

# EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR OVERDOSE BY OPIOID, UNSPECIFIED SUBSTANCE AND HEROIN AMONG VIRGINIA RESIDENTS

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## Background

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) currently receives data on visits to 77<sup>§</sup> acute care hospital emergency departments (EDs) and 13 free-standing EDs in Virginia for purposes of public health surveillance. The purpose of this report is to characterize ED visit trends for acute unintentional overdose by opioids and heroin among Virginia residents.

Chief complaints and discharge diagnoses of ED visits are analyzed by VDH to identify and monitor issues of public health concern across Virginia. The chief complaint is a free-text field that captures the patient’s primary reason for seeking medical care as interpreted by the ED registration staff. The discharge diagnosis is a coded field that uses standardized values outlined by the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Revision code sets.

## Methodology

ED visits that are identified as **unintentional overdose by opioid or unspecified substance** include those with medical and non-medical use of a prescription opioid or where the substance is not specified, given evidence that the majority of fatal overdoses are opioid-related.<sup>4</sup> These visits must meet the following inclusion and exclusion criteria:

- Inclusion terms from Chief Complaint or Discharge Diagnosis: *overdose, OD, sobredosis, opioid, opiate, opium, narcotic, Narcan, naloxone, E850.1, E850.2, 965.00, 965.02, 965.09, 977.9, T40.0X1, T40.0X4, T40.2X1, T40.2X4, T40.3X1, T40.3X4, T40.4X1, T40.4X4, T40.601, T40.604, T40.691, T40.694, T50.901, T50.904*
- Exclusions terms from Chief Complaint or Discharge Diagnosis: *heroin, herion, heron, 965.01, T40.1X, suicide, alcohol overdose alone, withdrawal, detoxification, rehab, addiction, dependency, mental health or psychological evaluation, allergies, constipation, chronic pain, refill requests, and any specified non-opioid drug or medication*

ED visits that are identified as **unintentional overdose by heroin** must meet the following inclusion and exclusion criteria:

- Inclusion terms from Chief Complaint or Discharge Diagnosis: *heroin, herion, 965.01, E850.0, T40.1X1A, T40.1X4A*
- Exclusions terms from Chief Complaint or Discharge Diagnosis: *suicide, withdrawal, detoxification, rehab, and addiction*

These criteria were revised in September 2016 and again in August 2017 in order to improve specificity in the identification of ED visits for unintentional drug overdose. Readers are strongly encouraged to review [syndromic surveillance data limitations](#) when interpreting this report.

ED visits for unintentional overdose by opioid or unspecified substance and heroin are presented by count or rate per 100,000 population. Rates are calculated using U.S. Census Bureau 2016 population estimates. To protect confidentiality and maintain accurate rate calculations, ED visit counts of 1 to 4 and rates with numerators of 1 to 4 are suppressed in this report. Counts of 0 are included.

The geographic location is assigned based on the patient’s residential zip code provided. A single zip code may span multiple city and county localities in Virginia. If a patient resides in such a zip code, the visit is assigned to the locality where the majority of the population resides. Places where the Virginia city and county populations have been combined to calculate a rate per 100,000 population due to zip codes spanning multiple localities can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

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**§ Between May and June 2017, fluctuations in reporting to VDH were observed. Before June, 82 acute care hospital EDs and 13 free-standing EDs submitted data. In June, one healthcare system in the Eastern Health Planning Region became unable to provide data. As a result, 77 out of an expected 82 acute care hospital EDs and 13 free-standing EDs reported data since June; any observed decreases in the count or rate of overdoses in the Eastern Region might be artificially low because of this change in reporting. Additionally, one acute care hospital ED in the Northwest Health Planning Region improved its data quality during June so that visits can be attributed to overdoses more accurately, thereby increasing the counts for that area. Please consider these changes in reporting when interpreting the contents of this report.**

## Highlights for November 2017

Statewide ED visits for overdose by opioid or unspecified substance among Virginia residents decreased by 1.3% from October (654 visits) to November 2017 (645 visits) with November having the lowest monthly count in 2017 to date (Figure 1A). The total Year-to-Date (January to November) count of ED visits is 1.5% lower in 2017 as compared to 2016 (Figure 1B).

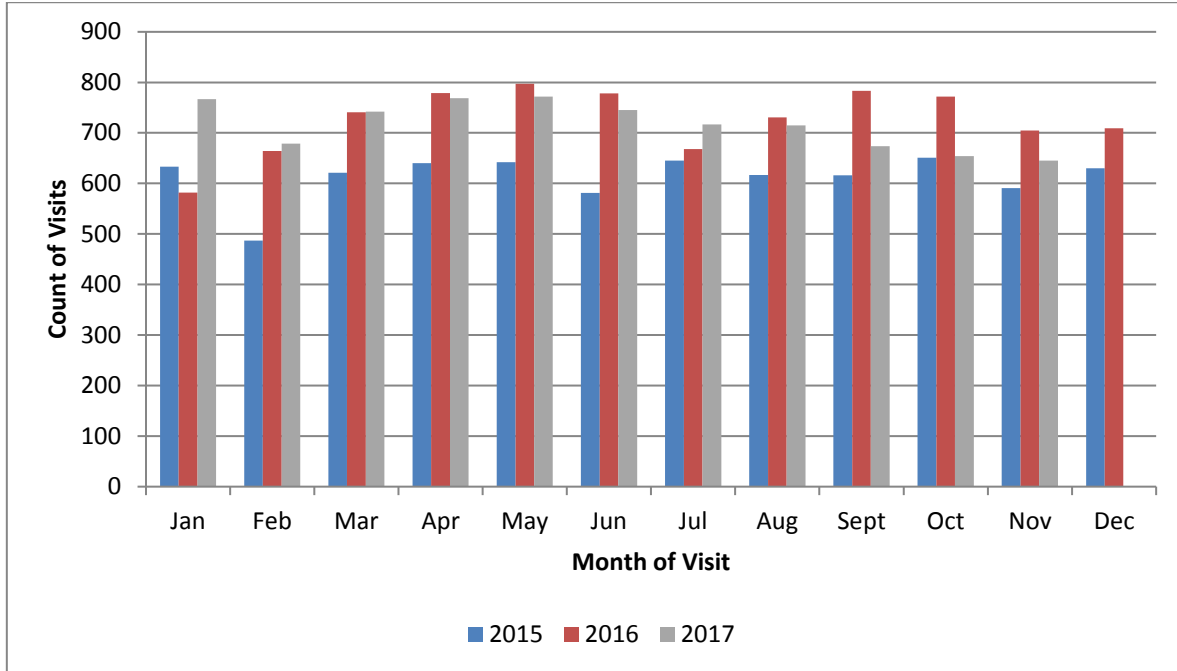
- Among the 5 [VDH health planning regions](#), rates of visits for overdose by opioid or unspecified substance have remained the highest in the Southwest (10.4 per 100,000 population) and Central (9.4 per 100,000) regions. The lowest rate has been observed in the Northern region for the past 12 months (Figure 1C). The Year-to-Date counts for the Central, Northwest and Southwest regions are higher in 2017 as compared to 2015 and 2016 (Figure 1D).
- By sex, there has been no significant difference in the proportion of visits for overdose by opioid or unspecified substance between females and males in the past 12 months (Figure 1E).
- By age group, the rate of visits for overdose by opioid or unspecified substance was the highest in the 25-34 year age group in November (13.1 per 100,000), an increase of 28% from the previous month. The 15-24 year age group (11.0 per 100,000) had the largest decrease (18%) in November (Figure 1F).

