

Southwest Monthly Substance Use Report



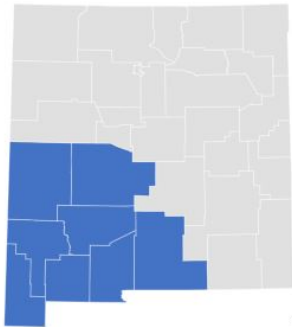
September 2024

This report encompasses data from the following counties: Catron, Socorro, Grant, Sierra, Hidalgo, Luna, Dona Ana, and Otero.

This report was generated using data from NMHealth’s syndromic surveillance database. Syndromic surveillance is a passive surveillance system of emergency department (ED) visits in New Mexico that provides the state with near real-time data about emergency department visits.

A few things to keep in mind regarding syndromic surveillance data:

- 89% of non-federal hospitals in NM send ED data to NMHealth.
- All drug overdoses are suspected, meaning a patient presents with the symptoms of an overdose and/or the patient revives after naloxone administration, but when a drug screening hasn’t been done. Drug involvement is often based upon the chief complaint and discharge diagnosis fields, and drug categories are not exclusive.
- Indian Health Service and Veteran’s Administration data are **not** included. This leads to undercounts of these particular populations.
- To protect the privacy of patients, this report conforms to NMHealth’s Small Numbers Rule. This means that if the population from which the numerator is derived is less than 20, and the numerator itself is one to three, those numbers are not shown.
- Location is based on facility location.
- Data drops in the first or last week of the graph are often due to only part of the week belonging to the month in question.



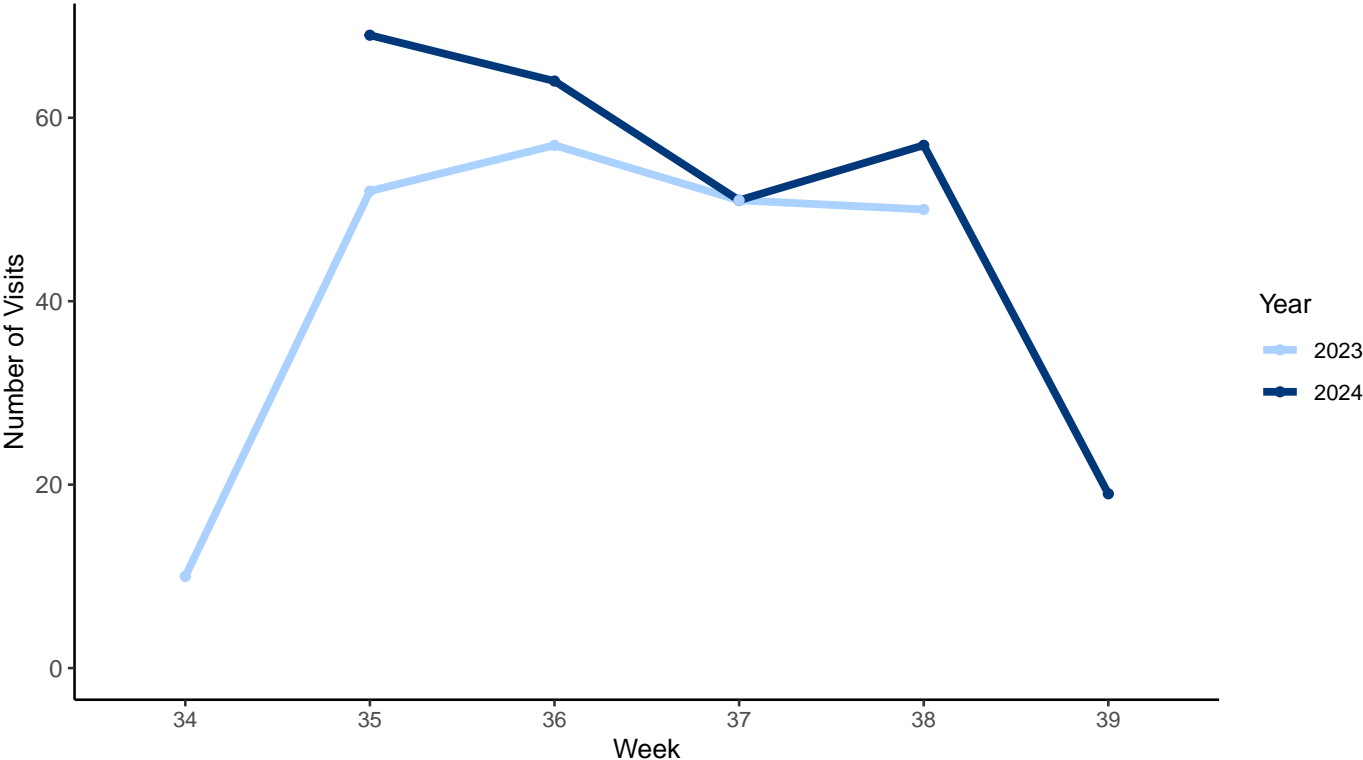
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Population estimates are from 2021.

