NHS Scotland A&E: Demand and Waiting Time Performance (2007–2025)

Shows demand and waiting-time performance for the NHS Scotland Accident & Emergency Department (incl. date range filter).

29M
Total Attendances

88.04%
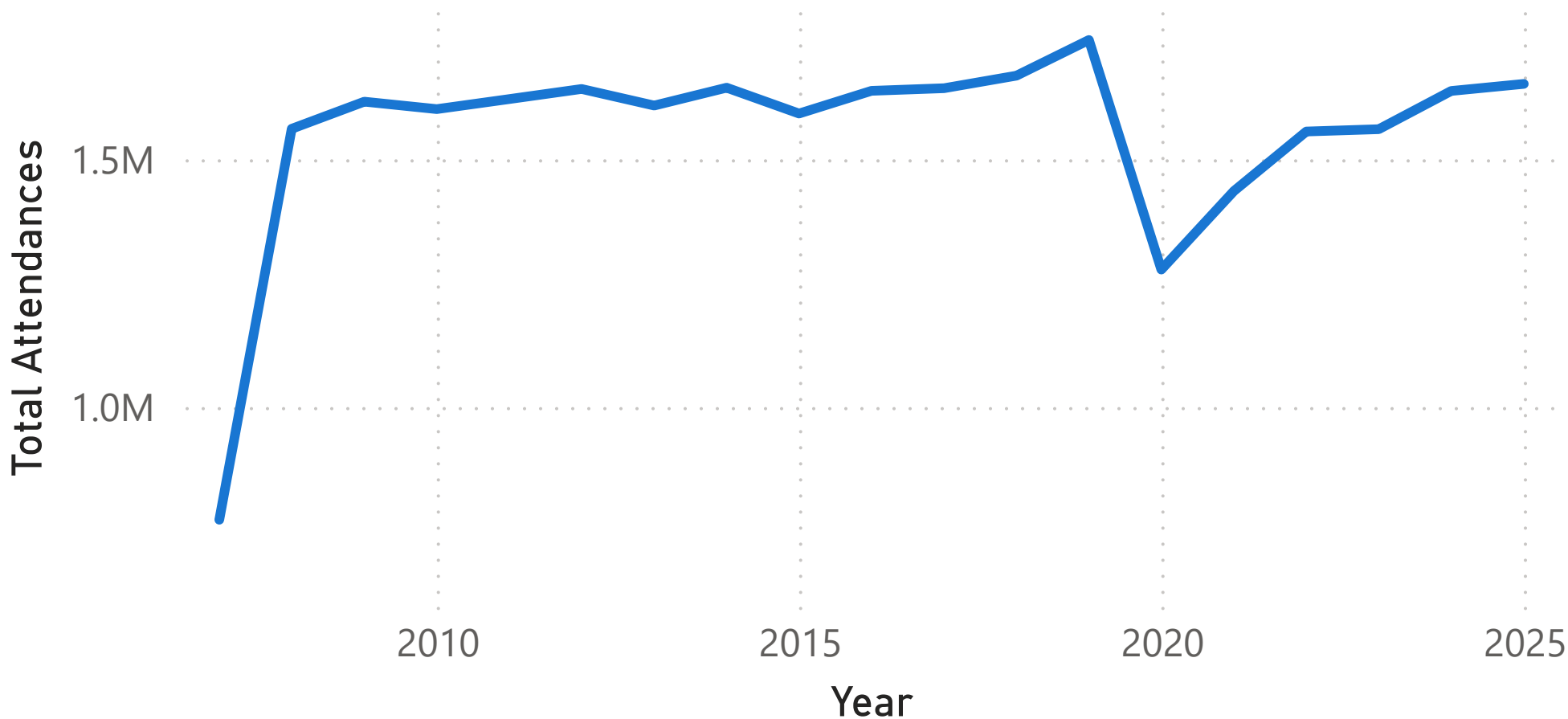Percentage Seen Within 4 Hours

