

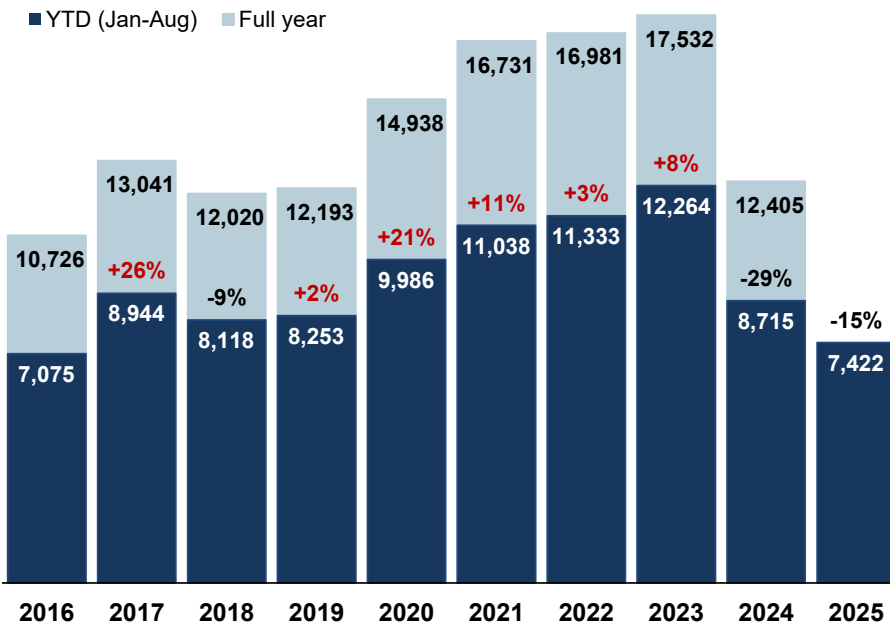
North Carolina Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Overdose Involving Medications or Drugs with Dependency Potential: August 2025*

894 Overdose^ ED visits in August 2025 compared to **1,067** August 2024.

^Overdose involving medications or drugs with dependency potential (T40, T42, T43, T50.7 and T50.9), initial encounter, restricted to NC residents, ages 15 to 65 years, not including self-inflicted or assault intent related overdose cases.

Year to year: Overdose ED visits are down 15% for 2025 compared this time last year.

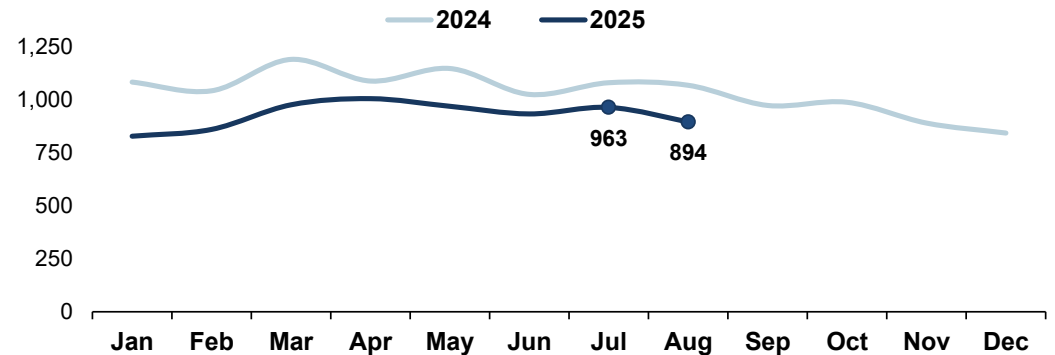
Percent change is year-to-date (YTD) total compared to this time last year.