Statewide ED visits for overdose by heroin among Virginia residents increased by 19.2% from October (104 visits) to November 2017 (124 visits). The total Year-to-Date (January to November) count of ED visits is 12.3% higher in 2017 as compared to 2016 (Figure 2B).

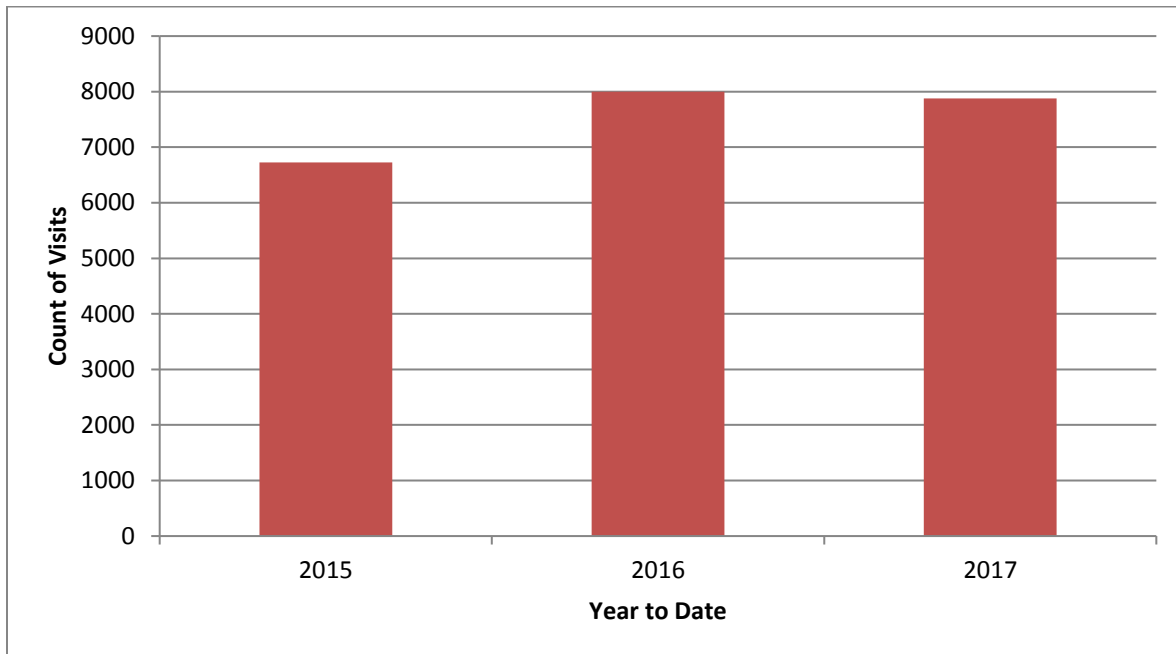
- Among the 5 [VDH health planning regions](#), rates of visits for overdose by heroin were highest in the Northwest (2.6 per 100,000), Southwest (1.9 per 100,000) and Eastern (1.9 per 100,000) regions. The Northwest and Southwest regions saw a visit increase of 142% and 136%, respectively, from the previous month (Figure 2C). The Year-to-Date counts are higher in 2017 as compared to 2016 and 2015 for all regions except the Eastern region. (Figure 2D).
- By sex, males contributed significantly ( $p$ -value < 0.01) more visits for overdose by heroin as compared to females in November 2017 and in every month shown in Figure 2E.
- By age group, the rate of visits for overdose by heroin was the highest in the 25-34 year age group (4.3 per 100,000), with the next highest being among the 35-44 year age group (2.3 per 100,000) in November 2017. The rate for the 25-34 year age group has been higher than any other age groups for the past 12 months (Figure 2F).