4M
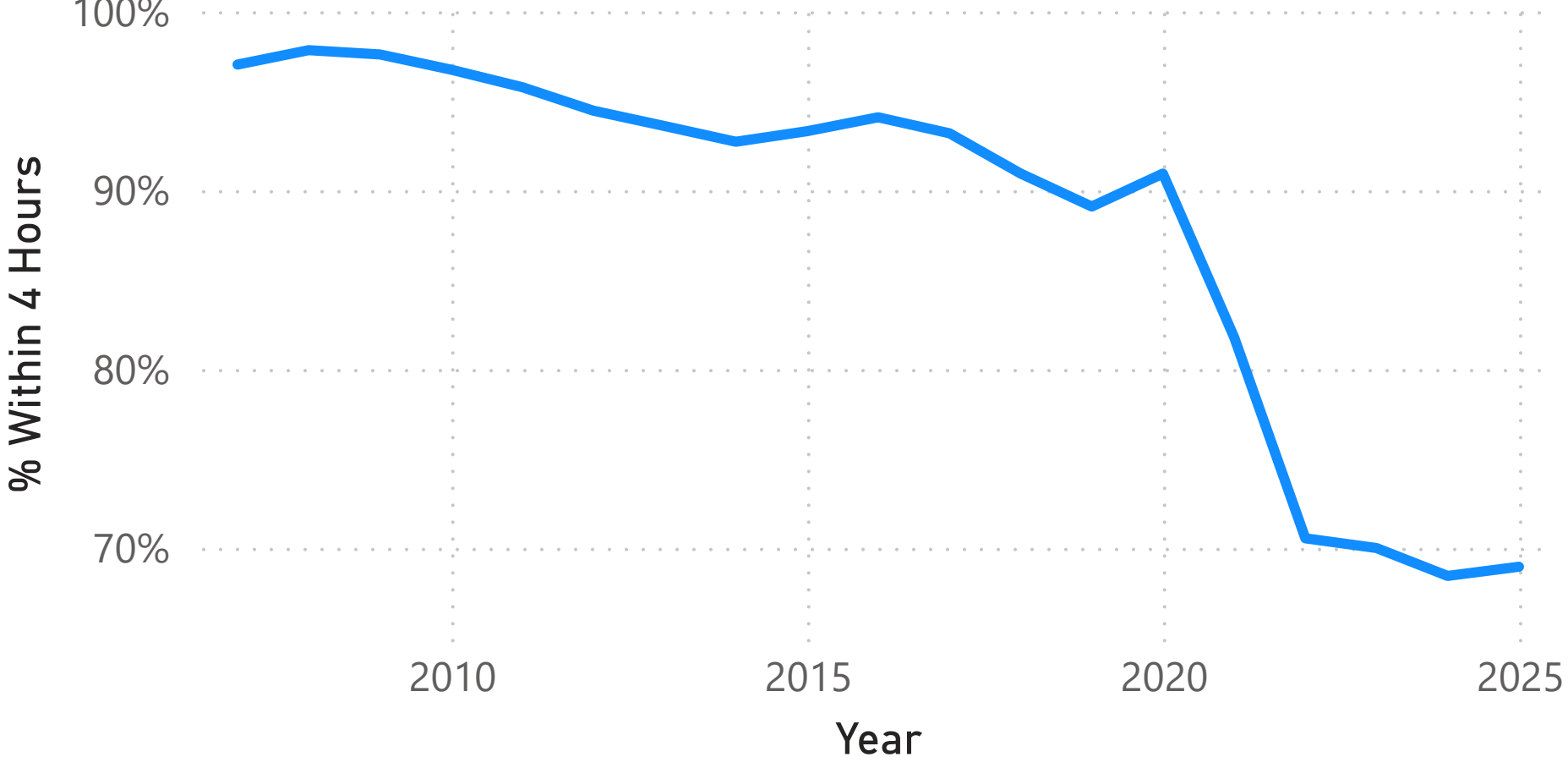Patients Waiting 4+ Hours

5.94%
Attendances: Latest Year vs Prior Year
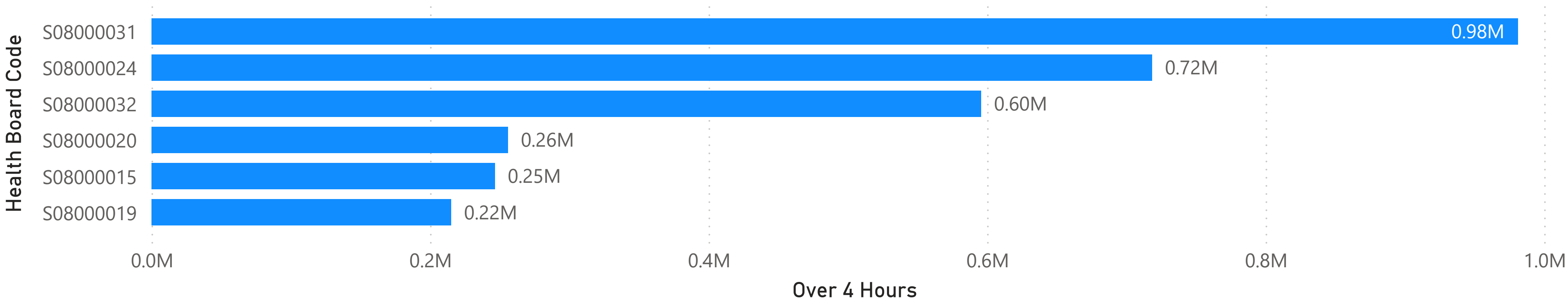
Attendances by year

Seen Within 4 Hours, Percentage by Year

Important:
