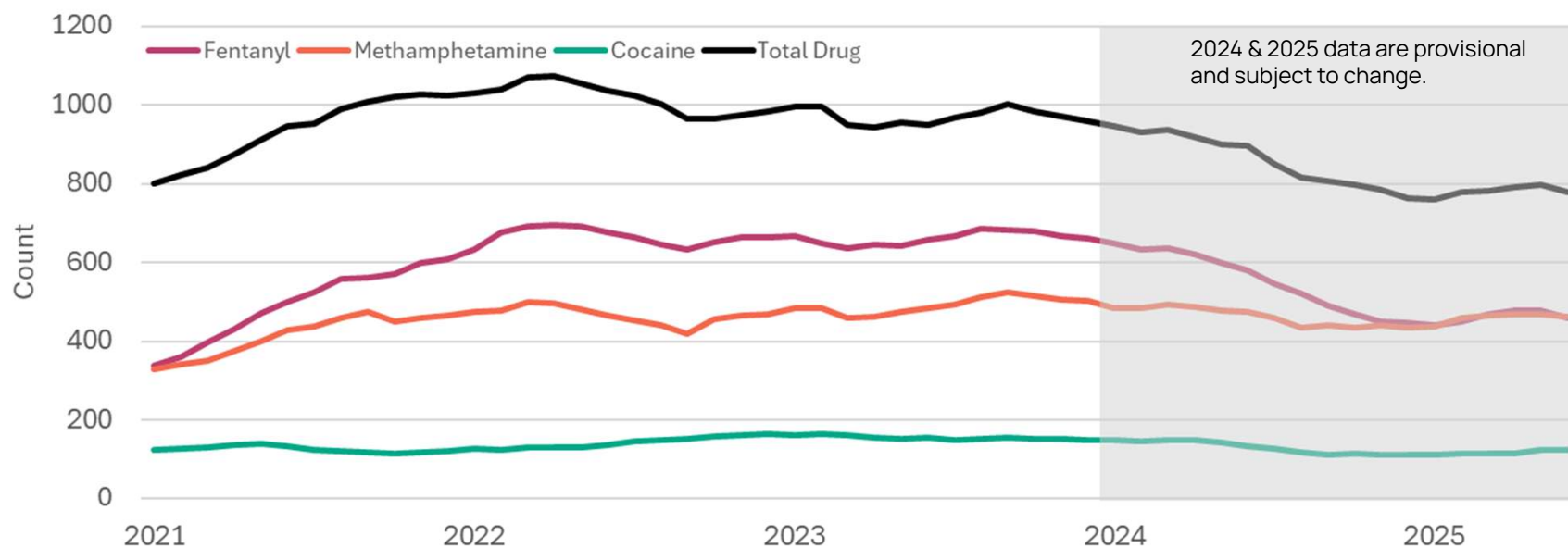




# Recent Drug Overdose Data Trends

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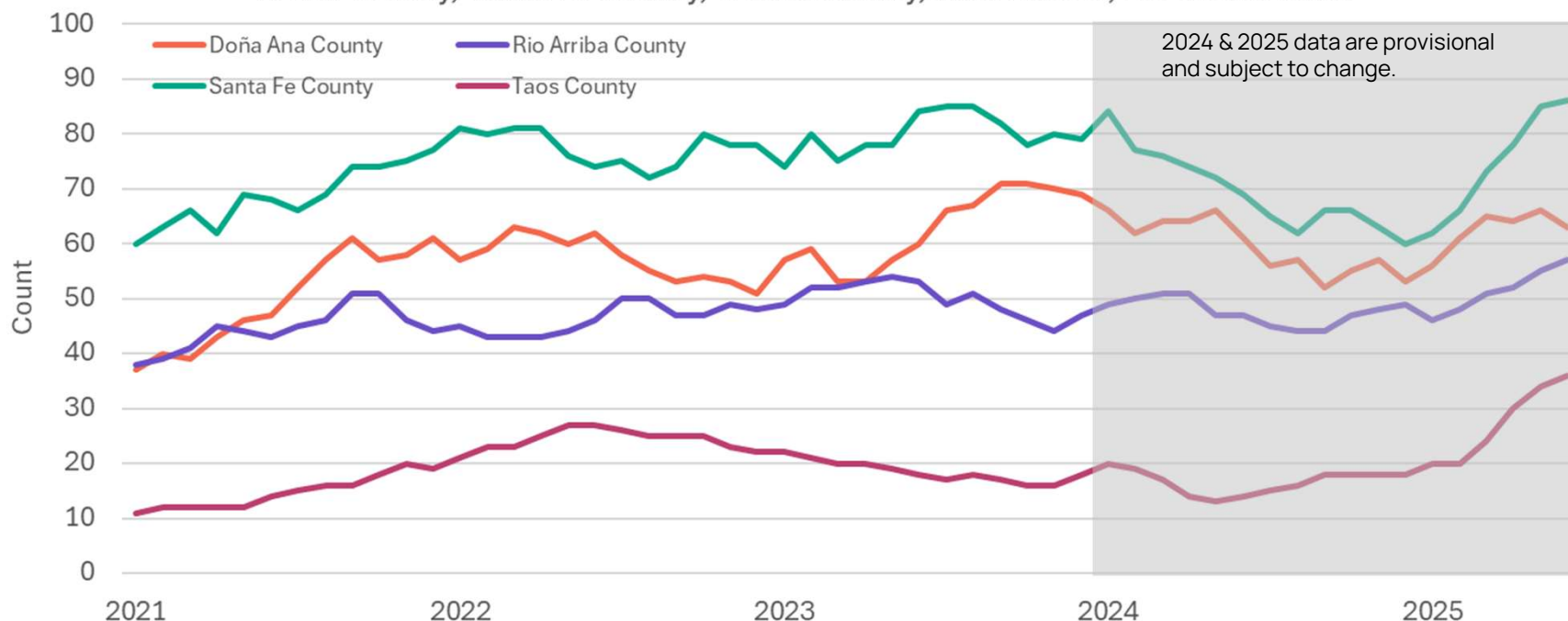
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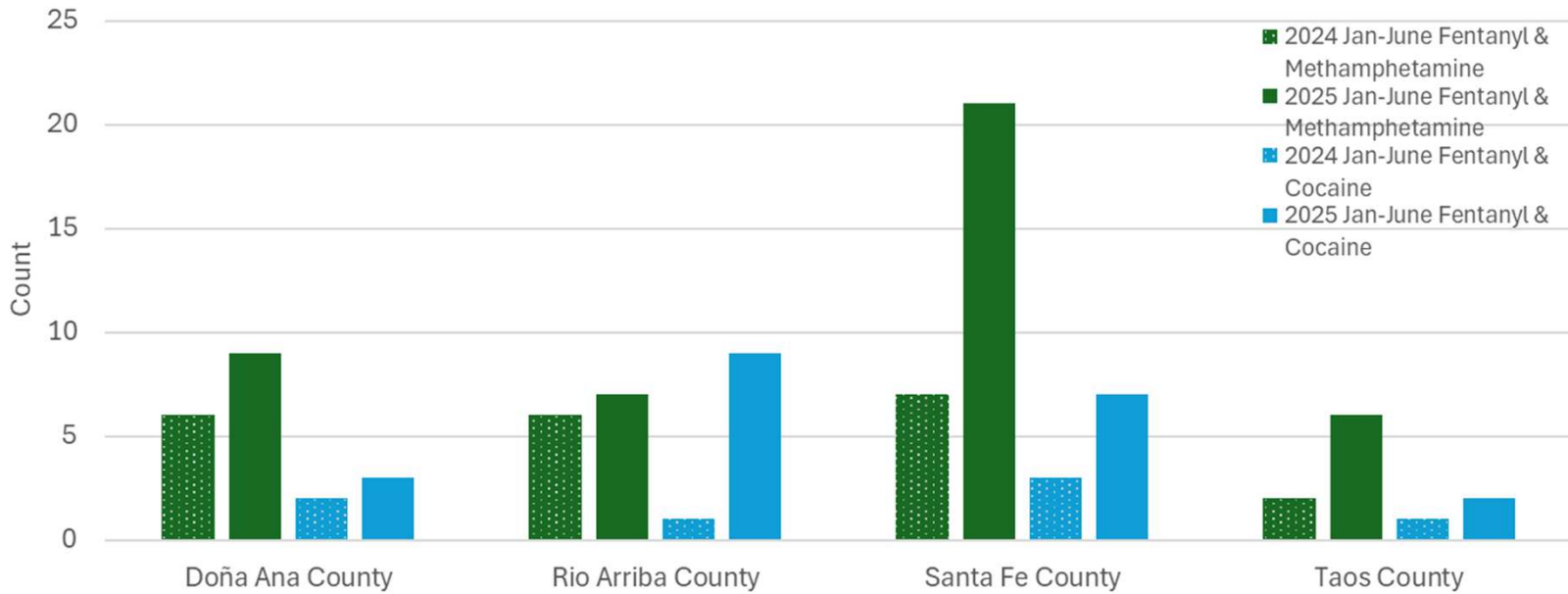
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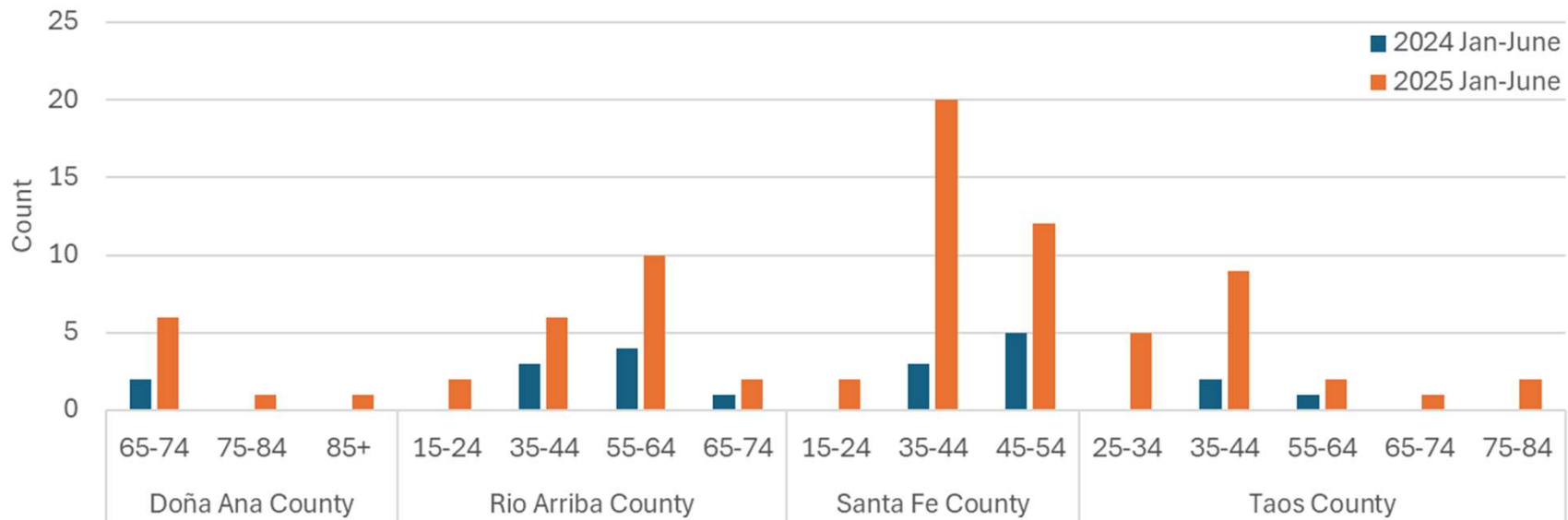
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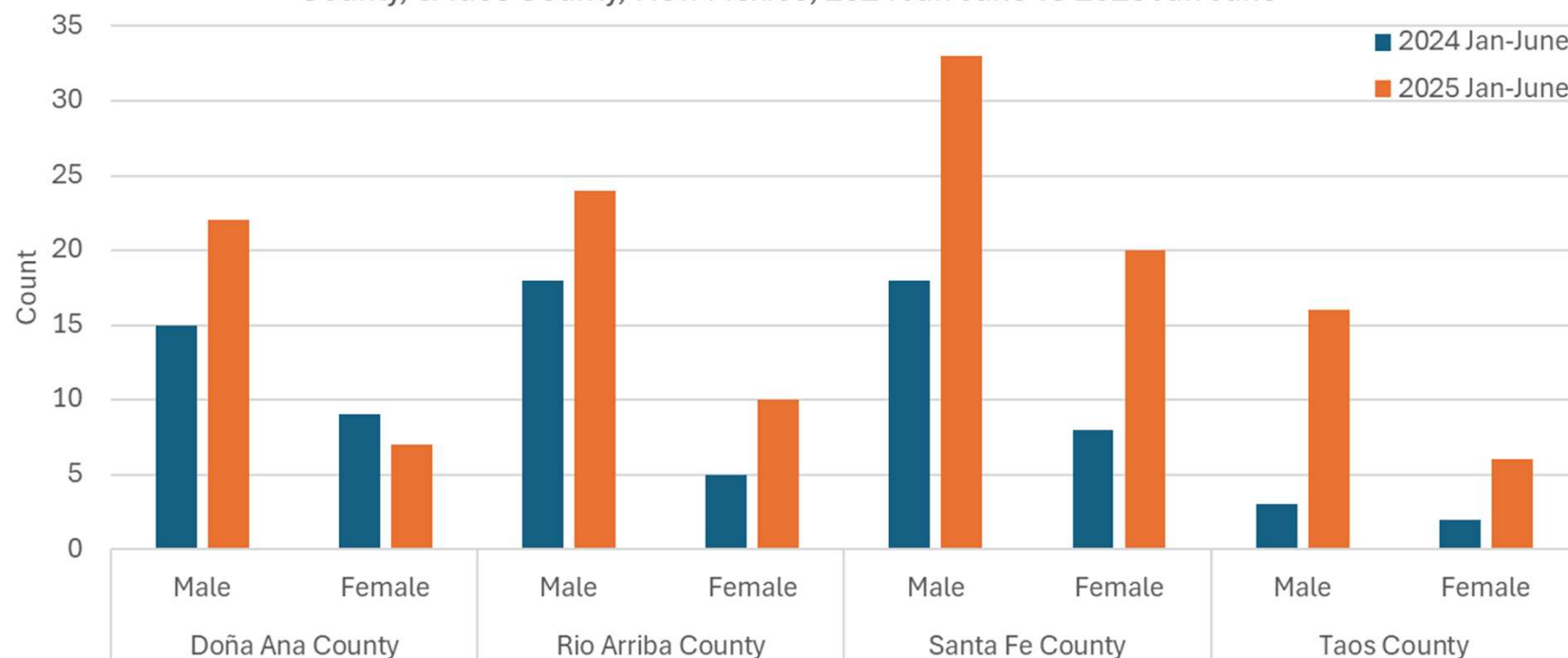
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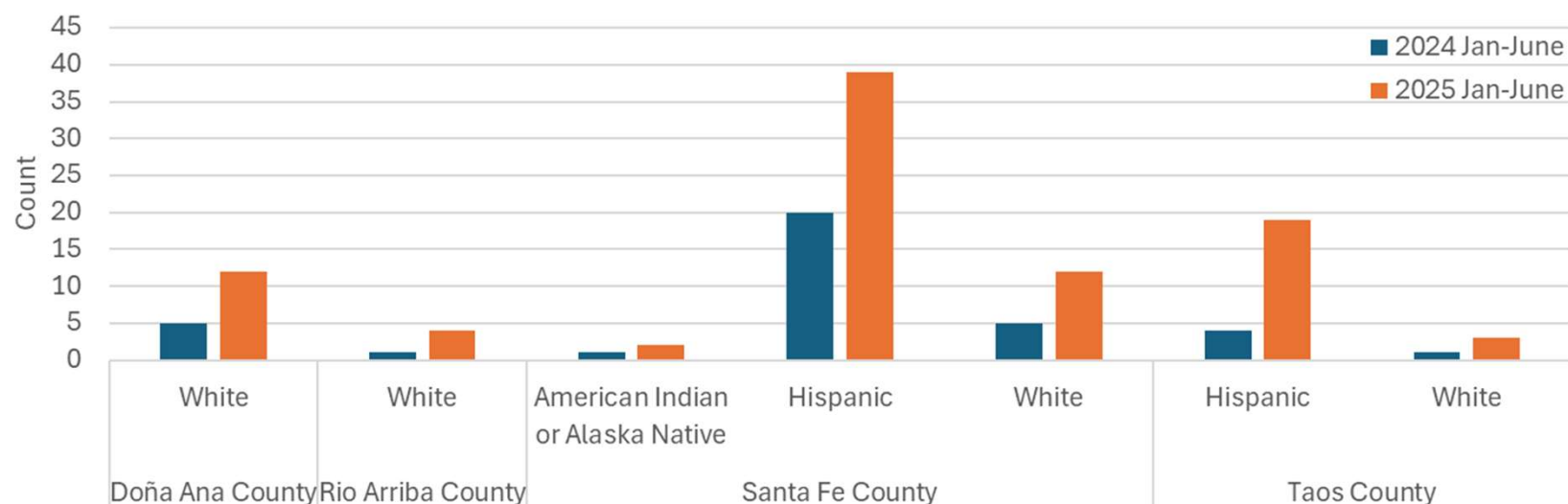