**Emergency Department Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents**

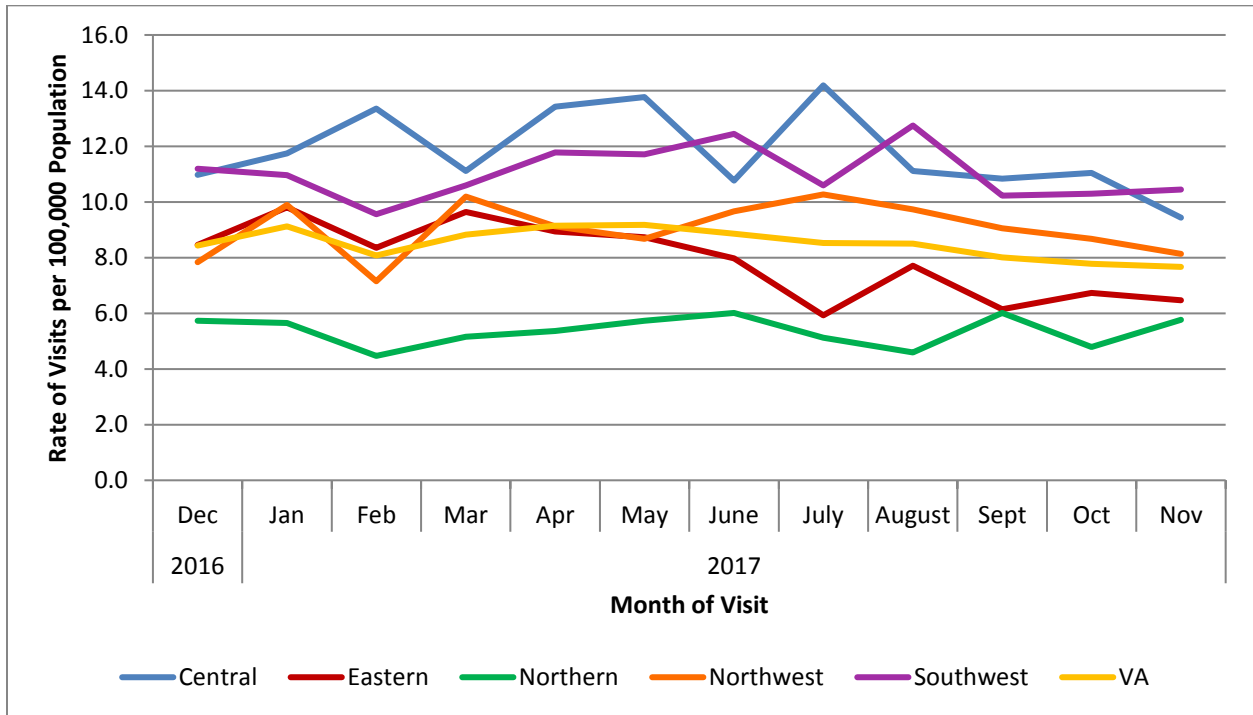
**Figure 1A.** Count of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month, 2015 - 2017.



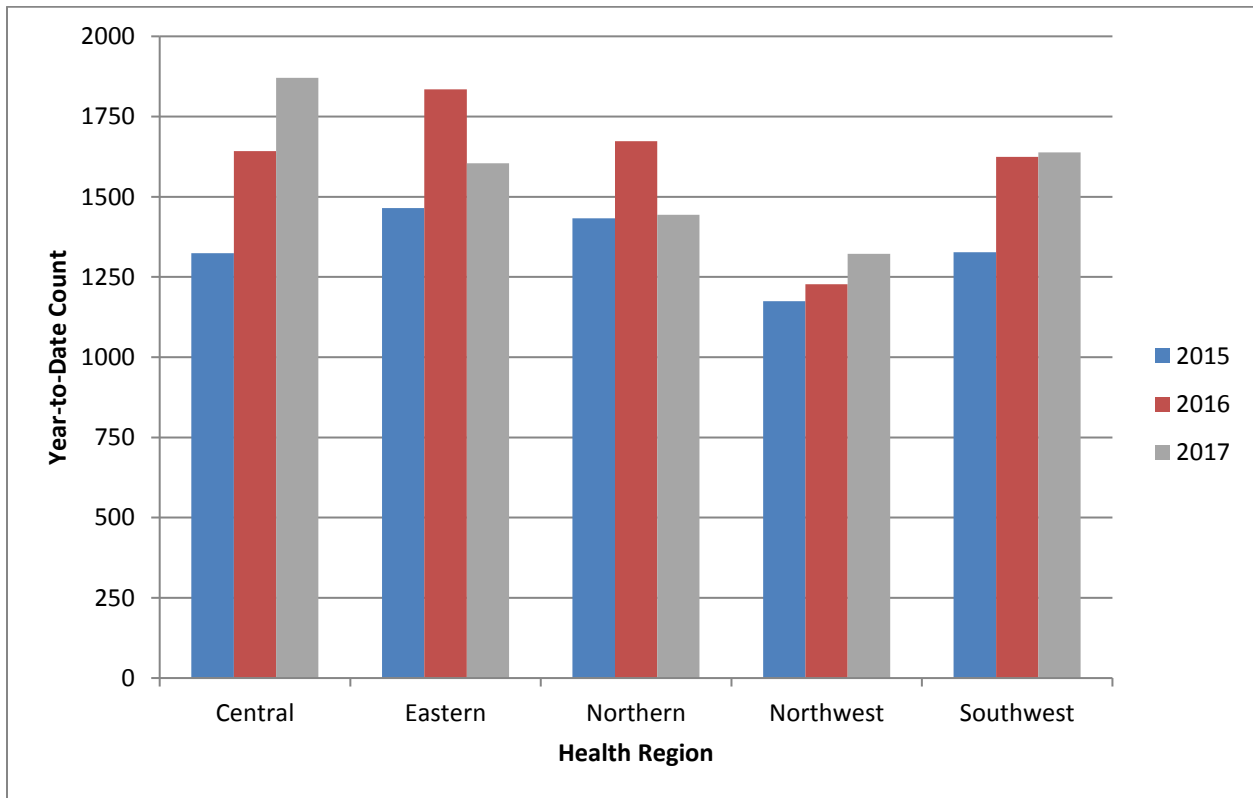
**Figure 1B.** Year-to-Date Count (January – November) of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Year.