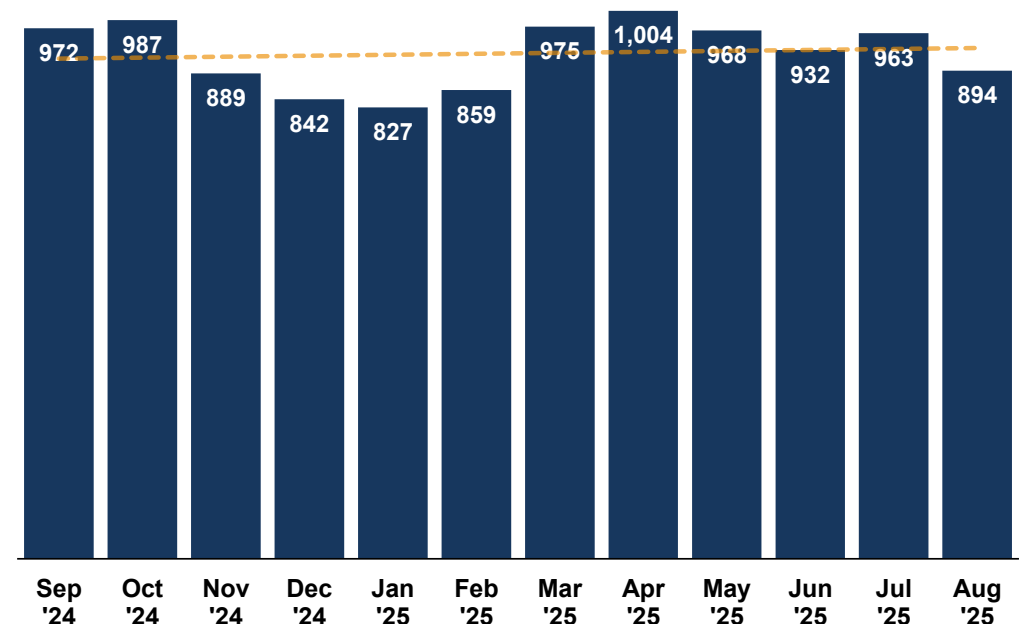
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Month to month: From July to August there was a 7% drop in visits.

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



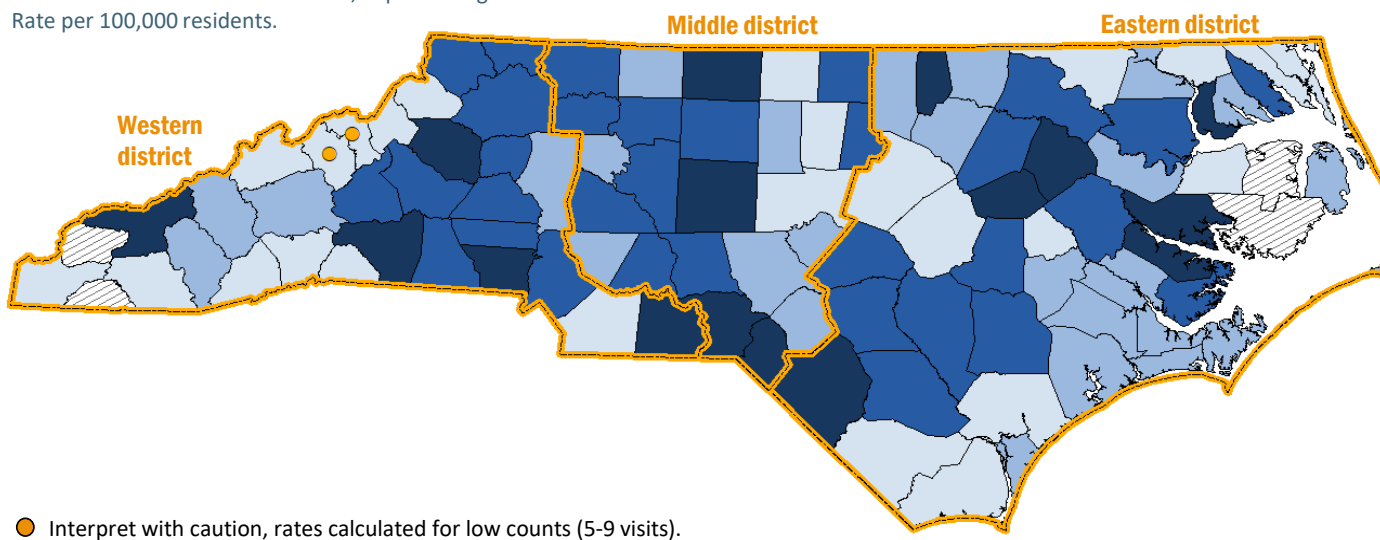
Overdose^ ED visits have remained about the same in the last 12 months.