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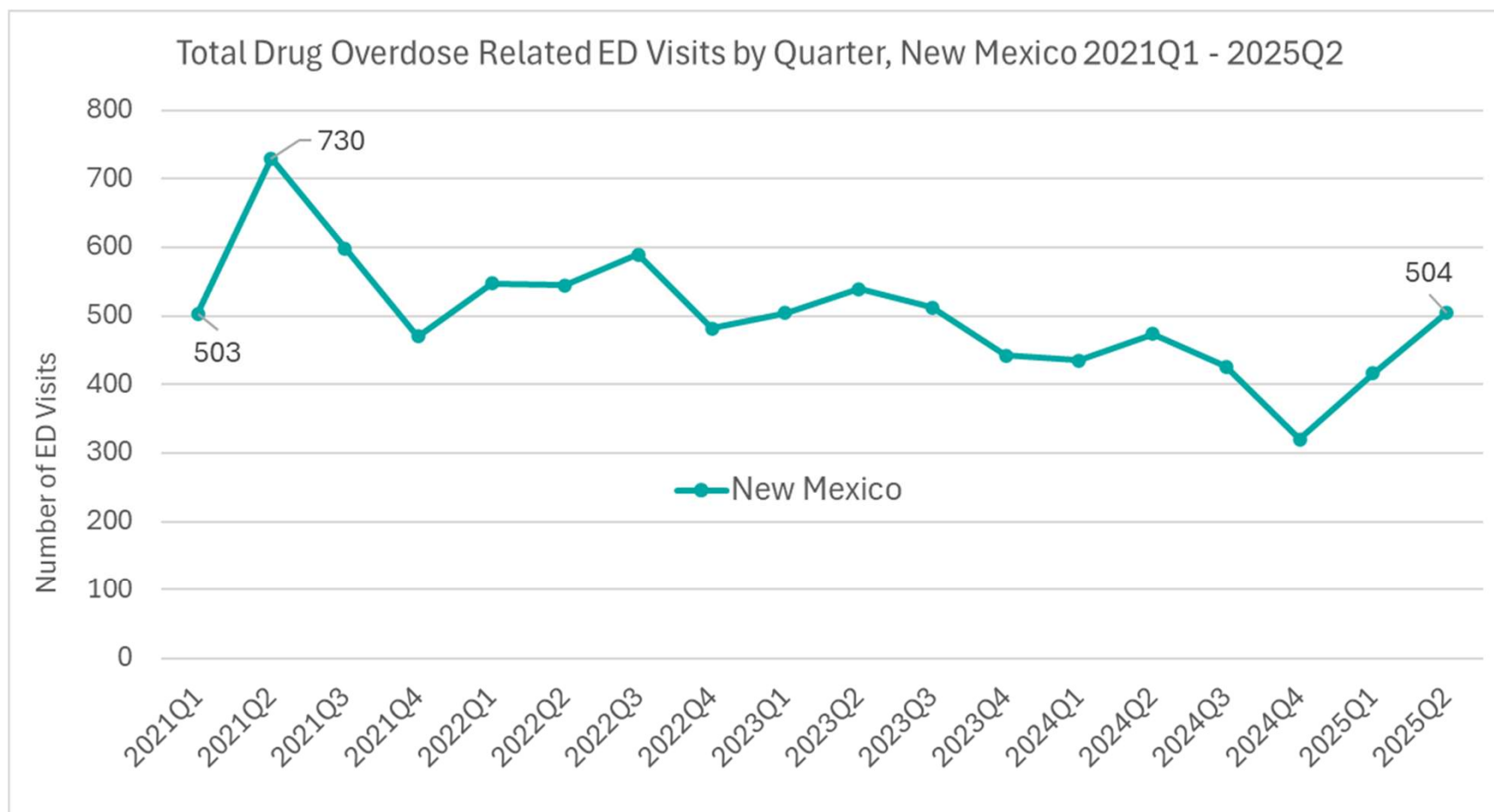
## Key Points - Mortality

- Overdose counts have risen consistently for Santa Fe & Taos counties since 2024Q1
- Fentanyl, methamphetamine & cocaine are driving the increases
- Increases are among older adults (55+) in Doña Ana, Rio Arriba, & Taos counties
- Those aged 35-44 in Santa Fe County & aged 25-34 in Taos County experienced the greatest increase
- Males in Taos County experienced the greatest increase
- Hispanic persons in Taos County & White persons in Santa Fe County experienced the greatest increases