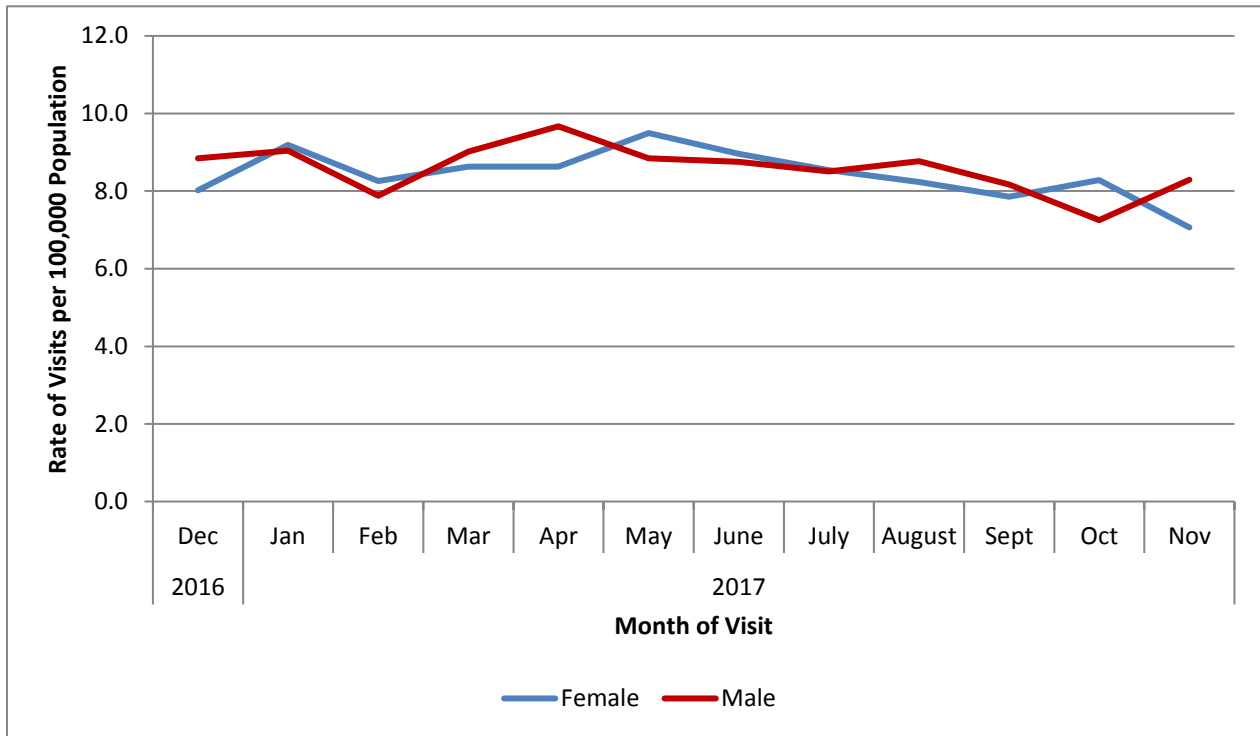
**Figure 1C.** Rate of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and Health Region, Most Recent 12 Months.



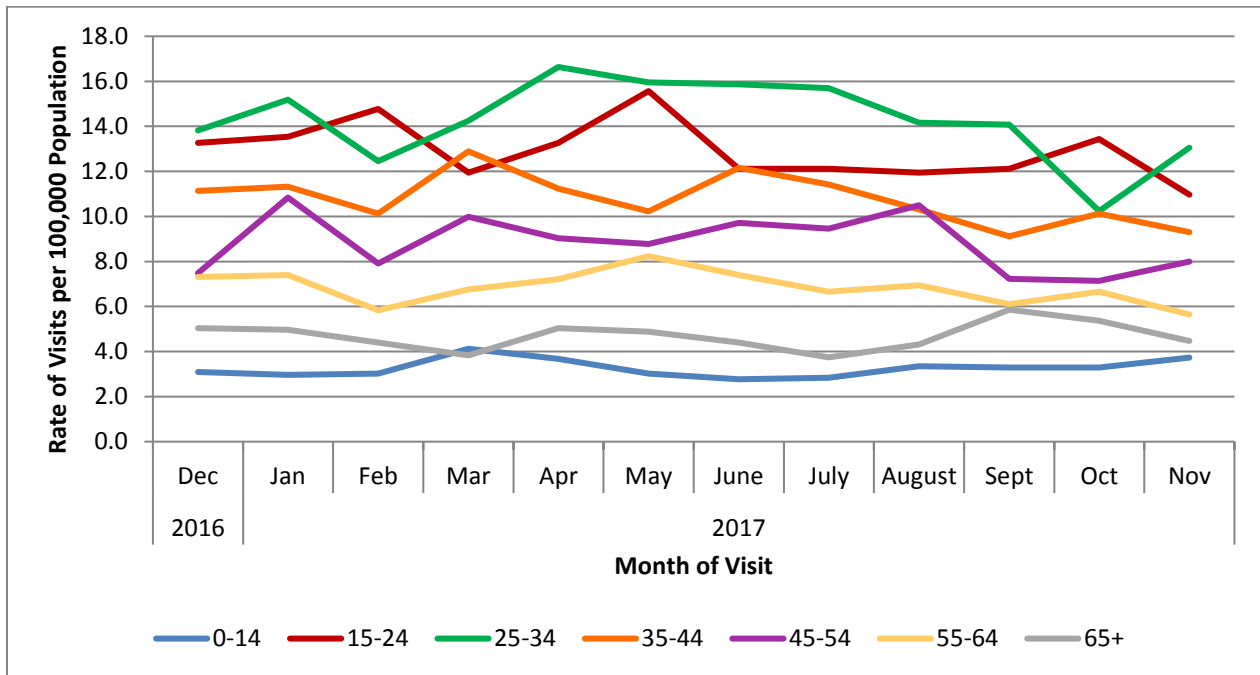
**Figure 1D.** Year-to-Date (January - November) Count of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and Region.



**Figure 1E.** Rate of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and Sex, Most Recent 12 Months.



**Figure 1F.** Rate of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and Age Group (Years), Most Recent 12 Months.



**Table 1A.** Count and Rate per 100,000 Population of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and Health District, Most Recent 5 Months\*\*