Alcohol

Week numbers are used so that two years of data can be compared.

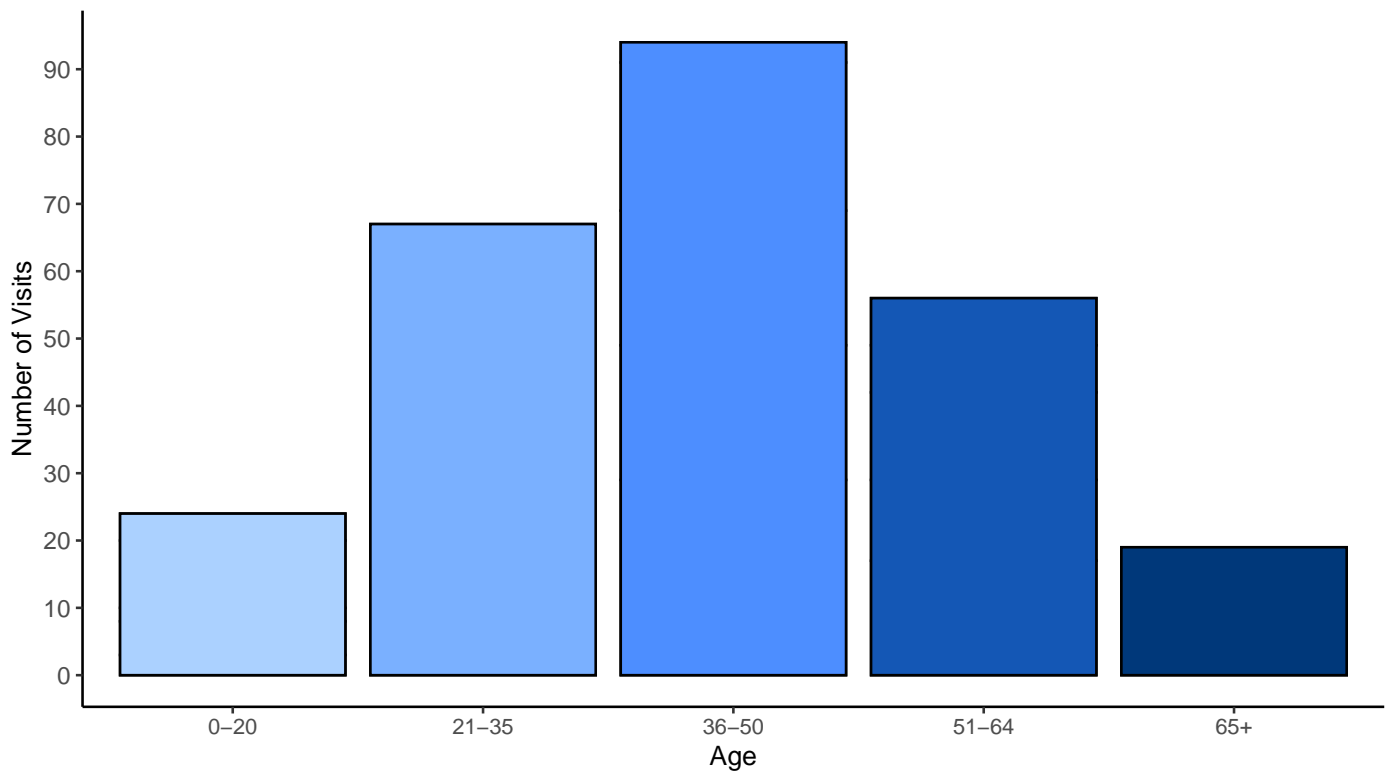
Alcohol-Involved ED Visits, September 2024 (n=260)