# Emergency Department Syndromic Surveillance (EDSS)

- Originally intended for infectious disease surveillance
- In recent years, it has been adapted to monitor ED visits related to nonfatal drug overdose.
  - Has the advantage of providing more timely data
- Caveats to consider:
  - Stability of the number of reporting facilities (more complete in recent years)
    - Syndromic Surveillance in New Mexico has maintained a minimum of 80% of non-federal facilities reporting since 2019.
  - Does not include federal facilities (Veteran's Hospital and Indian Health Services)
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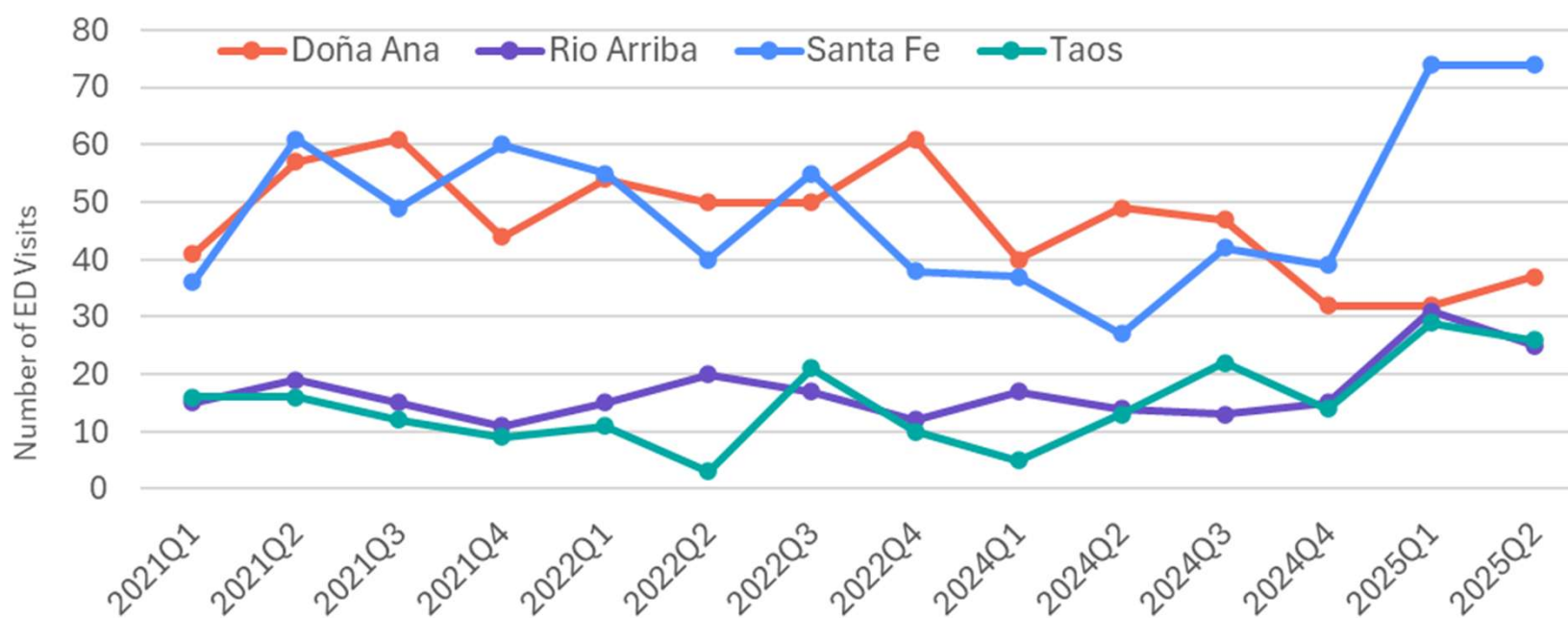
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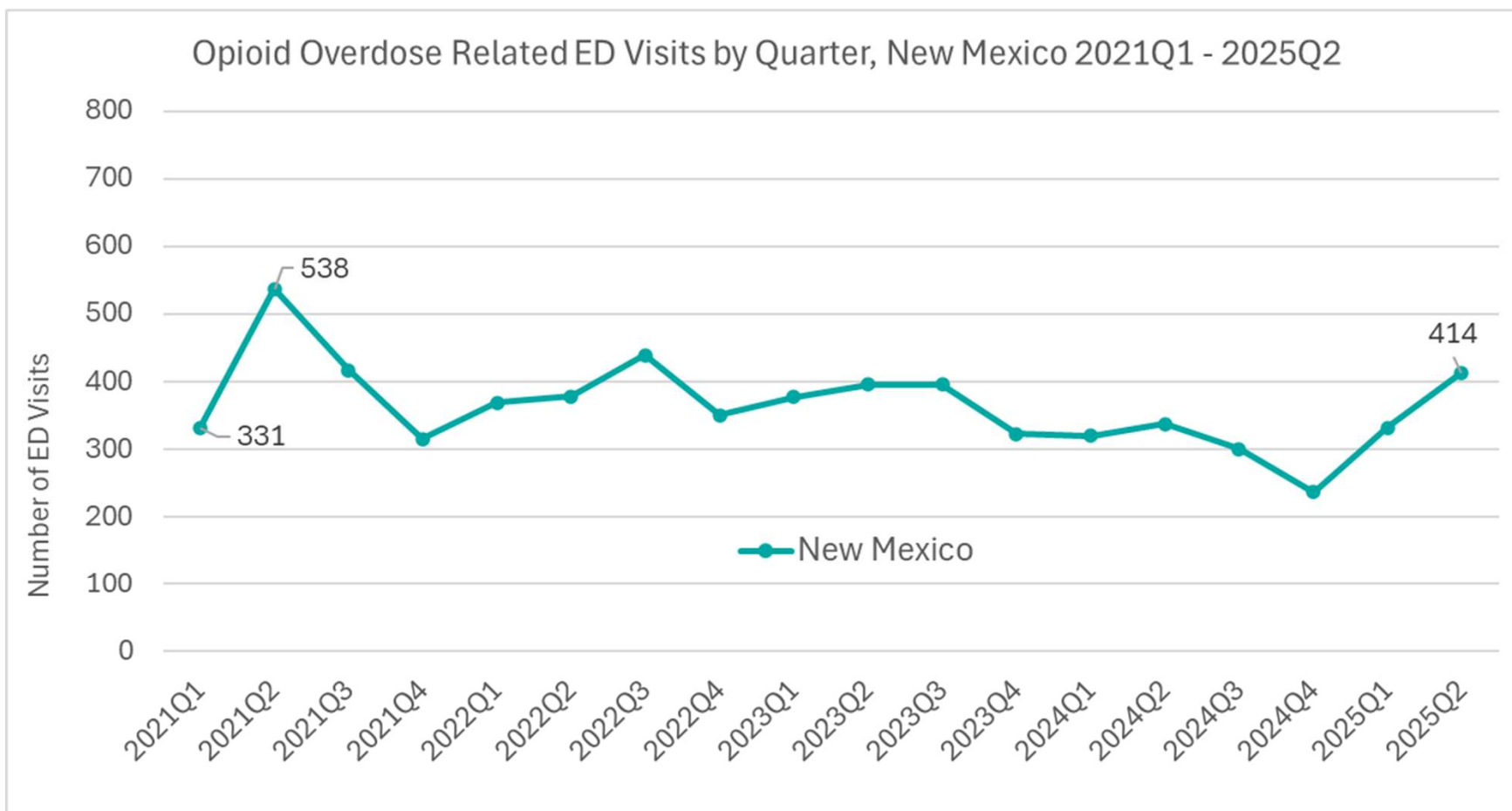


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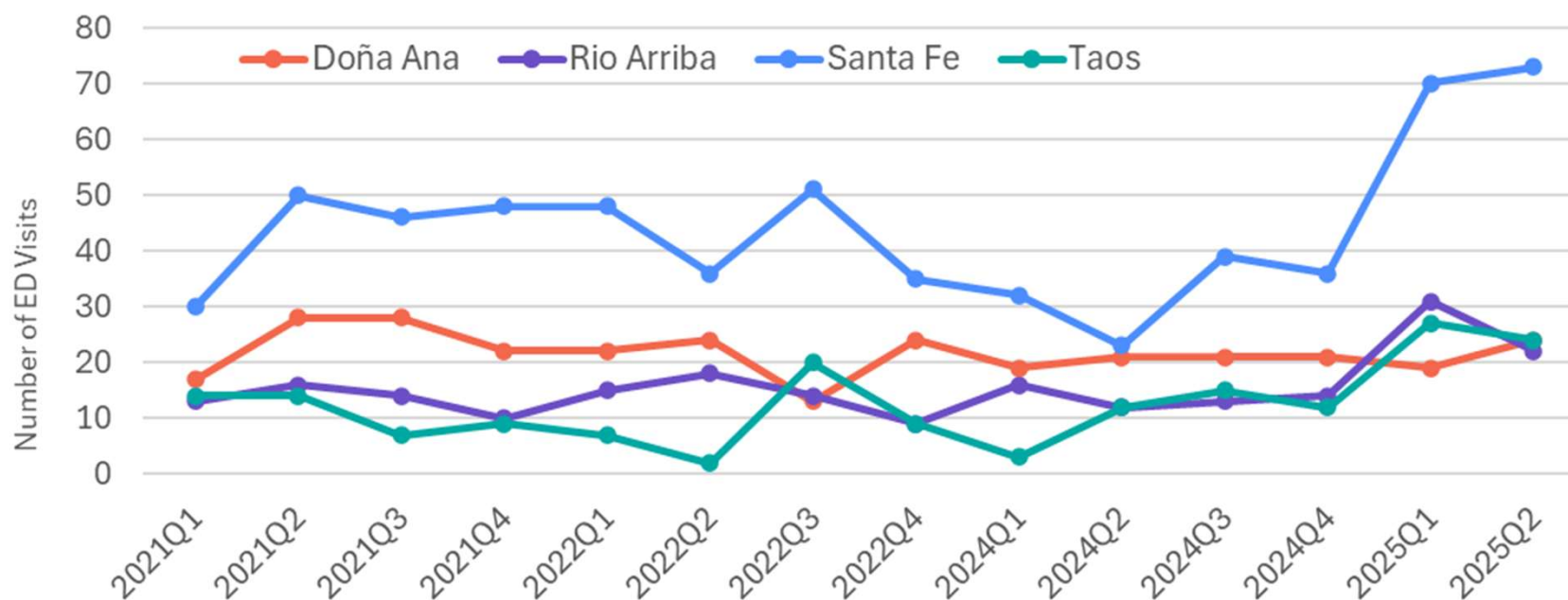
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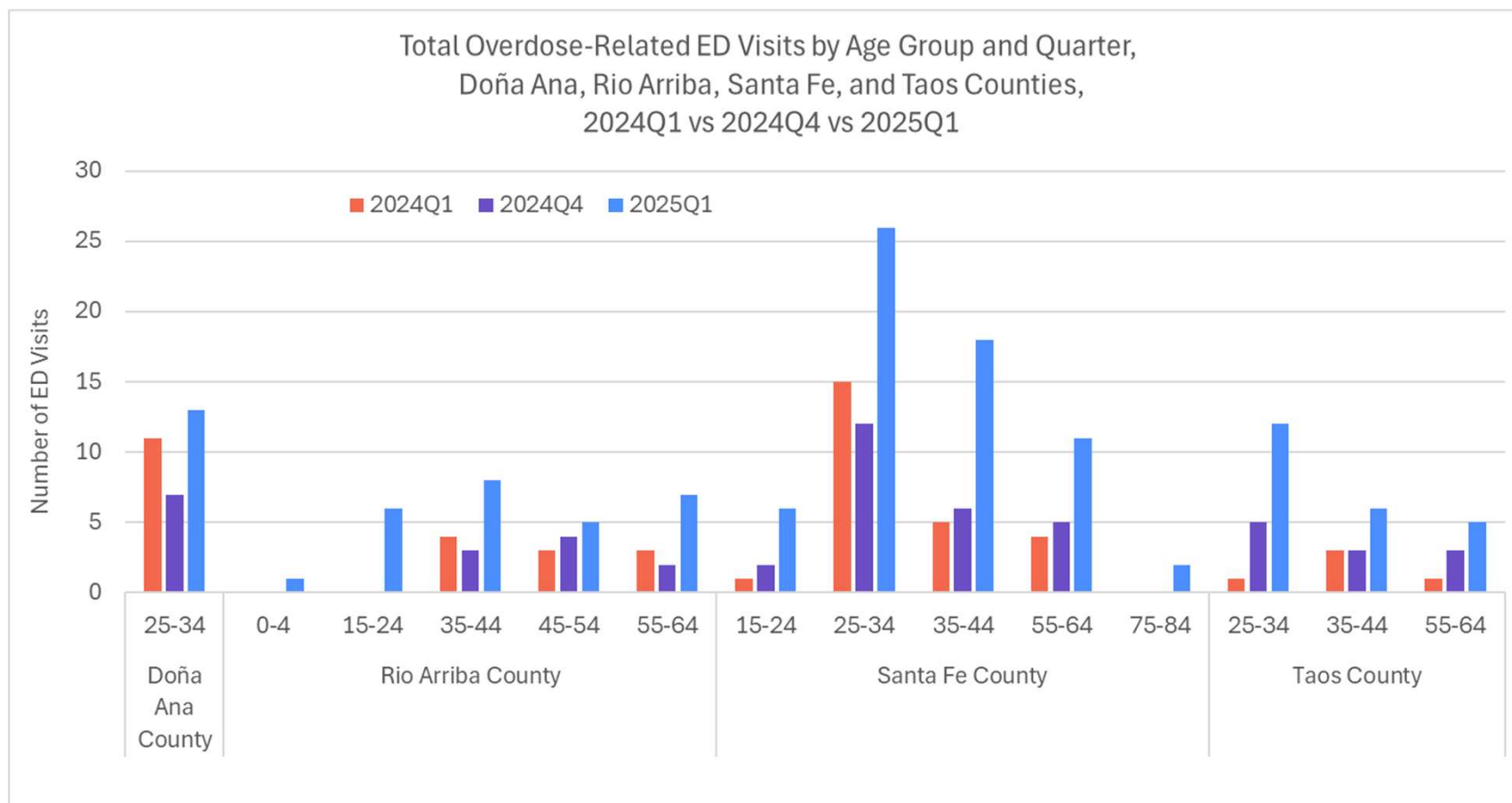


