+4.3% 
Fentanyl	109	105	-3.7% 
Stimulant	361	354	-1.9% 
Cocaine	160	154	-3.8% 
Methamphetamine	137	115	-16.1% 
Benzodiazepine	150	136	-9.3% 

Demographics: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

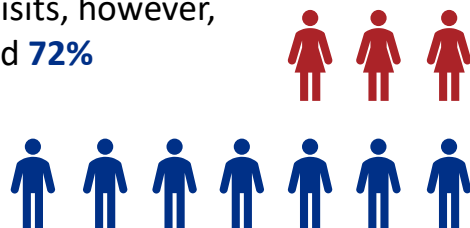
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Opioid and Stimulant-Related ED Visits by Sex

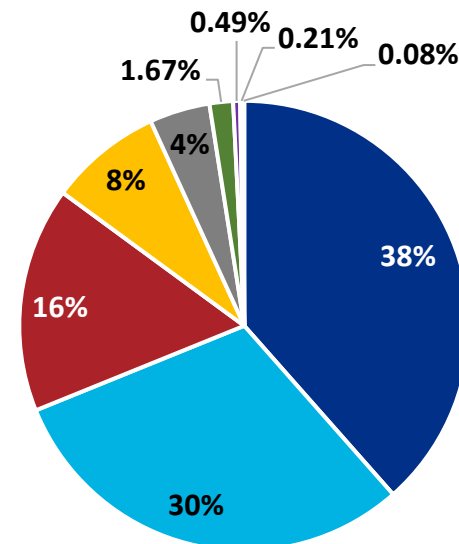
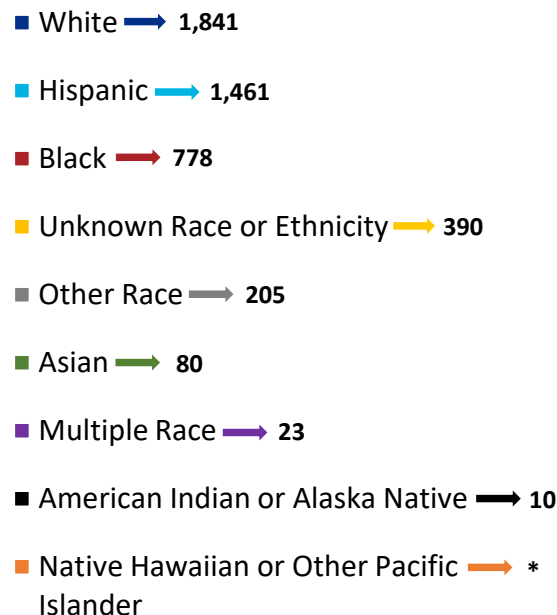
In **opioid-related** ED visits, **41% involved females** and **59% involved males**.



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



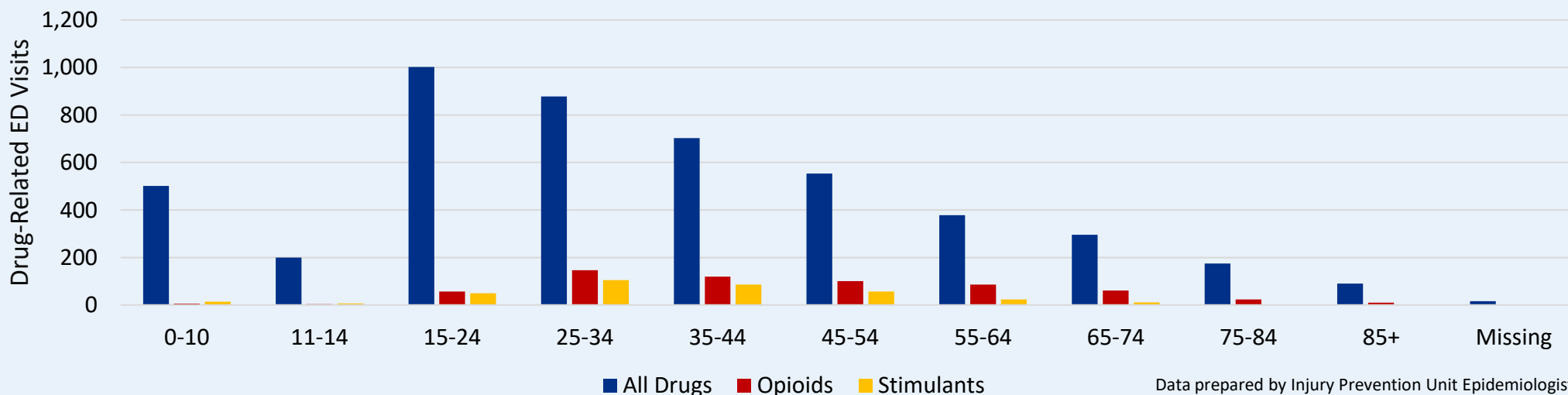
All Drug-Related ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity



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



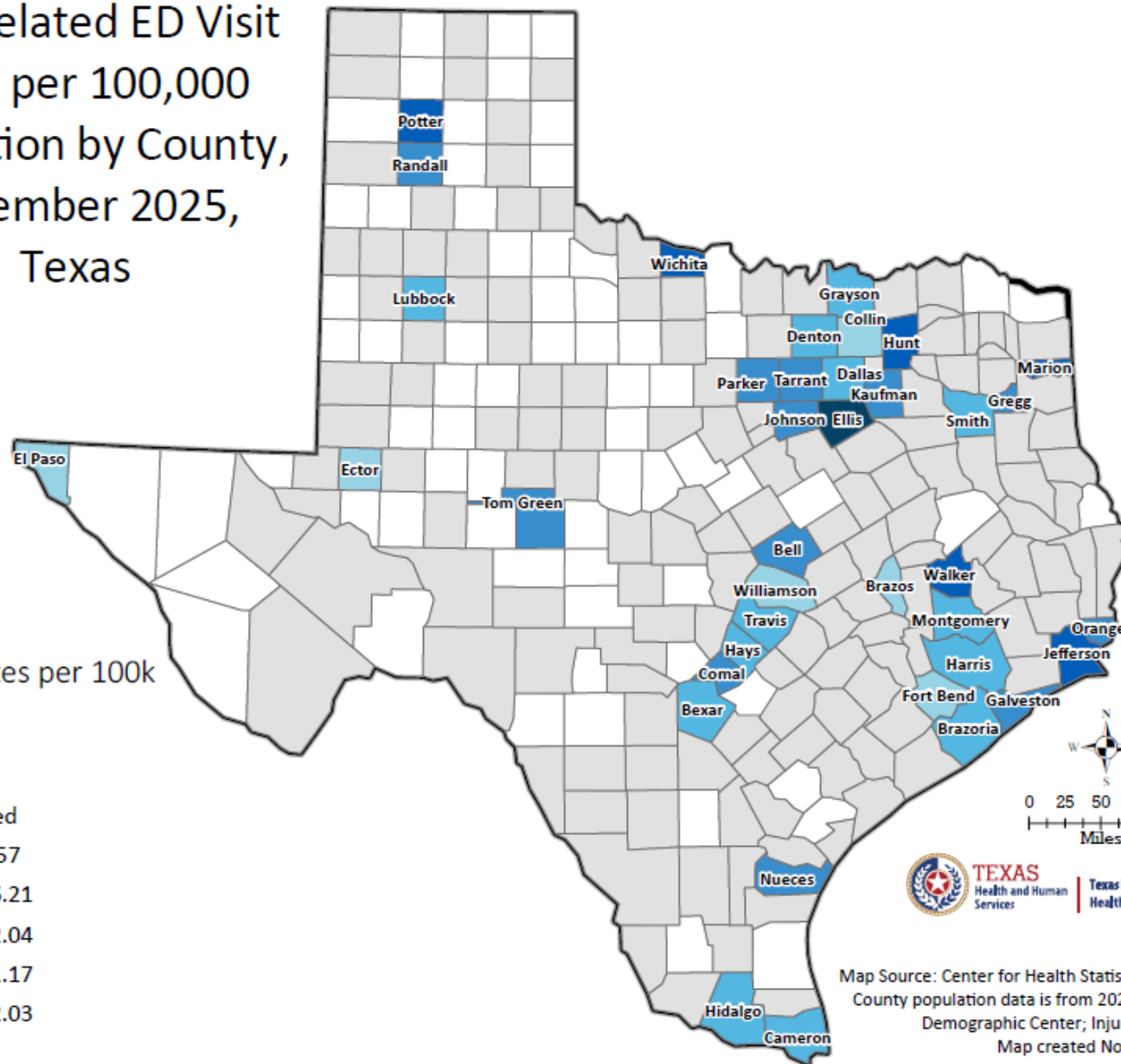
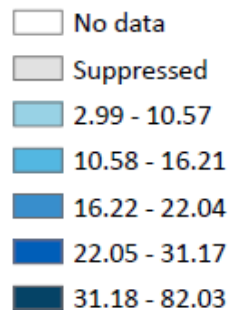
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County Map: Drug-Related ED Visits in Texas

September 2025

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

ED Visit Rates per 100k
population



**Most Impacted
Counties**

Ellis

Jefferson

Wichita

Walker

Hunt



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

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