These charts show patterns in the data. They do not prove causes.

Waiting over 4 Hours by Health Board Code

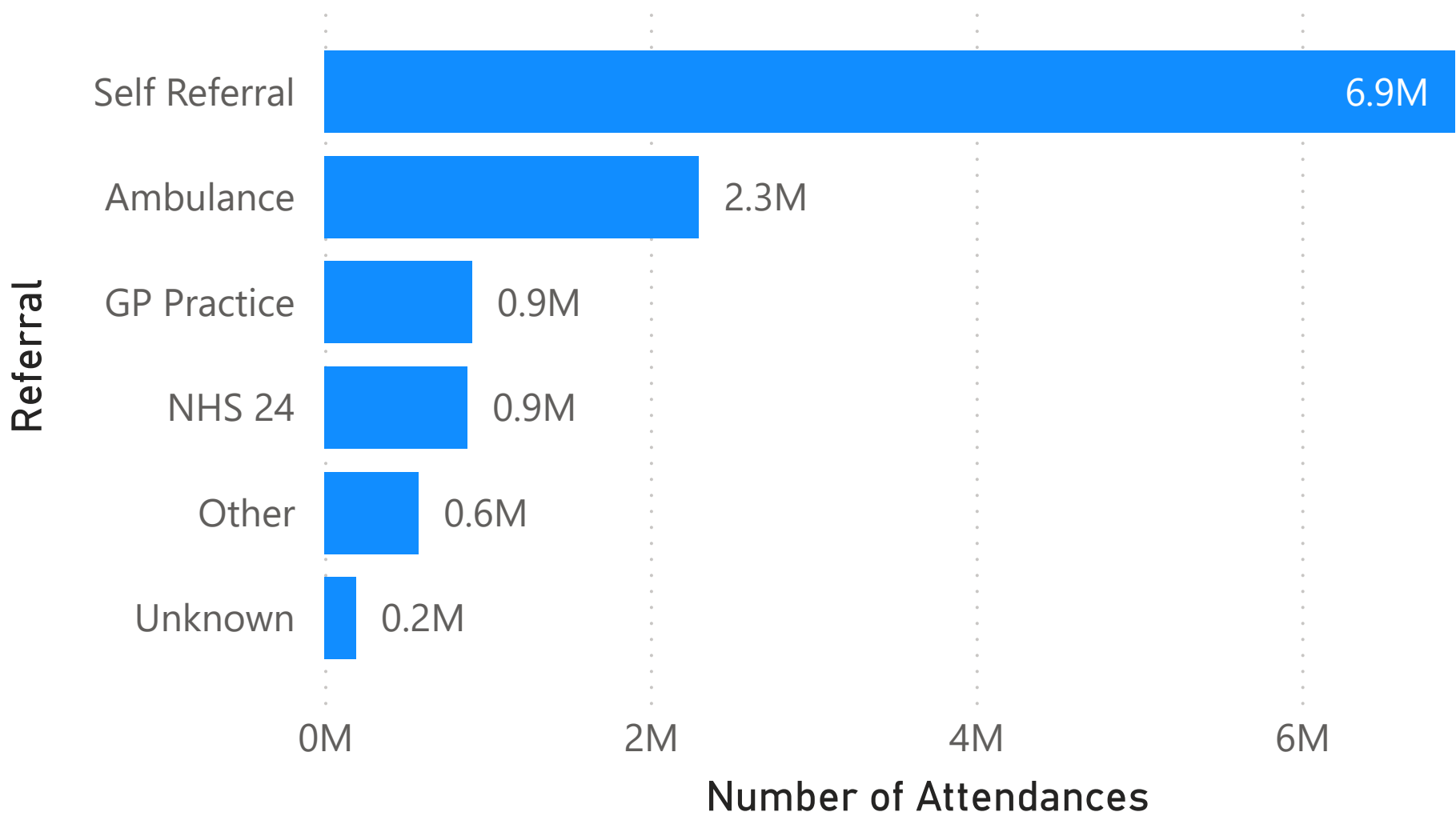| Health Board Code	Over 4 Hours
S08000031	0.98M
S08000024	0.72M
S08000032	0.60M
S08000020	0.26M
S08000015	0.25M
S08000019	0.22M