Health District	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017		5-month Average	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count <sup>^</sup>	Rate
Alexandria	155,810	6	3.9	6	3.9	10	6.4	14	9.0	7	4.5	9	5.5
Alleghany	179,082	14	7.8	34	19.0	25	14.0	17	9.5	13	7.3	21	11.5
Arlington	230,050	8	3.5	7	3.0	10	4.3	7	3.0	*	*	7	3.1
Central Shenandoah	296,650	26	8.8	20	6.7	27	9.1	19	6.4	18	6.1	22	7.4
Central Virginia	260,232	16	6.1	14	5.4	19	7.3	10	3.8	25	9.6	17	6.5
Chesapeake	237,940	17	7.1	29	12.2	21	8.8	25	10.5	27	11.3	24	10.0
Chesterfield	385,224	37	9.6	43	11.2	50	13.0	44	11.4	33	8.6	41	10.7
Chickahominy	155,278	26	16.7	13	8.4	12	7.7	10	6.4	6	3.9	13	8.6
Crater	155,665	14	9.0	6	3.9	7	4.5	8	5.1	8	5.1	9	5.5
Cumberland Plateau	106,666	9	8.4	7	6.6	6	5.6	10	9.4	17	15.9	10	9.2
Eastern Shore	45,086	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Fairfax	1,176,830	68	5.8	58	4.9	71	6.0	59	5.0	67	5.7	65	5.5
Hampton	135,410	*	*	15	11.1	9	6.6	17	12.6	9	6.6	11	8.0
Henrico	326,501	58	17.8	39	11.9	36	11.0	46	14.1	36	11.0	43	13.2
Lenowisco	89,201	14	15.7	12	13.5	10	11.2	17	19.1	*	*	11	12.3
Lord Fairfax	232,295	18	7.7	26	11.2	24	10.3	23	9.9	26	11.2	23	10.1
Loudoun	385,945	17	4.4	19	4.9	26	6.7	20	5.2	33	8.6	23	6.0
Mount Rogers	189,178	22	11.6	20	10.6	18	9.5	15	7.9	12	6.3	17	9.2
New River	182,876	10	5.5	12	6.6	9	4.9	9	4.9	14	7.7	11	5.9
Norfolk	245,115	27	11.0	20	8.2	14	5.7	25	10.2	20	8.2	21	8.6
Peninsula	351,436	17	4.8	25	7.1	14	4.0	11	3.1	15	4.3	16	4.7
Piedmont	102,752	7	6.8	12	11.7	*	*	12	11.7	8	7.8	9	8.4
Pittsylvania-Danville	103,585	10	9.7	18	17.4	8	7.7	19	18.3	13	12.6	14	13.1
Portsmouth	95,252	10	10.5	14	14.7	19	19.9	9	9.4	12	12.6	13	13.4
Prince William	512,608	27	5.3	23	4.5	31	6.0	18	3.5	31	6.0	26	5.1
Rappahannock	360,830	40	11.1	38	10.5	31	8.6	23	6.4	22	6.1	31	8.5
Rappahannock-Rapidan	175,151	26	14.8	22	12.6	18	10.3	25	14.3	22	12.6	23	12.9
Richmond City	223,170	46	20.6	34	15.2	43	19.3	35	15.7	37	16.6	39	17.5
Roanoke	99,660	27	27.1	36	36.1	24	24.1	18	18.1	28	28.1	27	26.7
Southside	82,127	15	18.3	12	14.6	*	*	*	*	7	8.5	8	9.7
Thomas Jefferson	249,537	25	10.0	22	8.8	19	7.6	24	9.6	19	7.6	22	8.7
Three Rivers	140,950	8	5.7	7	5.0	8	5.7	7	5.0	6	4.3	7	5.1
Virginia Beach	452,602	20	4.4	22	4.9	17	3.8	20	4.4	27	6.0	21	4.7
West Piedmont	138,882	21	15.1	19	13.7	19	13.7	24	17.3	17	12.2	20	14.4
Western Tidewater	152,232	7	4.6	11	7.2	11	7.2	11	7.2	*	*	9	5.8
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>8,411,808</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>8.1</b>

† Population based on 2016 U.S. Census estimates available at [www.census.gov/popest/](http://www.census.gov/popest/)

\* Visit counts of 1 to 4 and rates with numerators of 1 to 4 are suppressed to maintain confidentiality and accurate rate calculations.

^ The 5-month average count was rounded to the nearest integer.

**Table 1B.** Count and Rate per 100,000 Population of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and City/County Locality, Most Recent 5 Months<sup>††\*</sup>

Locality	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Accomack County	32,947	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0
Albemarle County <sup>†</sup>	153,790	14	9.1	15	9.8	9	7.8	9	9.1	*	*
Alleghany County <sup>†</sup>	21,113	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Amelia County	12,913	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amherst County	31,633	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Appomattox County	15,475	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0
Arlington County	230,050	8	3.5	7	3.0	10	4.3	7	3.0	*	*
Augusta County <sup>†</sup>	121,247	13	10.7	9	7.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bath County	4,476	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bedford County	77,960	*	*	*	*	7	9.0	*	*	9	11.5
Bland County	6,513	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botetourt County	33,231	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Brunswick County	16,243	*	*	5	30.8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buchanan County	22,178	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0
Buckingham County	17,048	0	0	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*
Campbell County	54,952	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	7	12.7
Caroline County	30,178	*	*	*	*	6	19.9	*	*	*	*
Carroll County	29,531	*	*	*	*	5	16.9	*	*	*	*
Charles City County	7,071	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Charlotte County	12,129	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0
Chesterfield County <sup>†</sup>	356,781	34	9.5	41	11.5	43	12.3	41	11.8	31	8.7
Clarke County	14,374	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0
Craig County	5,158	0	0	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*
Culpeper County	50,083	10	20.0	*	*	6	12.0	5	10.0	6	12.0
Cumberland County	9,652	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dickenson County	14,968	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dinwiddie County	28,144	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex County	11,123	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0	*	*
Fairfax County <sup>†</sup>	1,176,830	68	5.8	58	4.9	68	6.0	56	5.0	66	5.7
Fauquier County	69,069	5	7.2	13	18.8	8	11.6	11	15.9	12	17.4
Floyd County	15,731	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fluvanna County	26,271	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Franklin County	56,069	9	16.1	6	10.7	5	8.9	6	10.7	*	*
Frederick County <sup>†</sup>	111,937	10	8.9	12	10.7	*	*	8	12.5	7	11.6
Giles County	16,857	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gloucester County	37,214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Goochland County	22,668	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0