Counties with the highest overdose^ rates are spread throughout the state.

Rates calculated for last 12 months, Sep '24 - Aug '25.

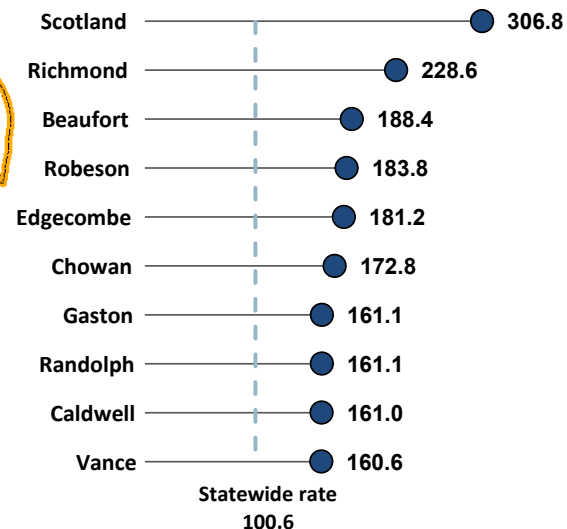
Rate per 100,000 residents.



Counties with the 10 highest rates of overdose^ ED visits.

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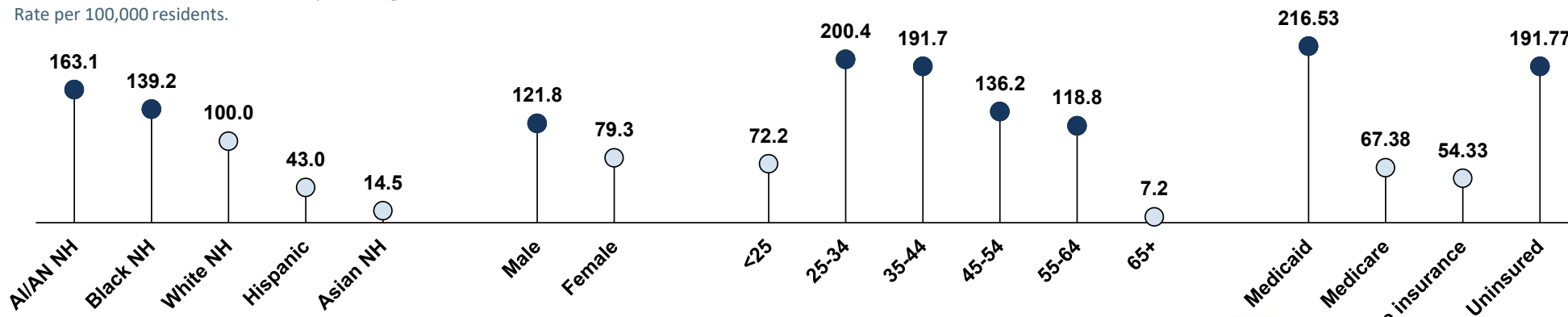
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Residents who are Native American, Black, male, ages 25 to 64, uninsured, or insured through Medicaid, had a higher rate of overdose^ ED visits compared to the statewide rate of 100.6.

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Rate per 100,000 residents.



Note: NH (Non-hispanic); Native Americans-AI/AN (American Indian/Alaskan Native).

Data Sources: ED Data-NC DETECT is North Carolina's statewide syndromic surveillance system. ED visit data from NC DETECT are provisional and should not be considered final. Population Data-U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>; Insurance coverage Data-Kaiser Family Foundation estimates based on the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/total-population.

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