What drives Accident & Emergency pressure

Look at arrival routes and timing patterns. This helps explain when long waits are most likely to increase.

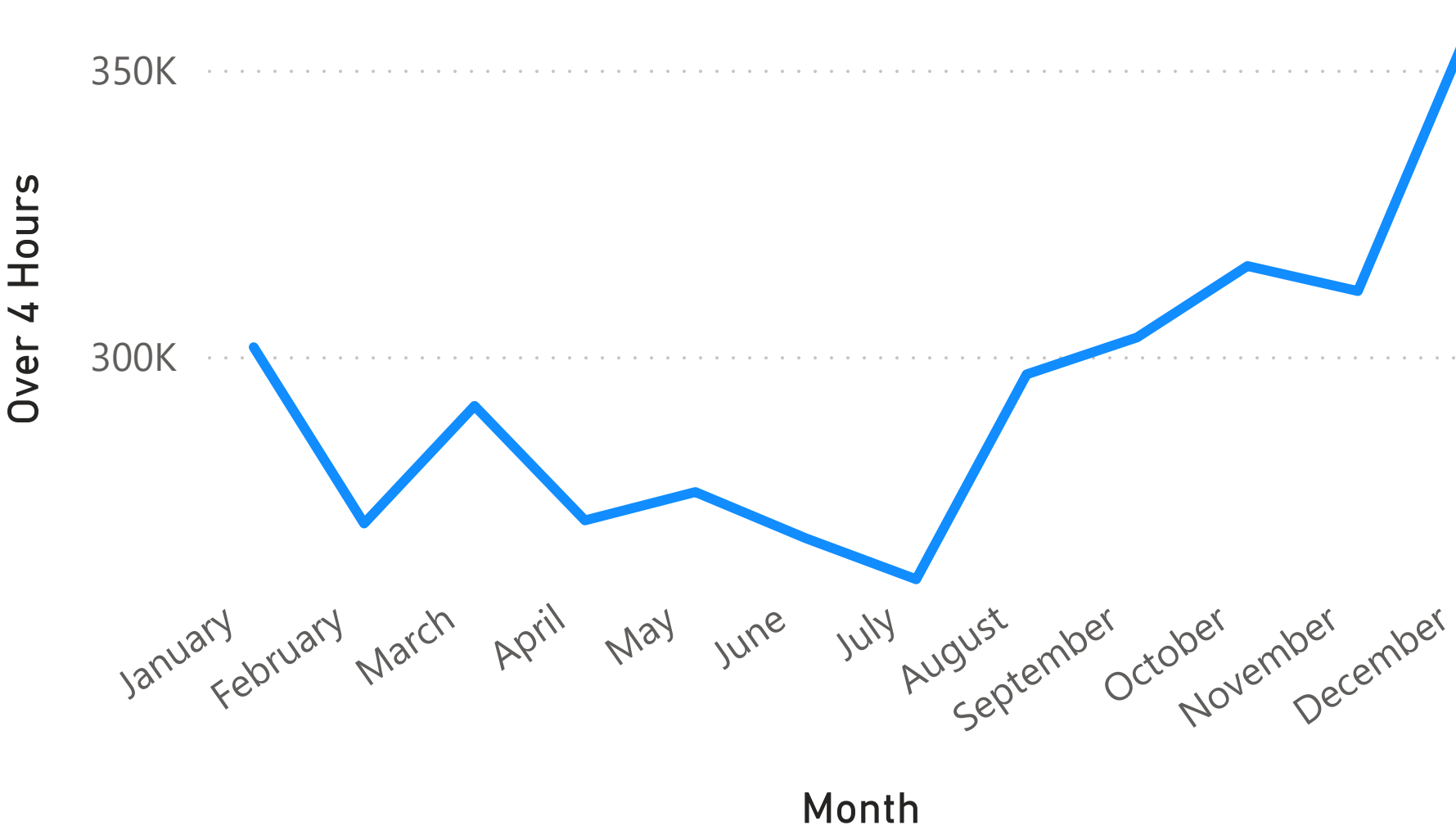## How people arrive (attendance count)