Locality	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Grayson County <sup>†</sup>	21,882	5	22.8	6	27.4	*	*	*	*	0	0
Greene County	19,371	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greensville County <sup>†</sup>	17,011	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Halifax County	34,992	9	25.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hanover County	104,392	21	20.1	11	10.5	9	8.6	8	7.7	5	4.8
Henrico County	326,501	58	17.8	39	11.9	36	11.0	46	14.1	36	11.0
Henry County <sup>†</sup>	64,890	11	17.0	12	18.5	13	20.0	15	23.1	13	20.0
Highland County	2,216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Isle of Wight County	36,596	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	0
James City County	74,404	*	*	*	*	5	6.7	*	*	*	*
King and Queen County	7,159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King George County	25,984	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
King William County	16,334	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lancaster County	10,972	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lee County	24,179	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	0
Loudoun County	385,945	17	4.4	19	4.9	26	6.7	20	5.2	33	8.6
Louisa County	35,236	7	19.9	*	*	*	*	5	14.2	7	19.9
Lunenburg County	12,273	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*
Madison County	13,078	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Mathews County	8,782	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mecklenburg County	30,892	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middlesex County	10,778	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	0
Montgomery County <sup>†</sup>	116,085	*	*	6	5.2	*	*	*	*	9	8.6
Nelson County	14,869	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*
New Kent County	21,147	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Northampton County	12,139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumberland County	12,222	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Nottoway County	15,595	*	*	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*
Orange County	35,533	9	25.3	5	14.1	*	*	9	25.3	*	*
Page County	23,654	*	*	*	*	5	21.1	*	*	0	0
Patrick County	17,923	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pittsylvania County <sup>†</sup>	103,585	10	9.7	18	17.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Powhatan County	28,443	*	*	*	*	6	21.1	*	*	*	*
Prince Edward County	23,142	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0
Prince George County	92,462	11	11.9	5	5.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Prince William County <sup>†</sup>	512,608	27	5.3	23	4.5	30	6.0	17	3.5	30	6.0
Pulaski County	34,203	5	14.6	*	*	5	14.6	*	*	*	*
Rappahannock County	7,388	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond County	8,774	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Roanoke County <sup>†</sup>	219,240	36	16.4	64	29.2	10	18.7	5	13.2	6	17.3

Locality	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Rockbridge County <sup>†</sup>	35,889	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rockingham County <sup>†</sup>	132,822	10	7.5	7	5.3	*	*	7	6.8	7	6.0
Russell County	27,370	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	29.2
Scott County	21,930	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0
Shenandoah County	43,175	*	*	*	*	6	13.9	5	11.6	6	13.9
Smyth County	31,062	6	19.3	*	*	5	16.1	5	16.1	0	0
Southampton County <sup>†</sup>	26,363	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*
Spotsylvania County	132,010	12	9.1	11	8.3	11	8.3	8	6.1	10	7.6
Stafford County	144,361	15	10.4	14	9.7	5	3.5	7	4.8	*	*
Surry County	6,544	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0
Sussex County	11,504	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	*	*
Tazewell County	42,150	6	14.2	0	0	*	*	*	*	6	14.2
Warren County	39,155	5	12.8	7	17.9	5	12.8	*	*	7	17.9
Washington County <sup>†</sup>	71,174	5	7.0	6	8.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Westmoreland County	17,592	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Wise County <sup>†</sup>	43,092	9	20.9	11	25.5	6	18.6	12	27.8	*	*
Wythe County	29,016	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*
York County	67,976	*	*	6	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Alexandria City	155,810	6	3.9	6	3.9	10	6.4	14	9.0	7	4.5
Bristol City <sup>†</sup>	71,174	5	7.0	6	8.4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buena Vista City <sup>†</sup>	35,889	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Charlottesville City <sup>†</sup>	153,790	14	9.1	15	9.8	*	*	5	9.1	6	6.5
Chesapeake City	237,940	17	7.1	29	12.2	21	8.8	25	10.5	27	11.3
Colonial Heights City <sup>†</sup>	356,781	34	9.5	41	11.5	*	*	*	*	0	0
Covington City <sup>†</sup>	21,113	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danville City <sup>†</sup>	103,585	10	9.7	18	17.4	7	7.7	16	18.3	9	12.6
Emporia City <sup>†</sup>	17,011	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfax City <sup>†</sup>	1,176,830	68	5.8	58	4.9	*	*	0	0	0	0
Falls Church City <sup>†</sup>	1,176,830	68	5.8	58	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Franklin City <sup>†</sup>	26,363	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Fredericksburg City	28,297	6	21.2	9	31.8	6	21.2	*	*	6	21.2
Galax City <sup>†</sup>	21,882	5	22.8	6	27.4	0	0	*	*	*	*
Hampton City	135,410	*	*	15	11.1	9	6.6	17	12.6	9	6.6
Harrisonburg City <sup>†</sup>	132,822	10	7.5	7	5.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hopewell City <sup>†</sup>	92,462	11	11.9	5	5.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lexington City <sup>†</sup>	35,889	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lynchburg City	80,212	6	7.5	8	10.0	8	10.0	*	*	8	10.0
Manassas City <sup>†</sup>	512,608	27	5.3	23	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manassas Park City <sup>†</sup>	512,608	27	5.3	23	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martinsville City <sup>†</sup>	64,890	11	17.0	12	18.5	0	0	0	0	0	0

Locality	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Newport News City	181,825	11	6.0	15	8.2	6	3.3	5	2.7	10	5.5
Norfolk City	245,115	27	11.0	20	8.2	14	5.7	25	10.2	20	8.2
Norton City <sup>†</sup>	43,092	9	20.9	11	25.5	*	*	0	0	0	0
Petersburg City <sup>‡</sup>	92,462	11	11.9	5	5.4	0	0	0	0	*	*
Poquoson City	12,017	0	0	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0
Portsmouth City	95,252	10	10.5	14	14.7	19	19.9	9	9.4	12	12.6
Radford City <sup>‡</sup>	116,085	*	*	6	5.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Richmond City	223,170	46	20.6	34	15.2	43	19.3	35	15.7	37	16.6
Roanoke City <sup>‡</sup>	219,240	36	16.4	64	29.2	24	18.7	18	13.2	28	17.3
Salem City <sup>‡</sup>	219,240	36	16.4	64	29.2	7	18.7	6	13.2	*	*
Staunton City <sup>‡</sup>	121,247	13	10.7	9	7.4	5	14.0	*	*	*	*
Suffolk City	89,273	*	*	7	7.8	8	9.0	7	7.8	*	*
Virginia Beach City	452,602	20	4.4	22	4.9	17	3.8	20	4.4	27	6.0
Waynesboro City <sup>‡</sup>	121,247	13	10.7	9	7.4	9	14.0	*	*	*	*
Williamsburg City	15,214	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winchester City <sup>‡</sup>	111,937	10	8.9	12	10.7	*	*	6	12.5	6	11.6
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>8,411,808</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>7.7</b>

<sup>†</sup> Population based on 2016 U.S. Census estimates available at [www.census.gov/popest/](http://www.census.gov/popest/)

<sup>‡</sup> The rate per 100,000 population for each locality within a combined group is based on the aggregated total population of the combined group. Refer to [Appendix 1](#) for the list of localities that are combined.