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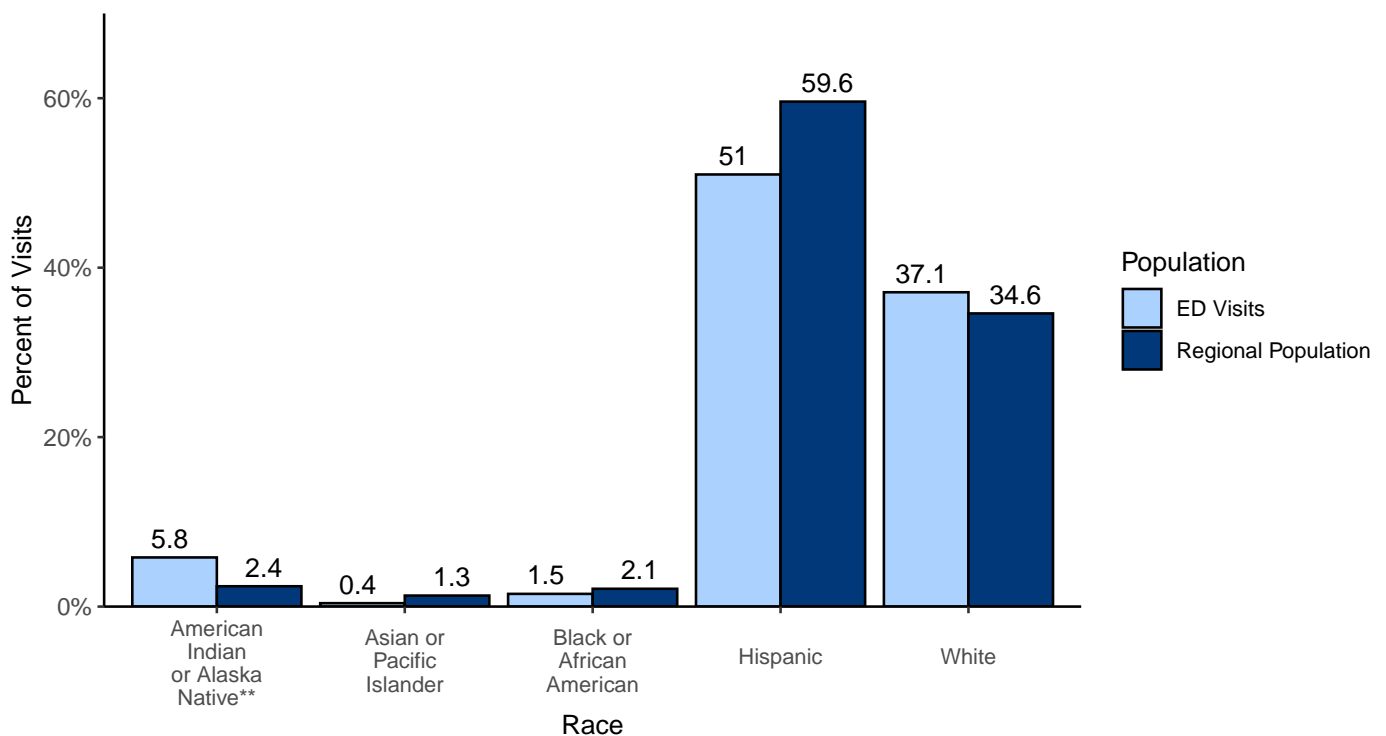
Alcohol-Involved ED Visits by Age, September 2024 (n=260)



Alcohol-Involved ED Visits by Sex, September 2024 (n=260)

Sex	Number of Visits
Female	81
Male	179

Alcohol-Involved ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity, September 2024(n=260)



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Opioids

This category includes both prescription and illicit opioids.

Opioid Overdose ED Visits, September 2024 (n=15)

Substance	Number of visits
Opioid Overdose	15

Opioid Overdose ED Visits by Age, September 2024 (n=15)

Age	Number of visits
0-17	*
18-25	*
26-44	6
45-64	4
65+	*

Opioid Overdose ED Visits by Sex, September 2024 (n=15)

Sex	Number of visits
Female	5
Male	10

Opioid Overdose ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity, September 2024 (n=15)