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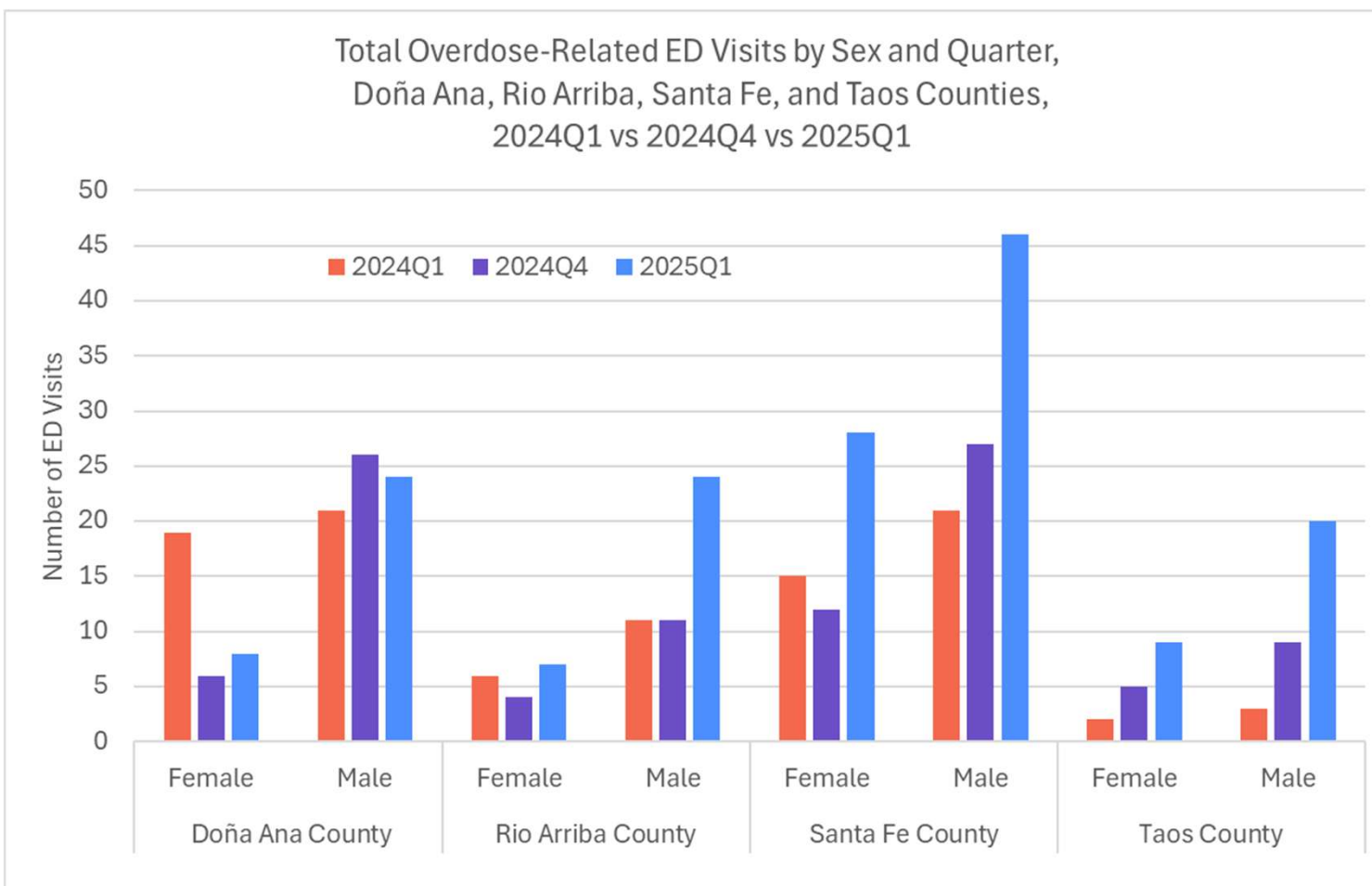
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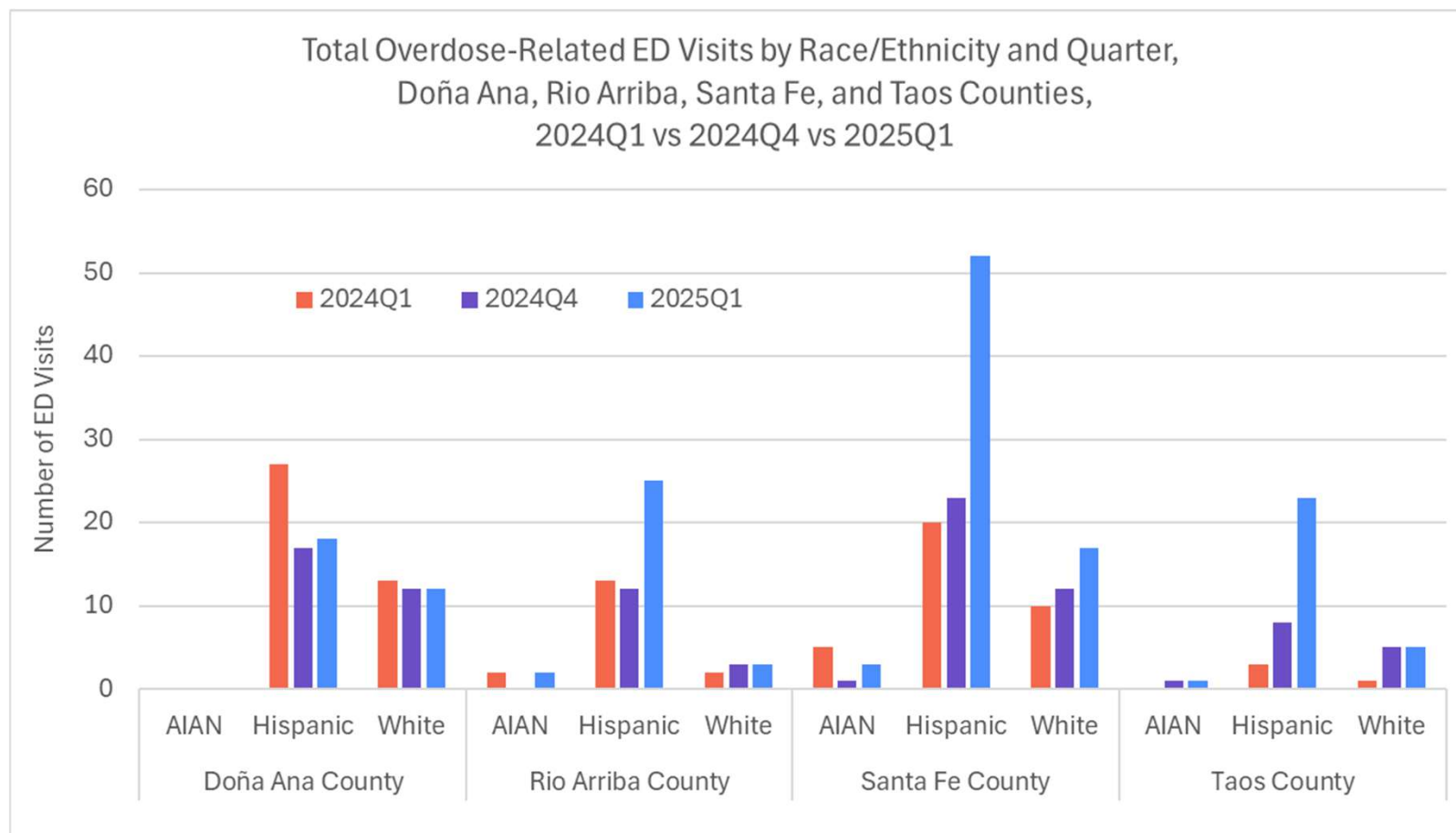
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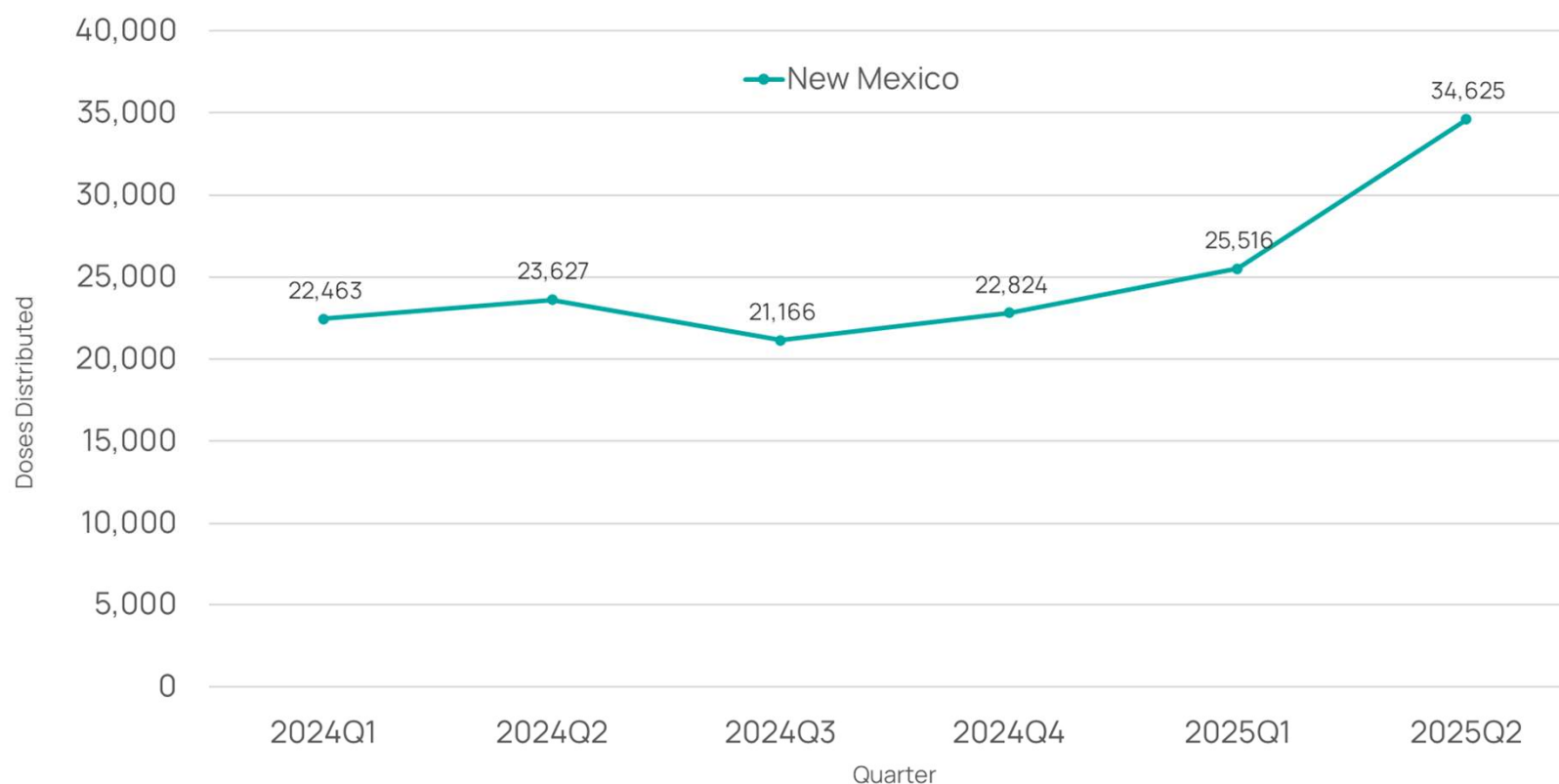
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# Key Points – ED Visits