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**Table 1C.** Count and Rate per 100,000 Population of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Opioid or Unspecified Substance among Virginia Residents by Month and Virginia State Police Division, Most Recent 5 Months<sup>†\*§</sup>

VSP Division	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Division 1	1,414,861	201	14.2	152	10.7	168	11.9	162	11.4	138	9.8
Division 2	844,936	87	10.3	89	10.5	71	8.4	75	8.9	75	8.9
Division 3	657,948	59	9.0	55	8.4	49	7.4	39	5.9	46	7.0
Division 4	436,105	51	11.7	45	10.3	40	9.2	46	10.5	35	8.0
Division 5	1,823,149	110	6.0	141	7.7	109	6.0	124	6.8	117	6.4
Division 6	773,566	83	10.7	120	15.5	89	11.5	90	11.6	92	11.9
Division 7	2,461,243	126	5.1	113	4.6	148	6.0	118	4.8	142	5.8
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>8,411,808</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>7.7</b>

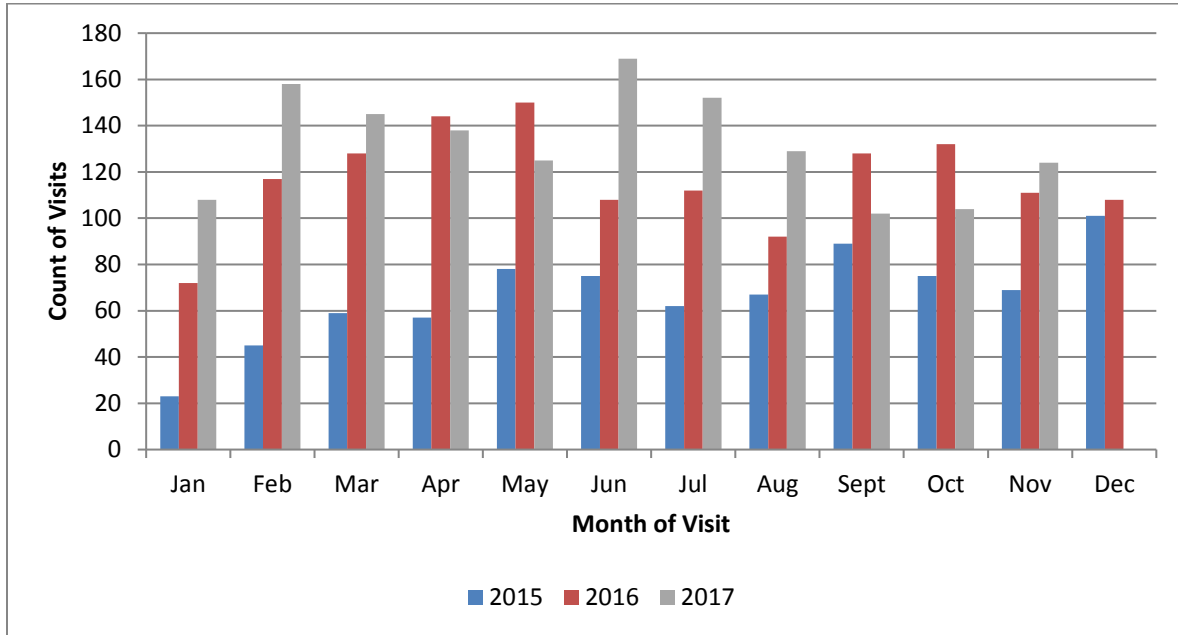
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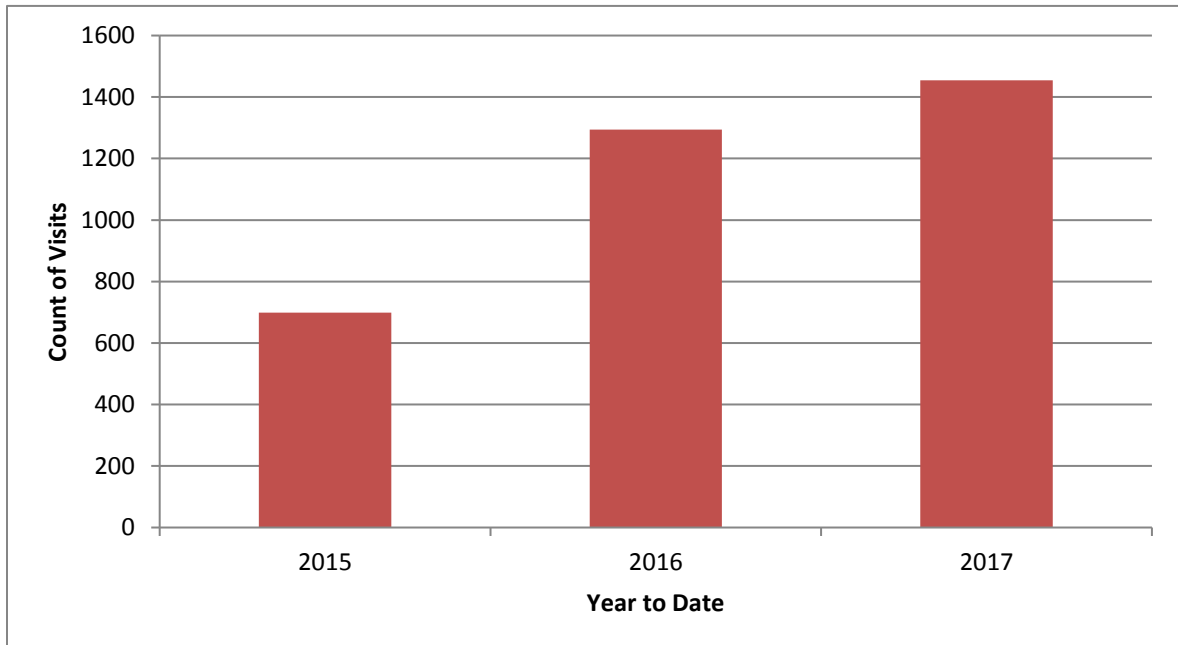
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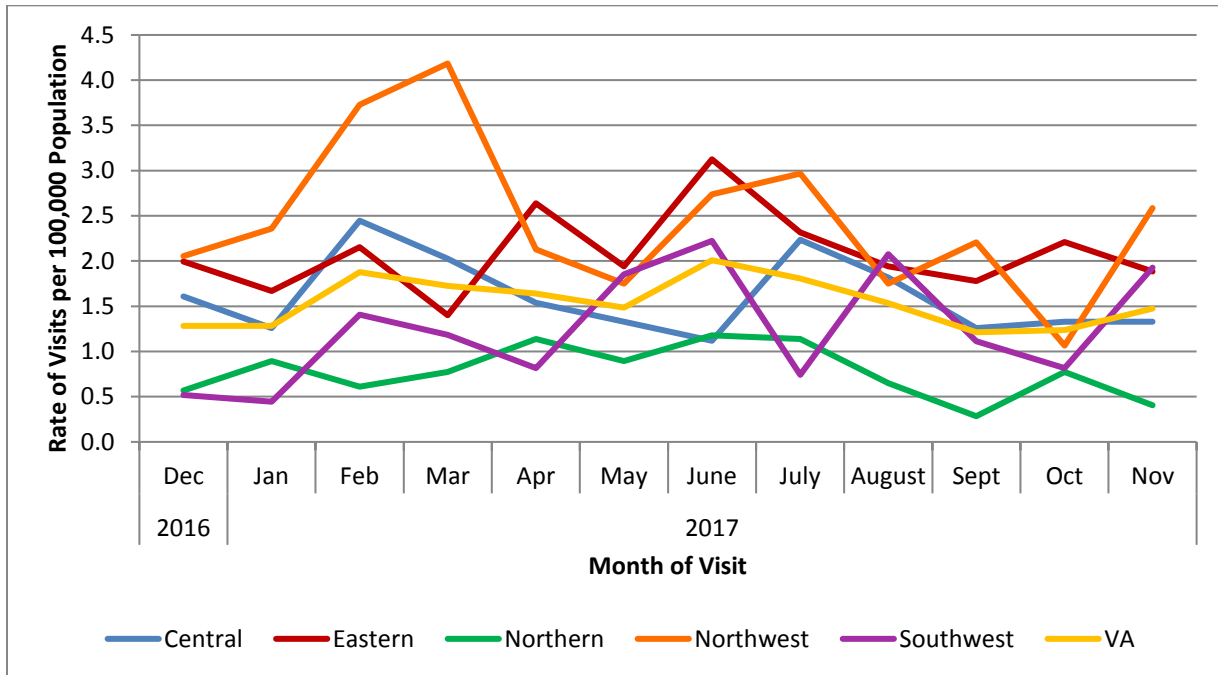
**Figure 2A.** Count of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month, 2015 – 2017.