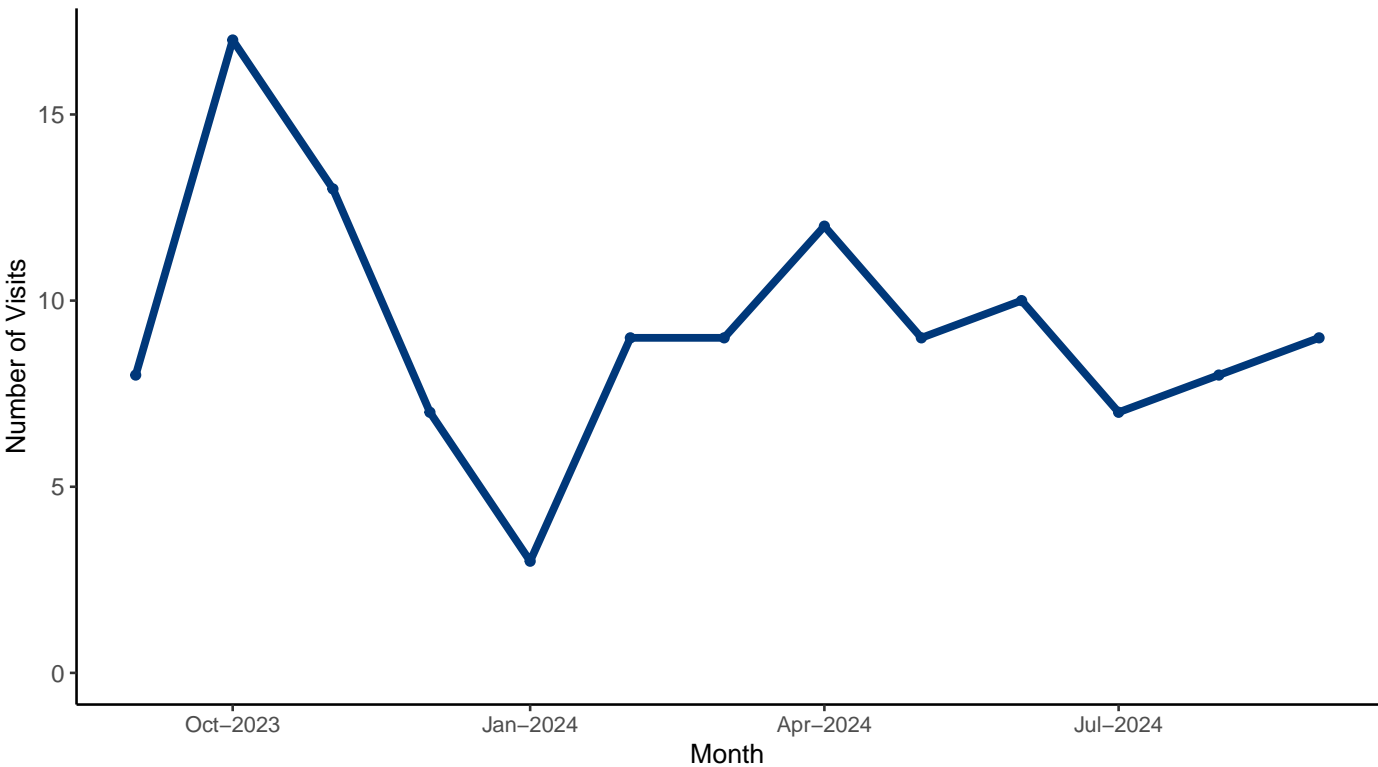
Race	Number of Visits
American Indian or Alaska Native**	*
Asian or Pacific Islander	*
Black or African American	*
Hispanic	7
White	7

