

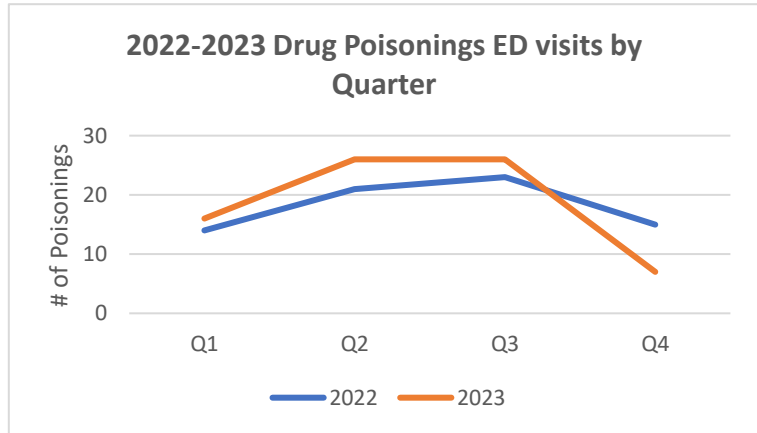
Drug Poisonings

This report was created as a surveillance effort to help understand the needs of Defiance County communities concerning drug poisoning. From October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, there were 7 emergency room visits for drug poisonings (Males=3, females=3, unknown=1).

Emergency Department Visits Related to Drug Poisonings

Month	2022	2023
January	3	7
February	7	3
March	4	6
April	12	14
May	5	9
June	4	3
July	5	7
August	7	10
September	11	9
October	4	1
November	8	4
December	3	2
Total	73	75

In the year 2023, four Defiance County residents experienced unintentional drug poison deaths*. Additionally, there were 168 911 calls related to drug concerns, compared to 173 in the year 2022.



In 2023, April and August had the highest number of drug poisoning ED visits than any other month. Within the same year, there were more female ED visits for drug poisoning than males reported, with an average age of 32 years for females and 35 years for males.

In the 4th quarter, EMS personnel administered naloxone to six individuals with one person receiving two doses. In 2023, twenty-eight individuals were administrated naloxone during an EMS run. Some individuals received more than one dose of naloxone.

2023 EMS Runs and Naloxone Administration	
Q1	7
Q2	7
Q3	8
Q4	6
Total	28

Reported drug poisoning data in this report is non-specific. Many classes of drugs or multiple drugs may be involved. It is difficult to know the true number of drug poisonings as some individuals did not have emergency service runs, did not visit the emergency department, or refused to be transported to an emergency department during an overdose. The emergency department data in this report was obtained from the EpiCenter database for the date range October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

*preliminary death data