- **ED Data (eReporting)**: notable increases in OD-related ED visits were observed in 2025Q1 & Q2 for **Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, and Taos Counties**
  - Driven by opioids
- **Dona Ana County** remained stable
- **Pilot ESSENCE Data** (not shown): all 4 counties have elevated OD-related ED visits in 2025Q1 and Q2
  - The increases are not as significant for Rio Arriba and Taos Counties
  - Only Dona Ana County has an additional increase from 2025Q1 to Q2
- There were 7 ODs in Santa Fe County on 2/01/2025 though they appear to be unrelated events based on clinical impression descriptions
- Based on brief abstraction\* of the 4 counties' 2025 Q1 data:
  - 13% of the OD visits had an indication of homelessness (22% in Santa Fe County)
  - 25% of OD visits indicated polysubstance use (48% in Taos County)
    - Polysubstance combinations in Taos County were often opioids and stimulants (34%) or opioids and alcohol (24%)
  - 4 OD visits were for currently incarcerated persons
  - 12 OD visits were repeat visits (same individual within the same quarter)
  - For Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties where triage notes/clinical impression fields were more complete, >60% of the visits indicated naloxone use prior to ED intake

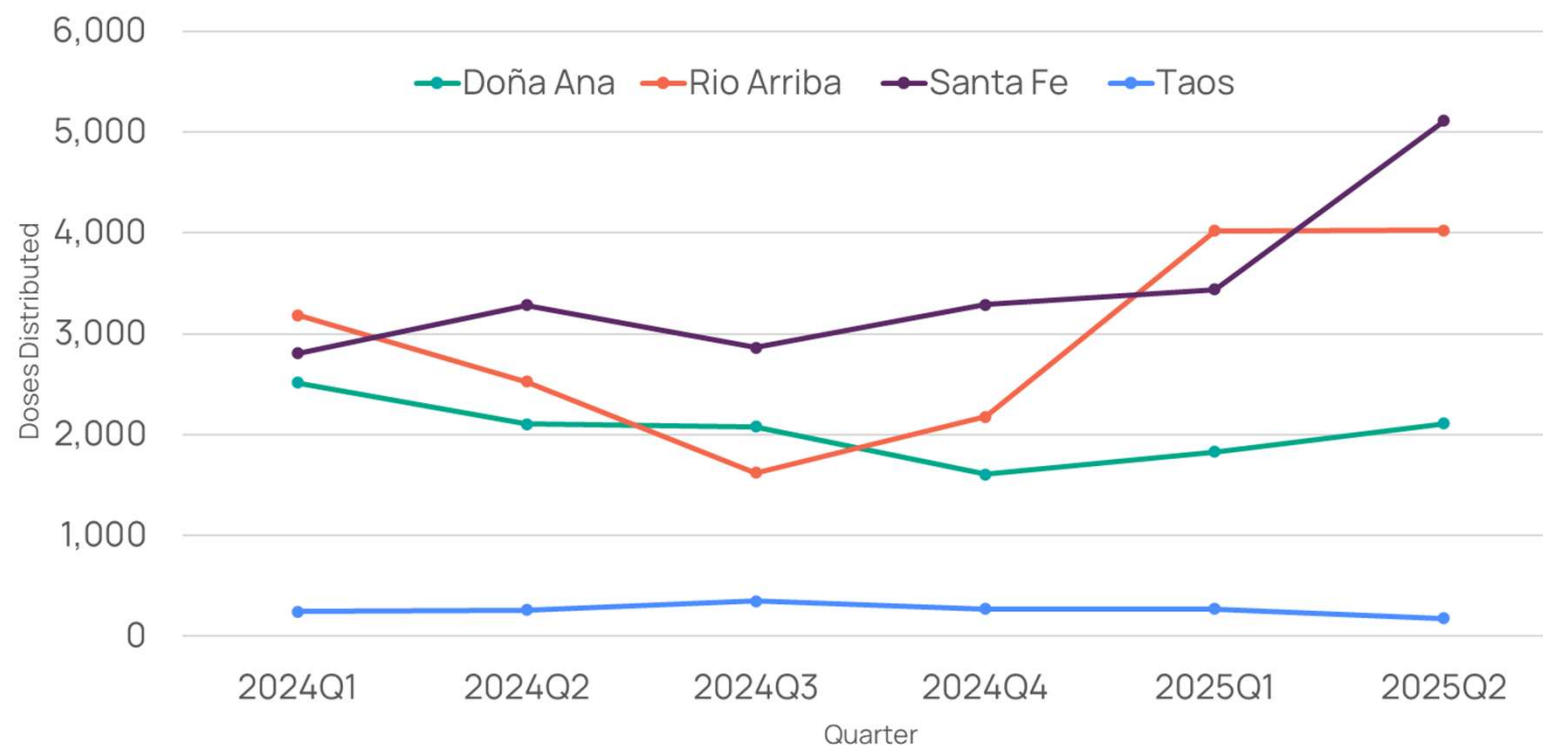