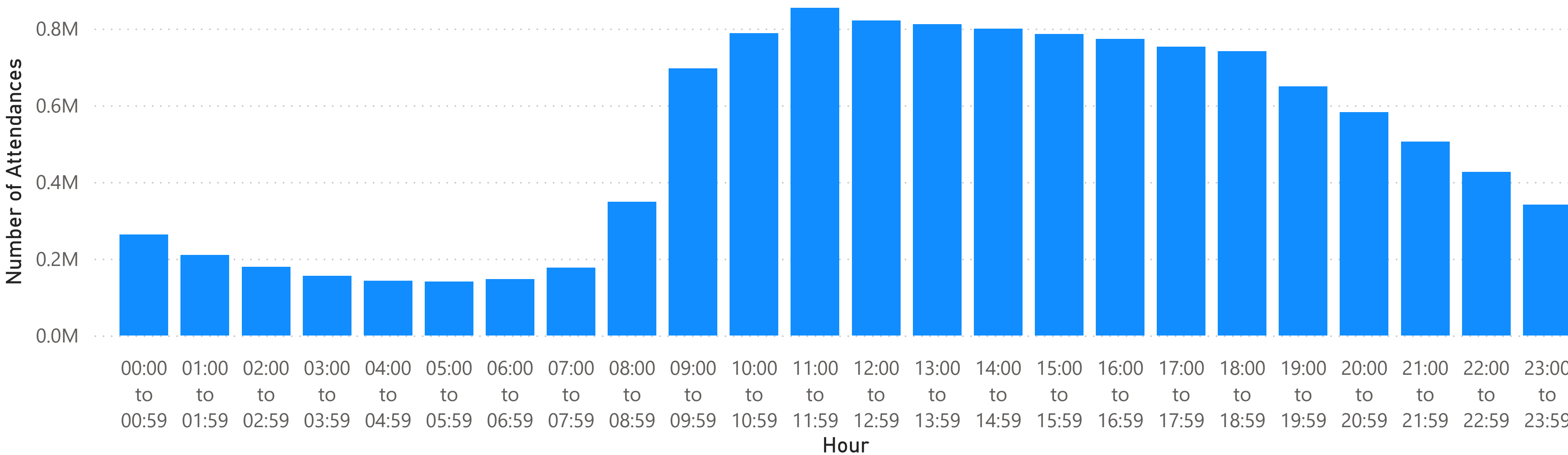| Referral	Number of Attendances
Self Referral	6.9M
Ambulance	2.3M
GP Practice	0.9M
NHS 24	0.9M
Other	0.6M
Unknown	0.2M

Waiting over 4 Hours, by Month of the Year

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Attendances by hour of day

How to read this report

Definitions, data coverage, and notes to avoid misinterpretation. Data covers 2007–2025.

Definitions

1) Seen within 4 hours (%) = 1 − (Over 4 hours ÷ Total attendances).
2) Over 4/8/12 hours are counts of attendances exceeding those waiting thresholds.
3) Use the Year range slicer to focus on a time period.
4) This is aggregated reporting data (not patient-level), so it shows patterns, not causes.

Dataset	Key fields used
Calculated (Power BI)	Date (from Month YYYYMM), Year, Month of year, Year-Month
Measures (Power BI)	Total attendances; Waiting over 4 hours; % seen within 4 hours; Latest year vs previous year
Monthly (A&E Activity)	Month, HBT, DepartmentType, AttendanceCategory, NumberOfAttendancesAll, NumberOver4HoursAll, NumberOver8HoursEpisode, NumberC
Monthly (A&E Activity)	PercentageWithin4HoursAll (cross-check only; main % calculated from counts)
Referral Source	Month, HBT, DepartmentType, Age, Referral, NumberOfAttendances
When	Month, HBT, DepartmentType, Day, Week, Hour, InOut, NumberOfAttendances

Source & Licence

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Coverage: 2007–2025