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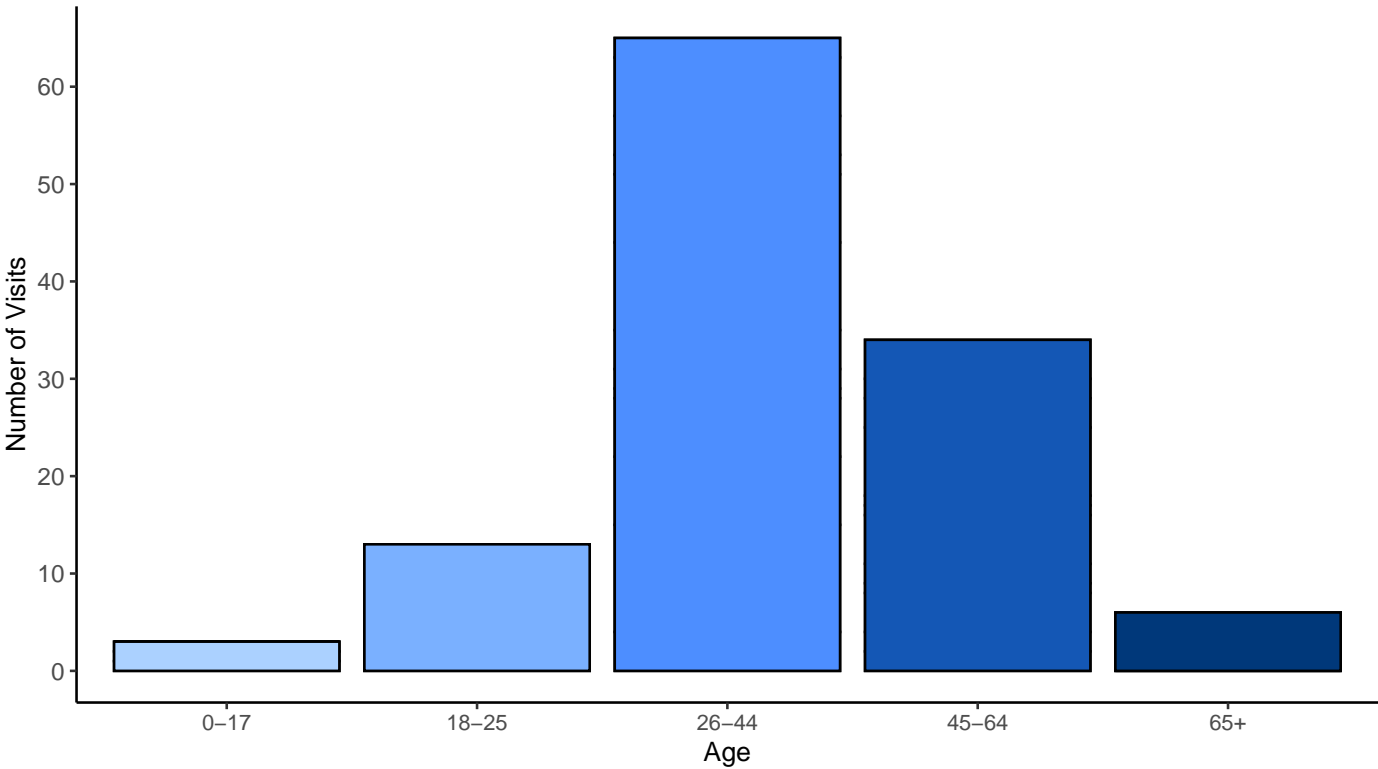
Stimulants

This category includes substances like methamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA, crack cocaine, and ecstasy (not exhaustive).

Stimulant-Involved ED Visits, September 2023-2024 (n=121)



Stimulant-Involved ED Visits by Age, September 2023-2024 (n=121)