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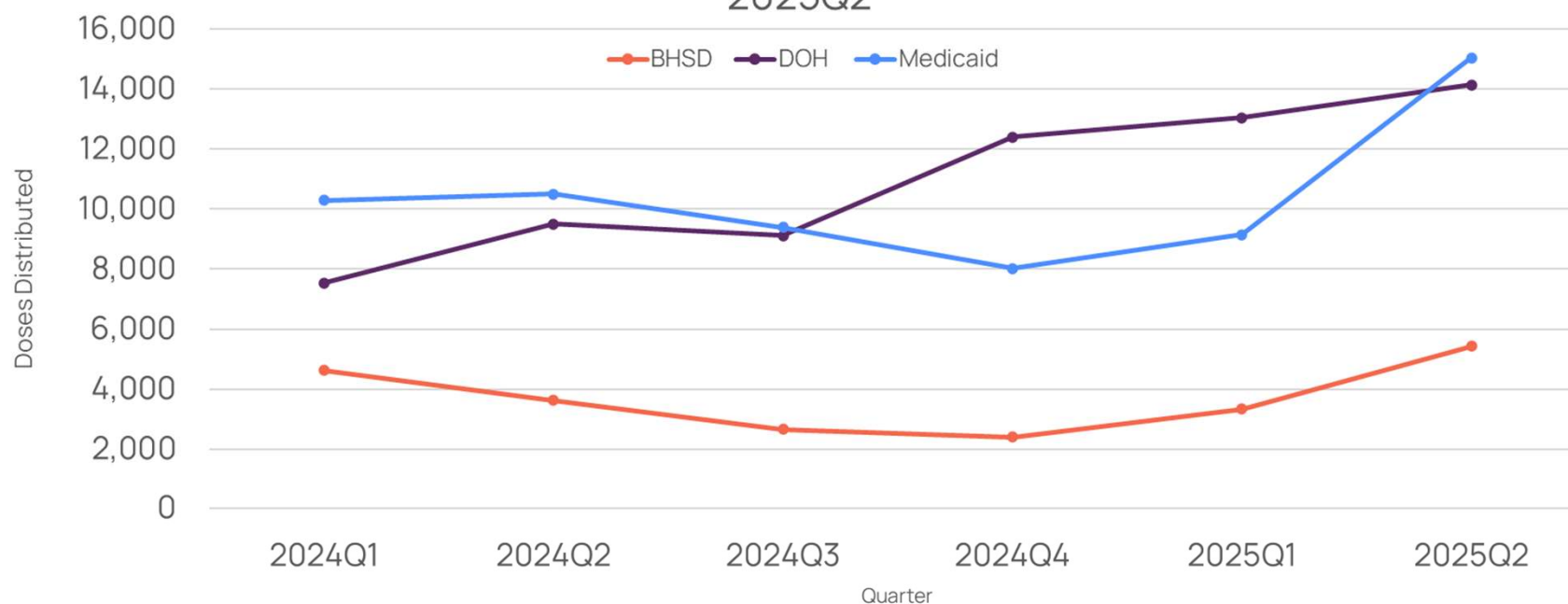
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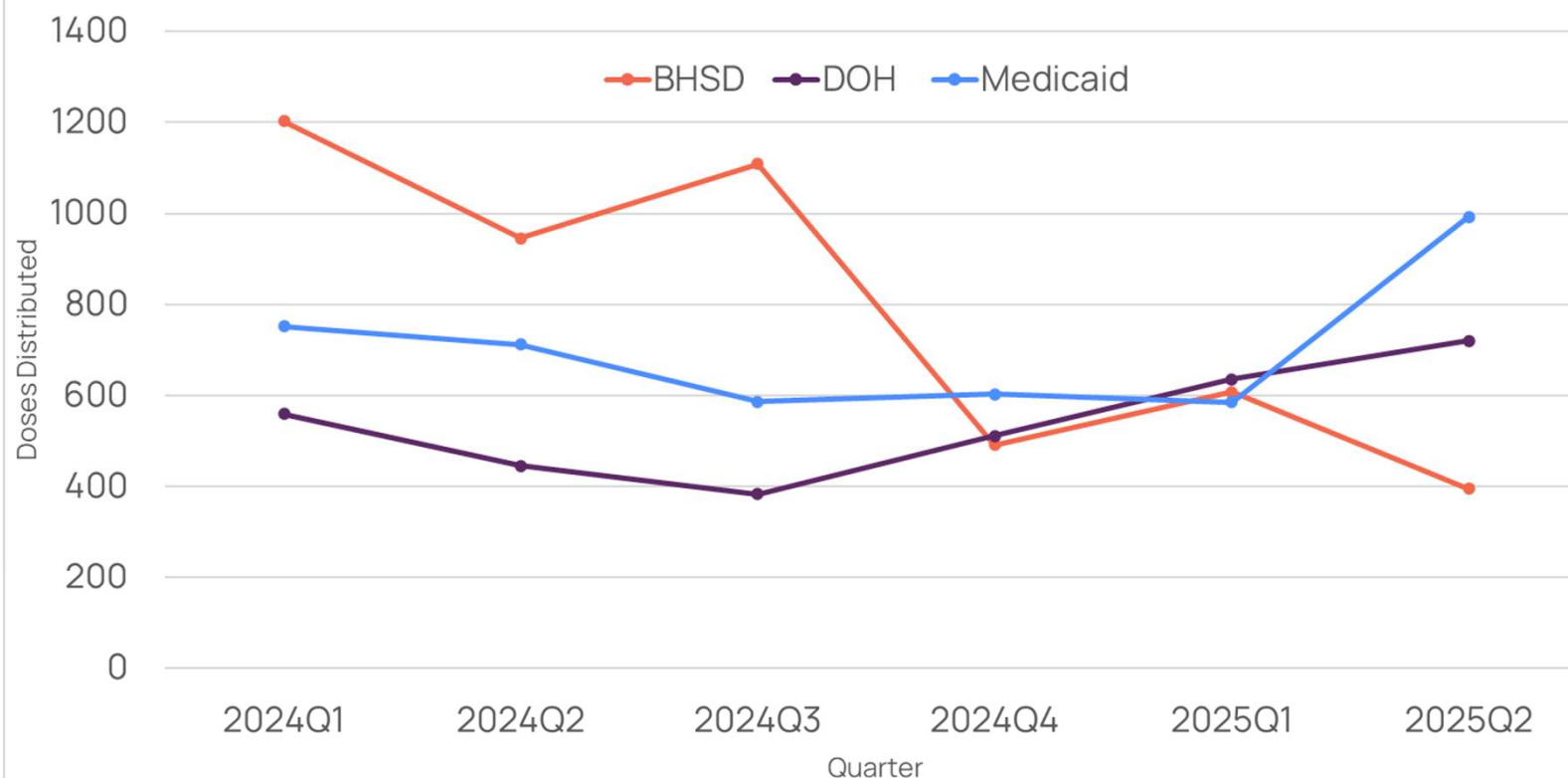
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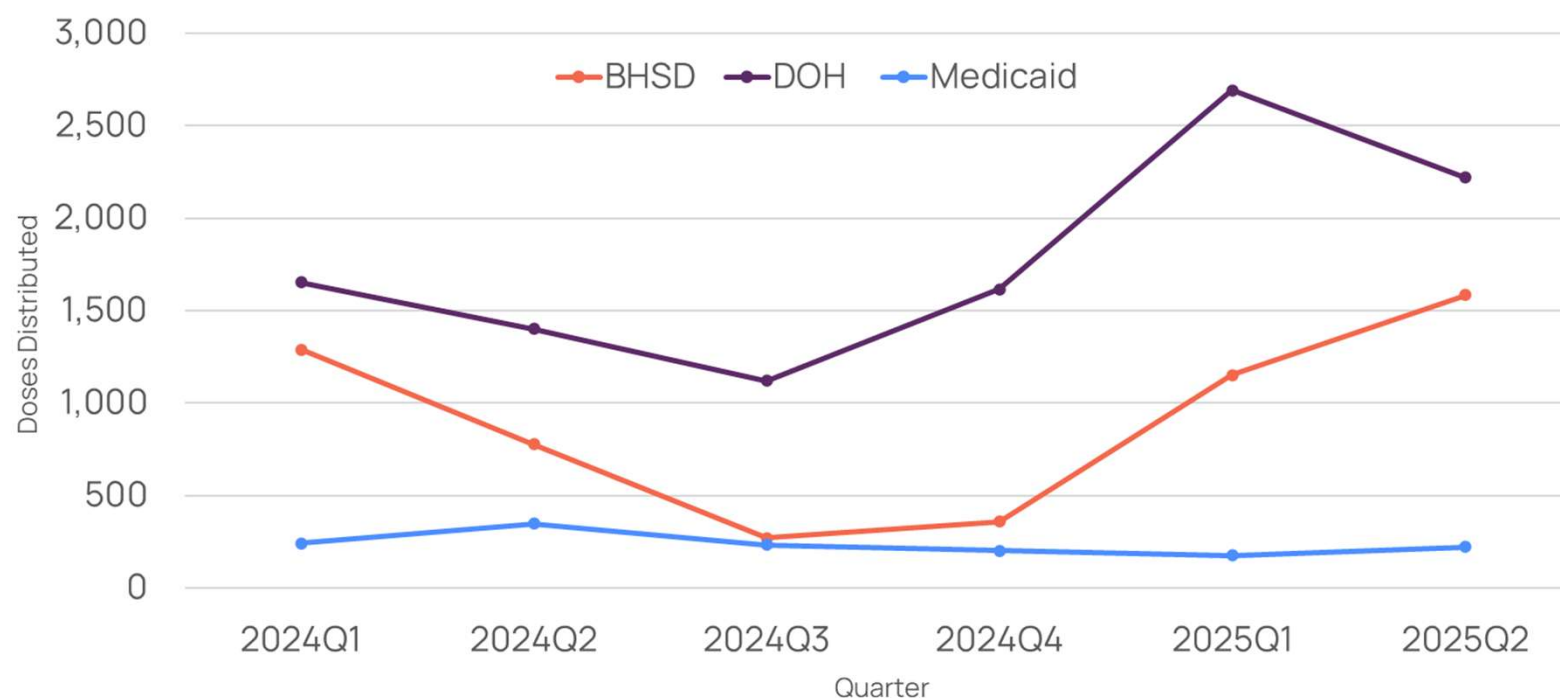
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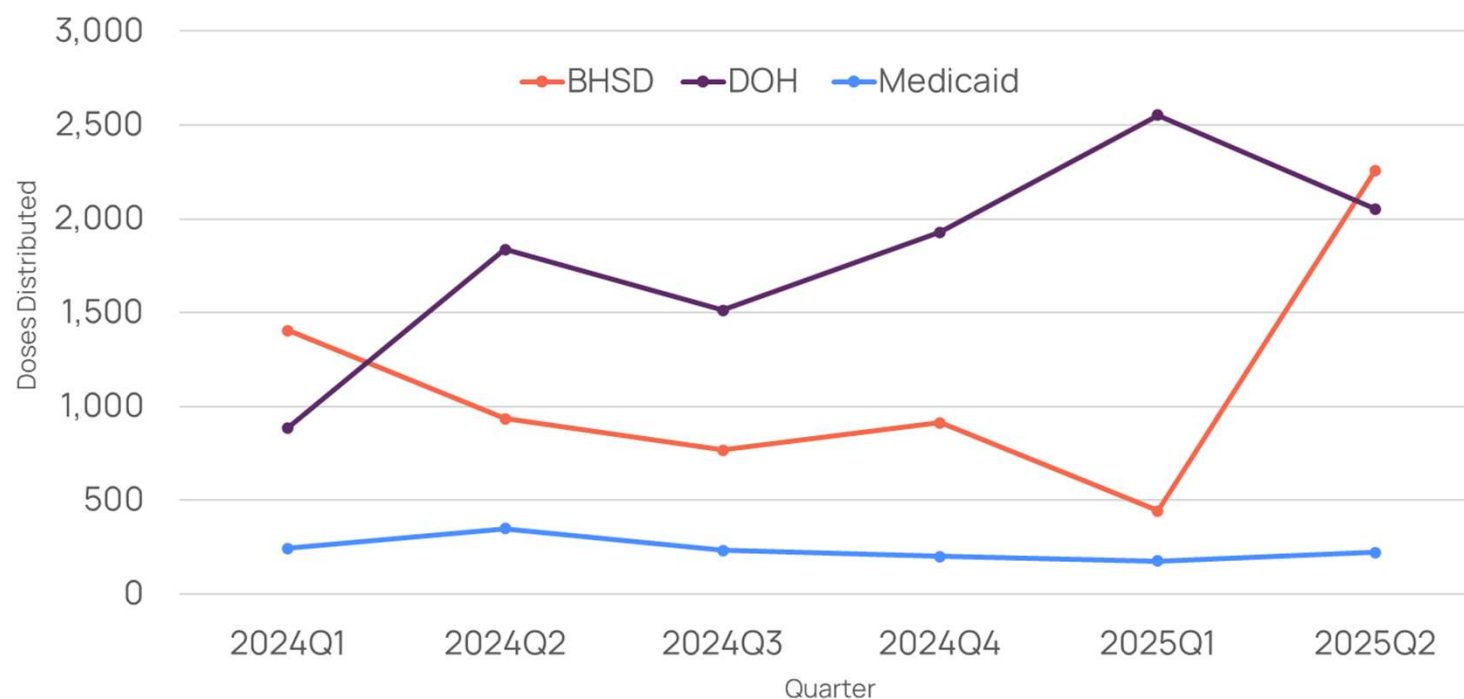
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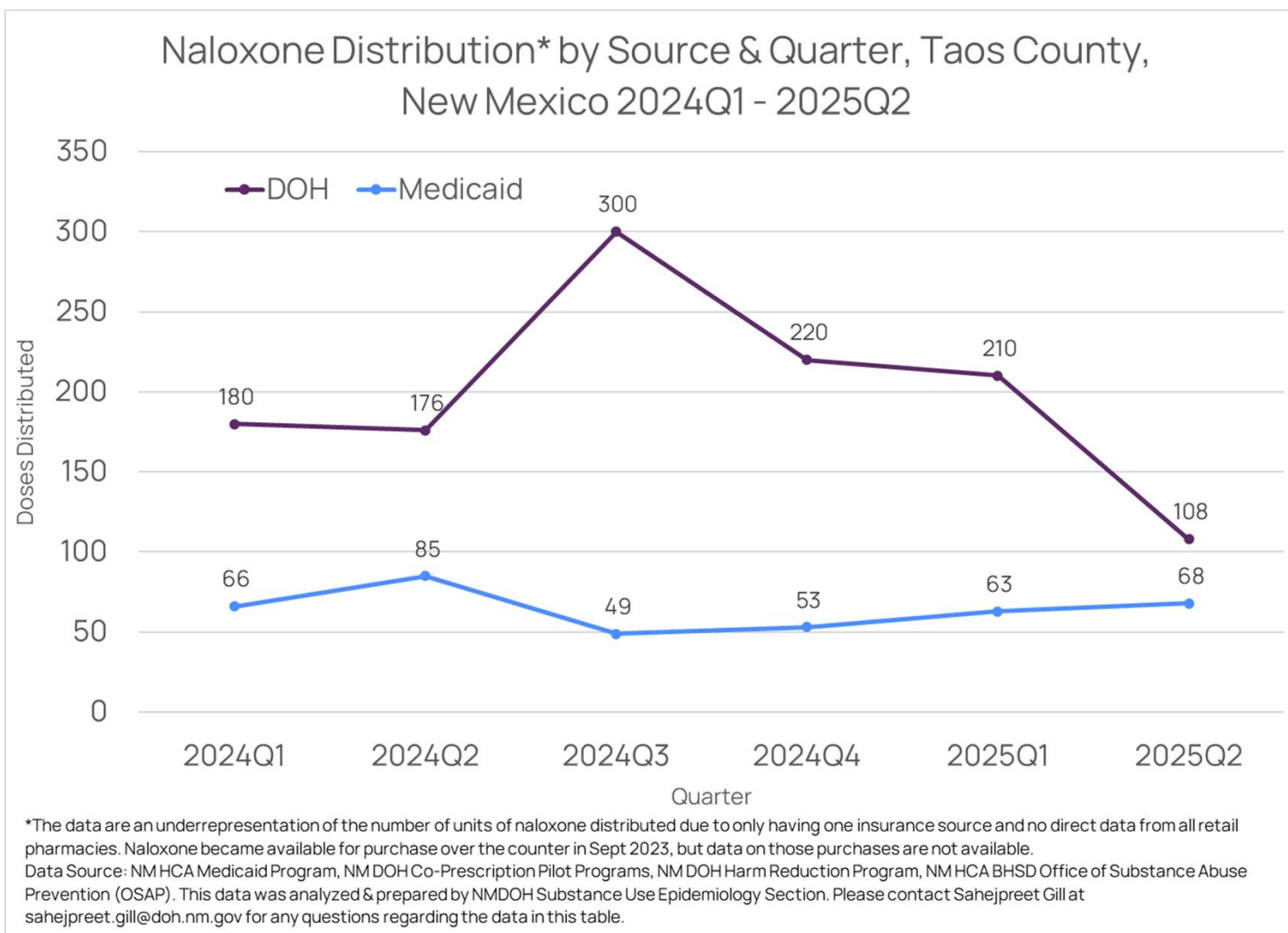
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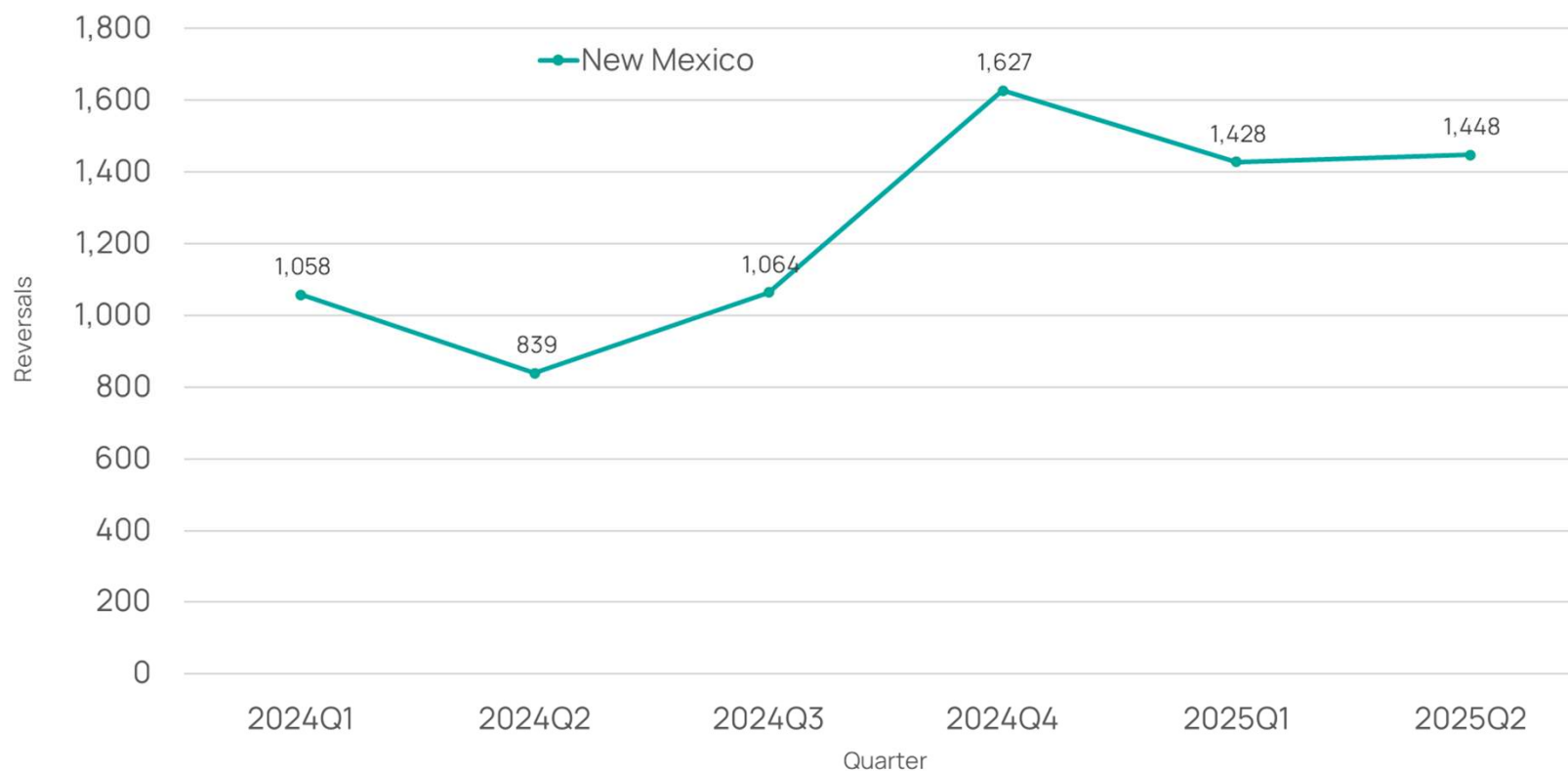
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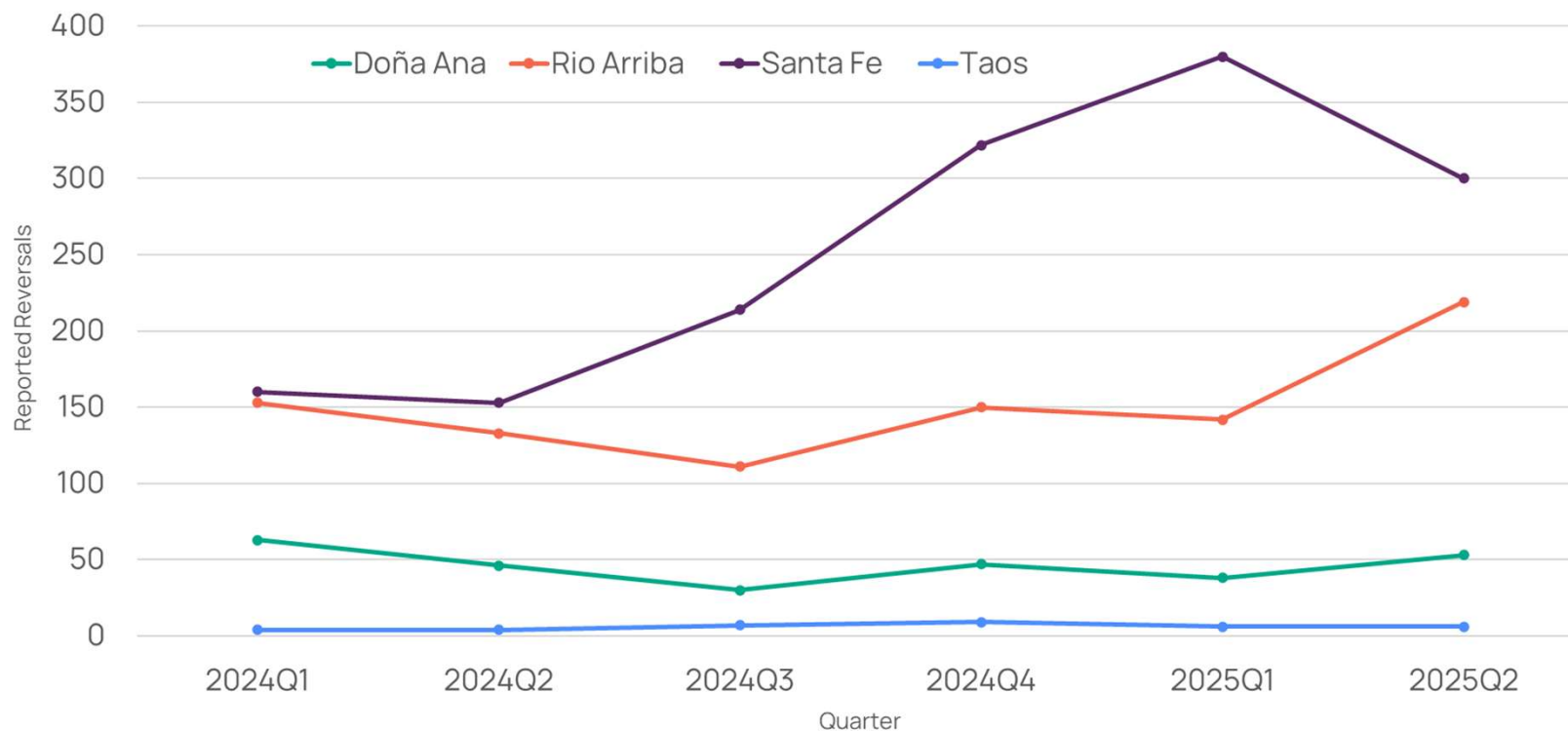


