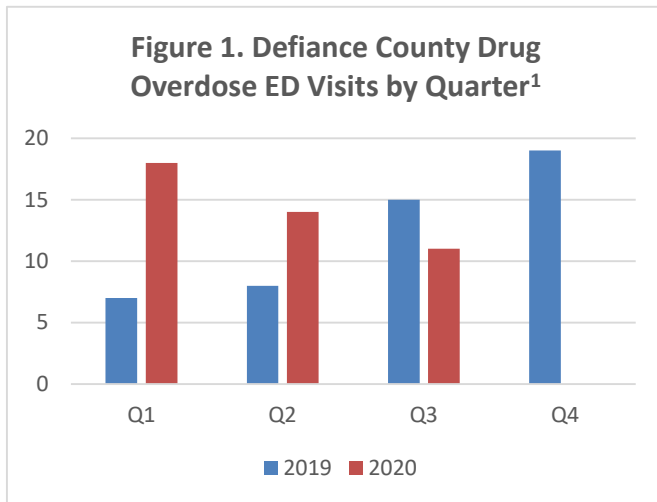


Drug Overdose Emergency Department Visits

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of the community concerning drug overdoses (OD). Figure 1 displays the estimated number of emergency department (ED) visits coded as a drug overdose from Defiance County residents. In the third quarter of 2020, there were 11 ED visits coded as a drug overdose. Forty-seven percent of the drug overdose ED visits were male.

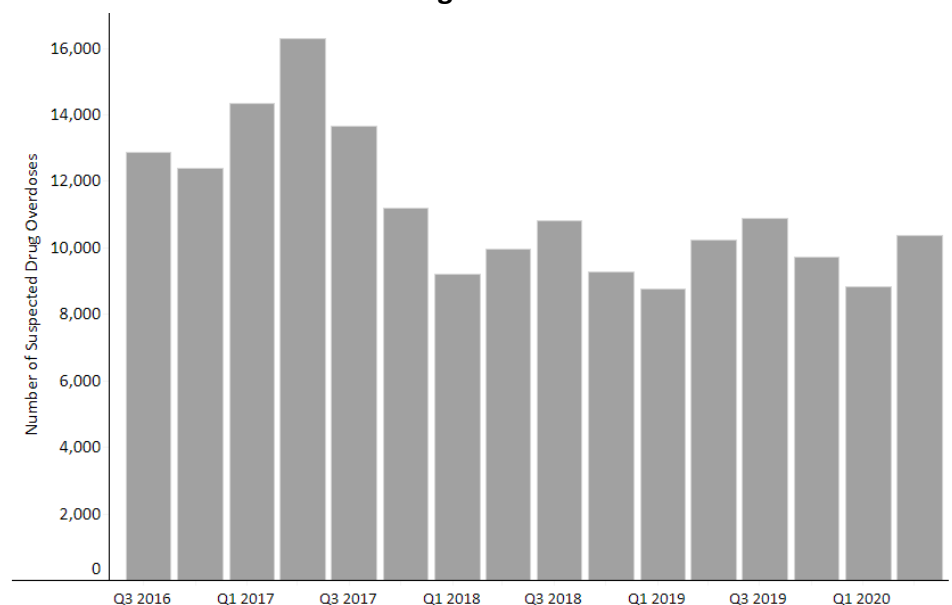
In the 3rd Quarter, there were 7 EMS runs where Defiance Fire and Rescue responded and administered naloxone².

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.



In 2020, June was the highest month for emergency department visits for suspected drug overdoses in Ohio verses May, which was the highest in Defiance County. Overall, trends of ED drug overdose visits in 2020 have not been significantly higher compared to previous years. See figure 2.

Figure 2. Emergency Department Visits for Suspected Drug Overdose in Ohio¹



Sources:

- ED visits coded as drug overdoses are derived from data in the EpiCenter 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 10/6/2020.
- Defiance Fire and Rescue