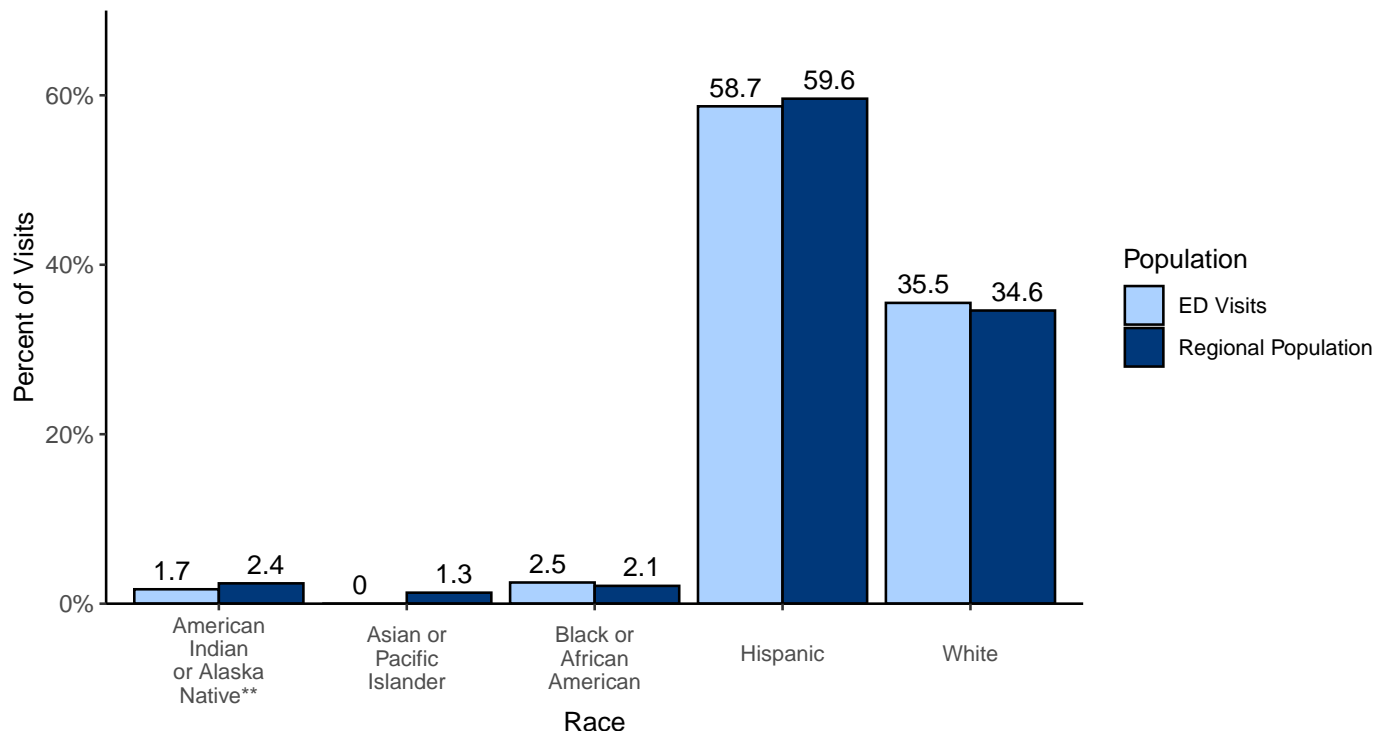
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Stimulant-Involved ED Visits by Sex, September 2023-2024 (n=121)

Sex	Number of Visits
Female	27
Male	94

Stimulant-Involved ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity, September 2023-2024 (n =121)