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# Key Points – Naloxone

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- Has been decreasing from DOH in Taos County since Q3 of 2024
- Has been decreasing from BHSD in Dona Ana County since Q3 of 2024
- Has been slightly decreasing from Medicaid in Rio Arriba from Q2 2024 to Q1 2025 but has been slightly increasing in Q2 of 2025

## • Naloxone Reversals

- Have remained steady in Dona Ana and Taos county from 2024 to Q2 of 2025
- Were steady in 2024 but have increased from Q1 to Q2 of 2025 in Rio Arriba
- Increased from Q2 2024 until Q1 2025 and now seem to be decreasing in Santa Fe

## Treatment Data

- The New Mexico Board of Pharmacy (BoP) Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
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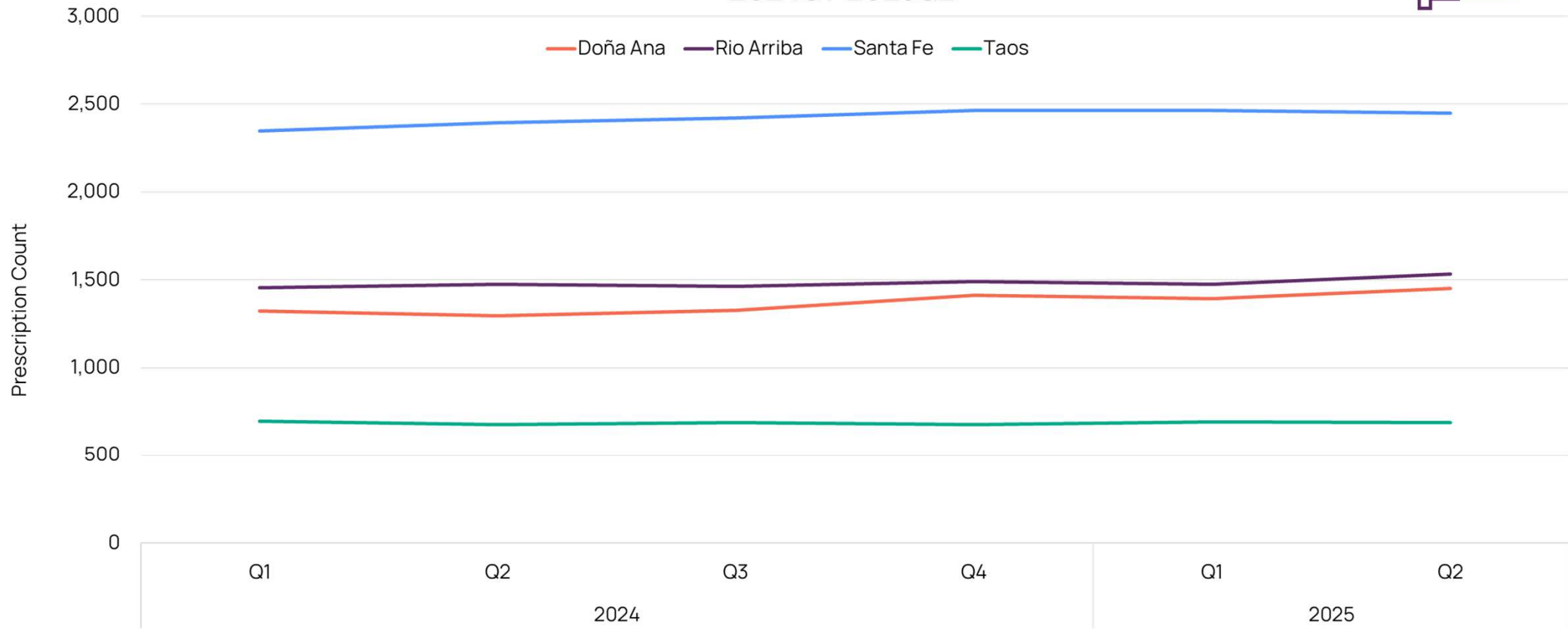
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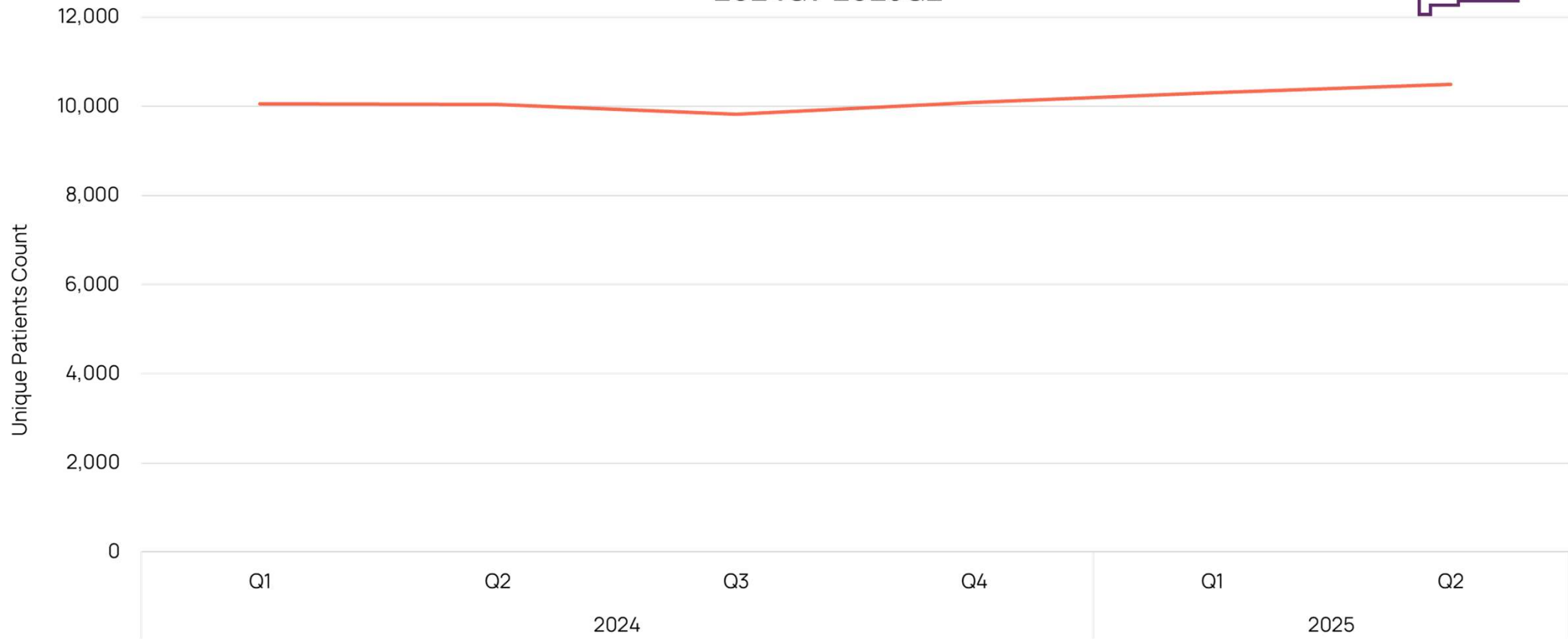


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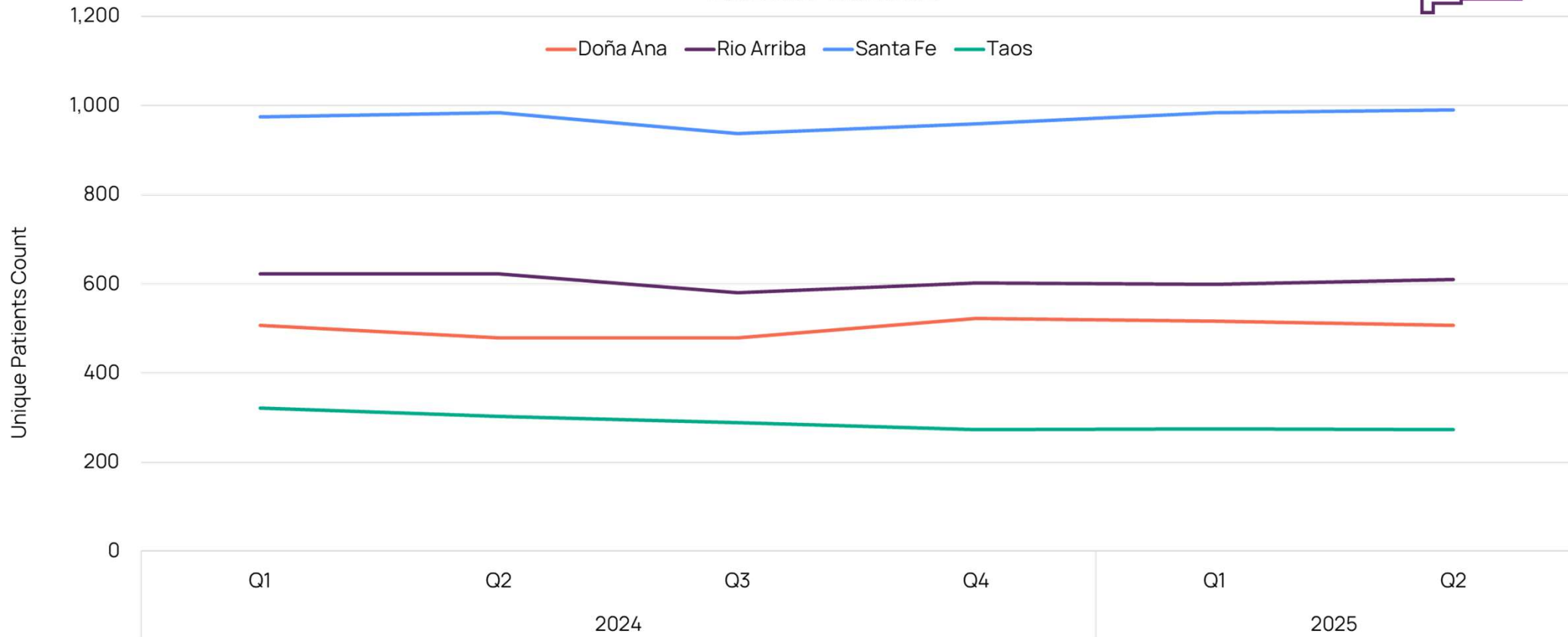
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## Key points - Treatment

### Patient Counts

- New Mexico count is stable.
  - 2% 2024q1-2025q1.
  - 5% 2024q2-2025q2.
- Taos County has decreased.
  - -15% 2024q1-2025q1.
  - -10% 2024q2-2025q2.
- Other counties are stable.

### Prescription Counts

- New Mexico count has increased.
  - 8% 2024q1-2025q1.
  - 7% 2024q2-2025q2.
- Doña Ana County has increased.
  - 5% 2024q1-2025q1.
  - 12% 2024q2-2025q2.
- Other counties are stable.

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