

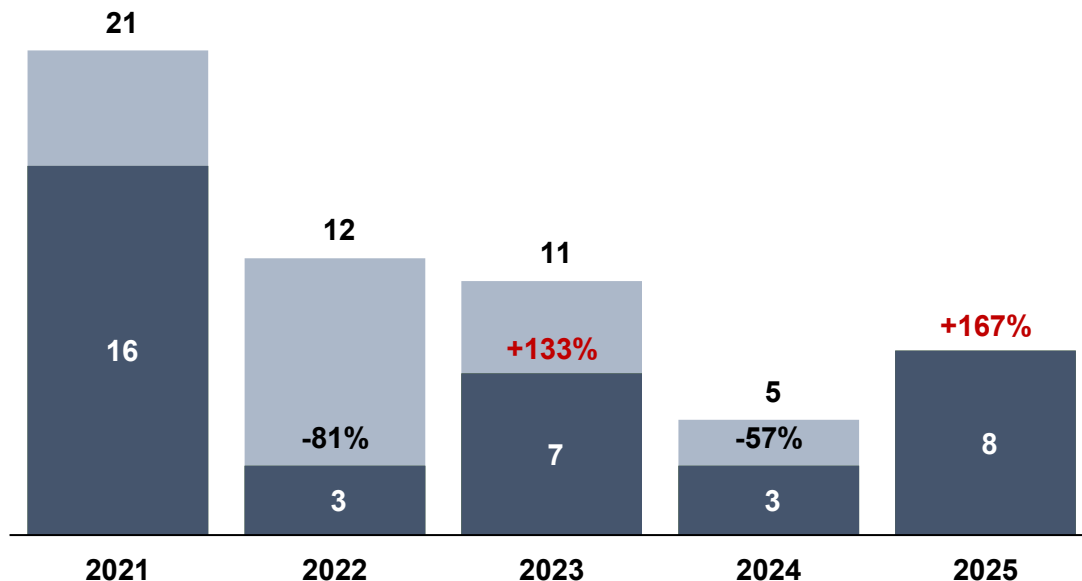
# Bladen County Fentanyl-Positive Deaths: July 2025\* Update

**8 Fentanyl-Positive Deaths^ in Bladen County for 2025 YTD compared to 3 Jan to Jul of 2024.**

^Results are based on analytical testing of specimens performed by NC OCME Toxicology. The detection of fentanyl by the laboratory may not necessarily be the ultimate cause of death as determined by the pathologist. YTD (Year to date).

**Year to year: Fentanyl-Positive Deaths are up 167% for 2025 compared to last year this time.**

Percent change is YTD total compare to this time last year.

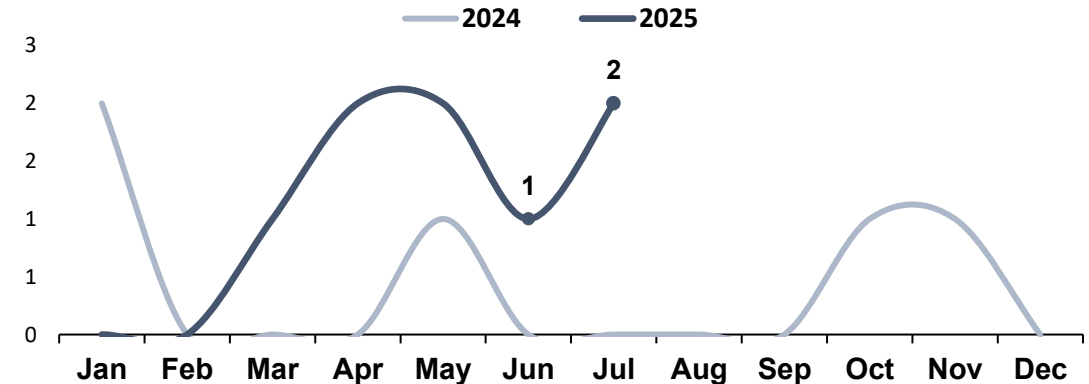


Data Source: Data Source: NC OCME Toxicology, accredited by the College of American Pathologists. The laboratory provides forensic analytical testing of specimens for all 100 counties of the statewide medical examiner system.

\*2024-2025 Data are provisional and subject to change.

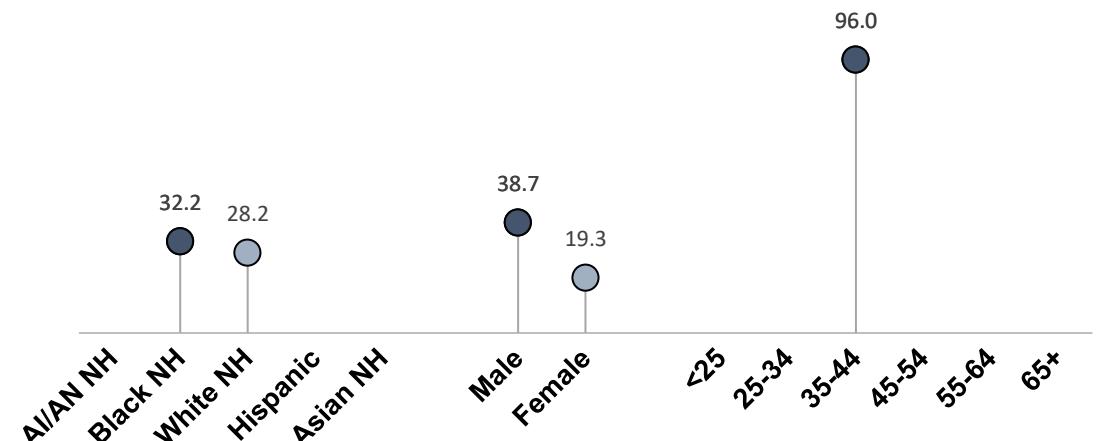
**Month to month: From Jun '25 to Jul '25 there was 1 more visit.**

Counts may fluctuate month-to-month. Please reference YTD percent change for overall trends.

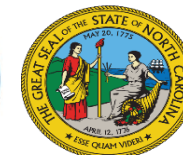


**Residents who are Black, male, ages 35-44 had a higher rate of fentanyl-positive deaths compared to the statewide rate of 28.6.**

Rates calculated for last 12 months, Jun '23 - Jul '25.  
Rate per 100,000 county residents.



Note: NH (Non-Hispanic);  
AI/AN (American Indian/Alaskan Native)



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