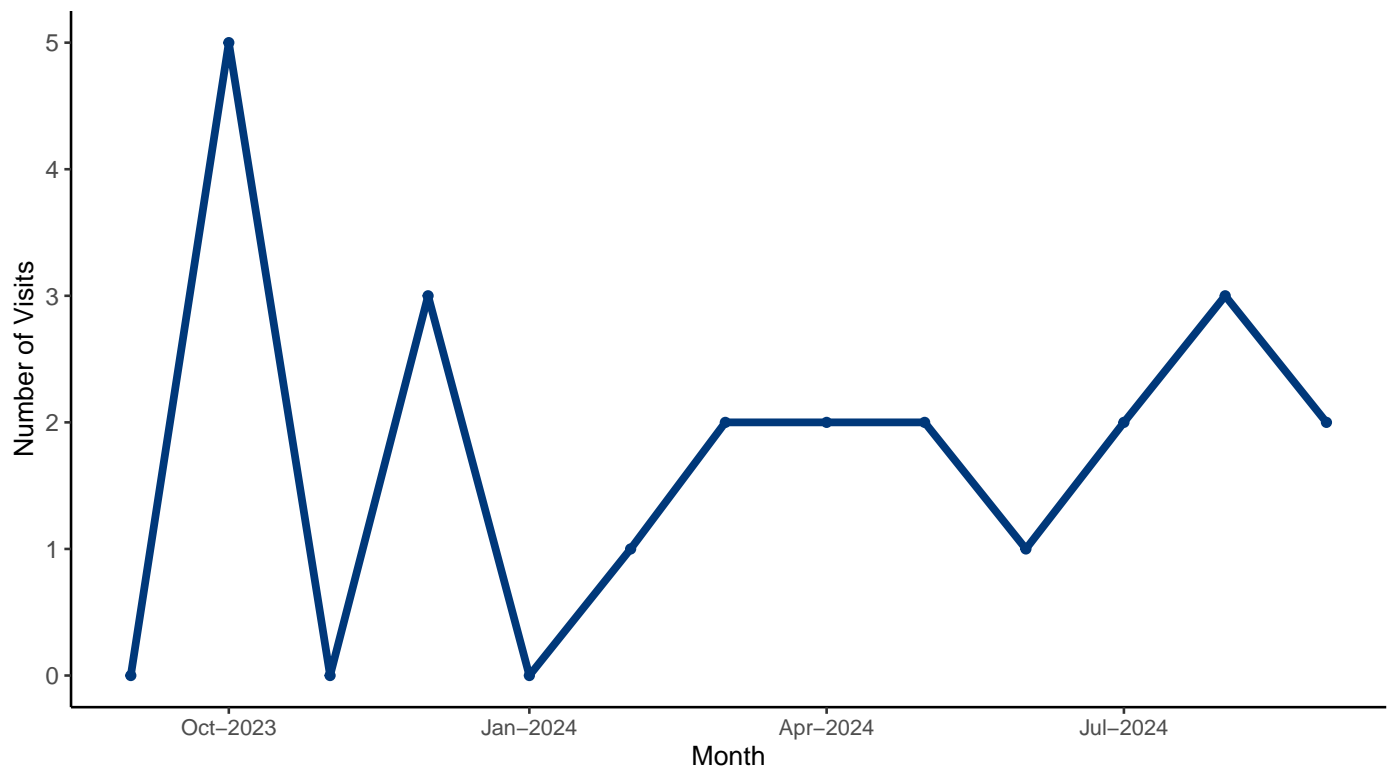


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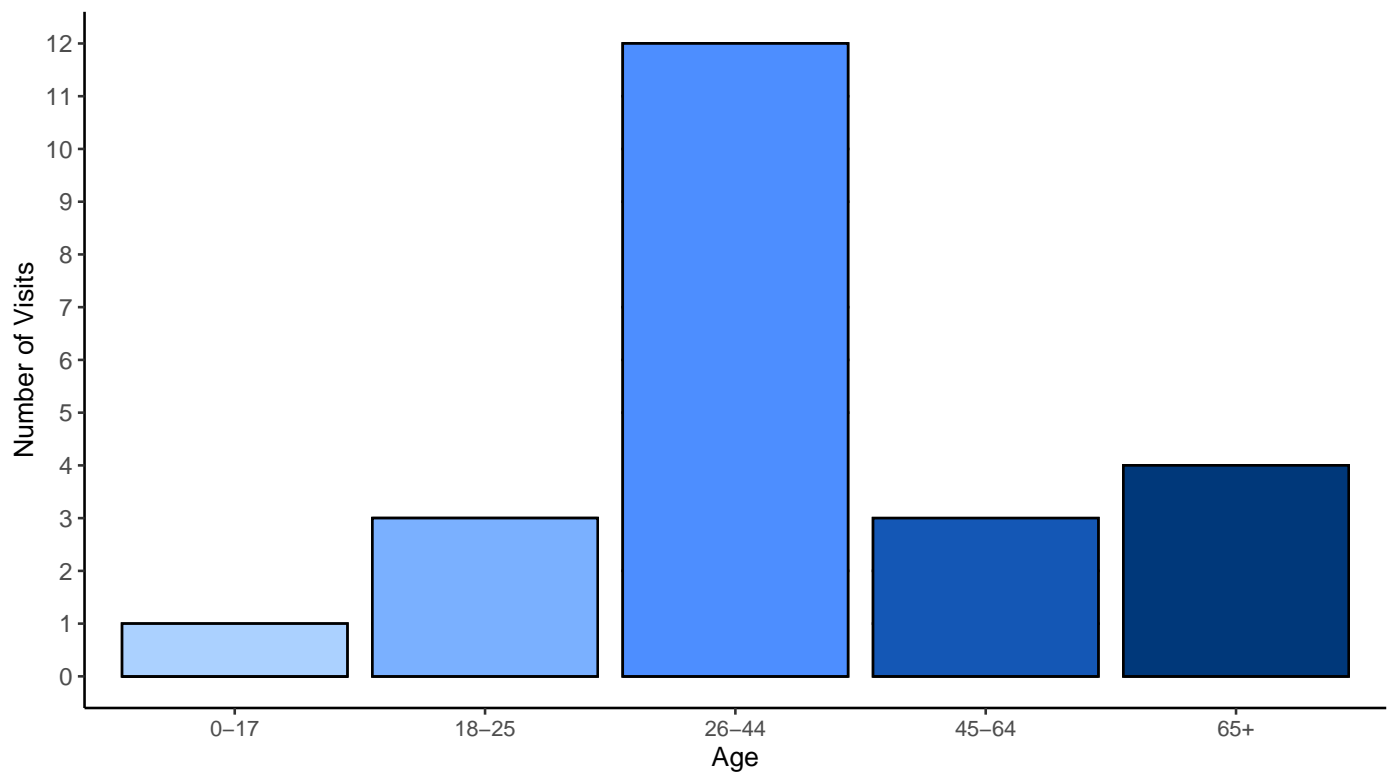
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Benzodiazepines

