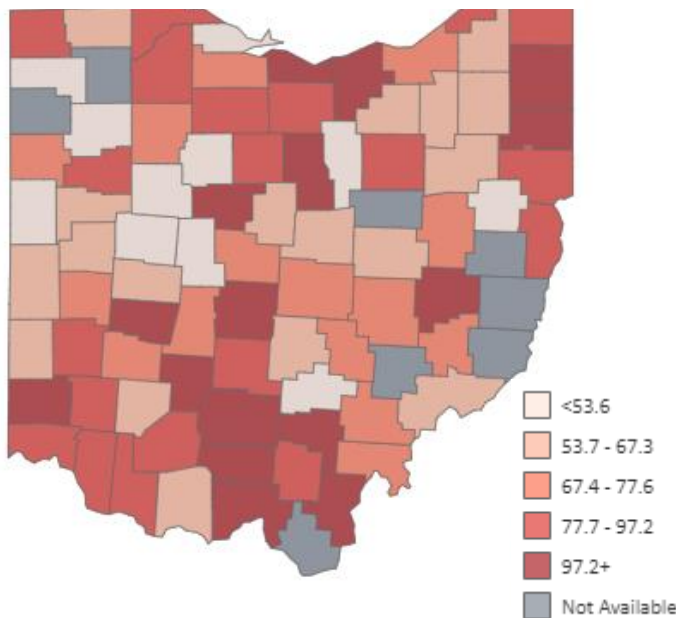


Figure 1. Emergency Department Visits for Suspected Drug Overdoses Rates per 10,000 population³



Drug Overdose Emergency Department Visits

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of the community concerning drug overdoses (OD). Figure 1. Is displaying drug overdose ED visits rates by county, in the 3rd quarter of 2020. In the first quarter of 2021, there were 27 ED visits coded as a drug overdose in Defiance County residents. Fifty-six percent of the drug overdose ED visits were male.

In the 1st Quarter, there were 13 EMS runs where Defiance Fire and Rescue responded and administered naloxone².

Reported drug overdoses are non-specific: any drug or multiple drugs may be involved. It is difficult to know the true number of opioid-related poisonings because some individuals refuse to be transported to an emergency department during an overdose, therefore, these data are estimates.

Figure 2. Drug Overdoses ED visits by age groups, 2021¹

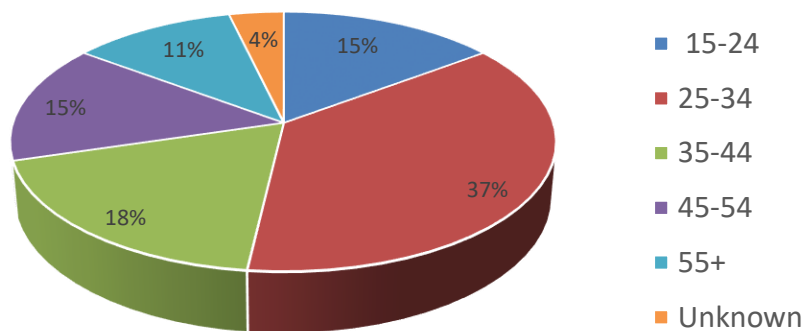


Figure 2. Thirty-seven percent of drug overdose ED visits occurred in individuals 25-34 years old. Eighteen percent were between the ages of 35-44. In 2020, in Ohio the age groups 35-54 and 25-34 had the highest ED visits for suspected drug overdose.

Sources:

1. ED visits coded as drug overdoses are derived from data in the ESSENCE and represent only those reported in the system. These data are provisional and subject to change when additional data are reported. Overdoses are selected based on codes at diagnosis. Data reported as of 04/05/2021.
2. Defiance Fire and Rescue
3. ODH Drug Overdose dashboard <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/violence-injury-prevention-program/suspected-od-dashboard2>