Benzodiazepine Overdose ED Visits, September 2023-2024 (n=23)



Benzodiazepine Overdose ED Visits by Age, September 2023-2024 (n=23)

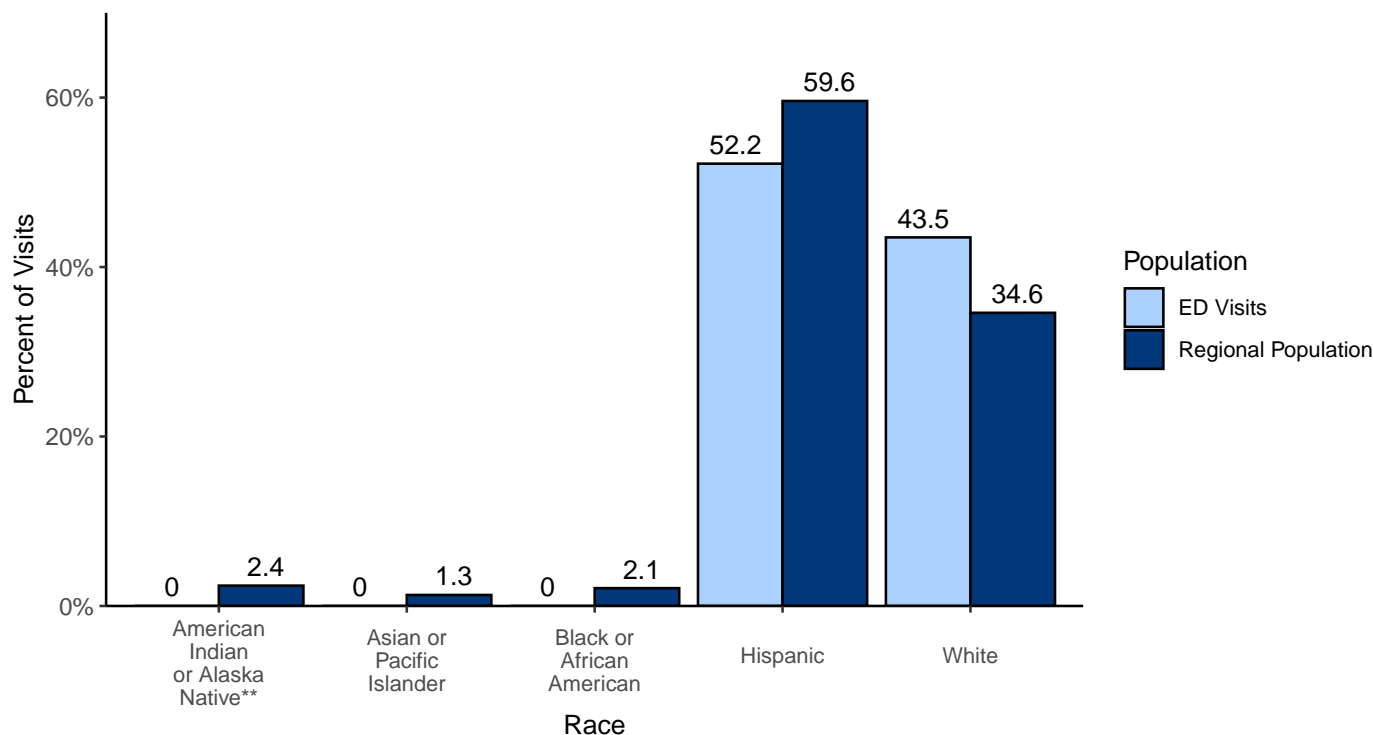


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Benzodiazepine Overdose ED Visits by Sex, September 2023-2024 (n=23)

Sex	Number of Visits
Female	10
Male	13

Benzodiazepine Overdose ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity, September 2023-2024 (n=23)



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Polysubstance Use

Polysubstance use is the intentional or unintentional consumption of one or more drugs either at the same time or within a short period of time. The drug categories presented here are not mutually exclusive. There are **4 visit(s)** where polysubstance use was indicated.

This report includes data from the following hospitals:

- Mountainview Regional Medical Center
- Memorial Medical Center
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center
- Gila Regional Medical Center
- Mimbres Memorial Medical Center
- Socorro General Hospital
- Three Crosses Regional Hospital

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