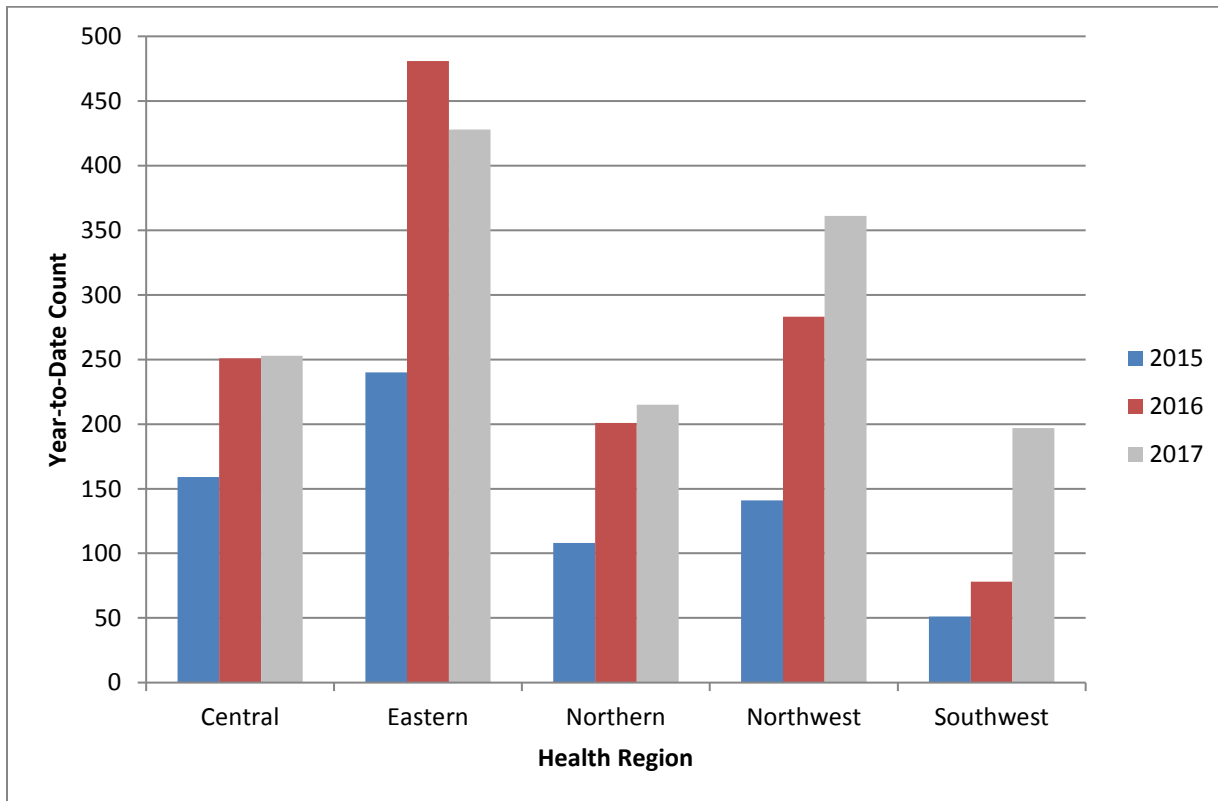
**Figure 2B.** Year-to-Date Count (January – November) of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Year.



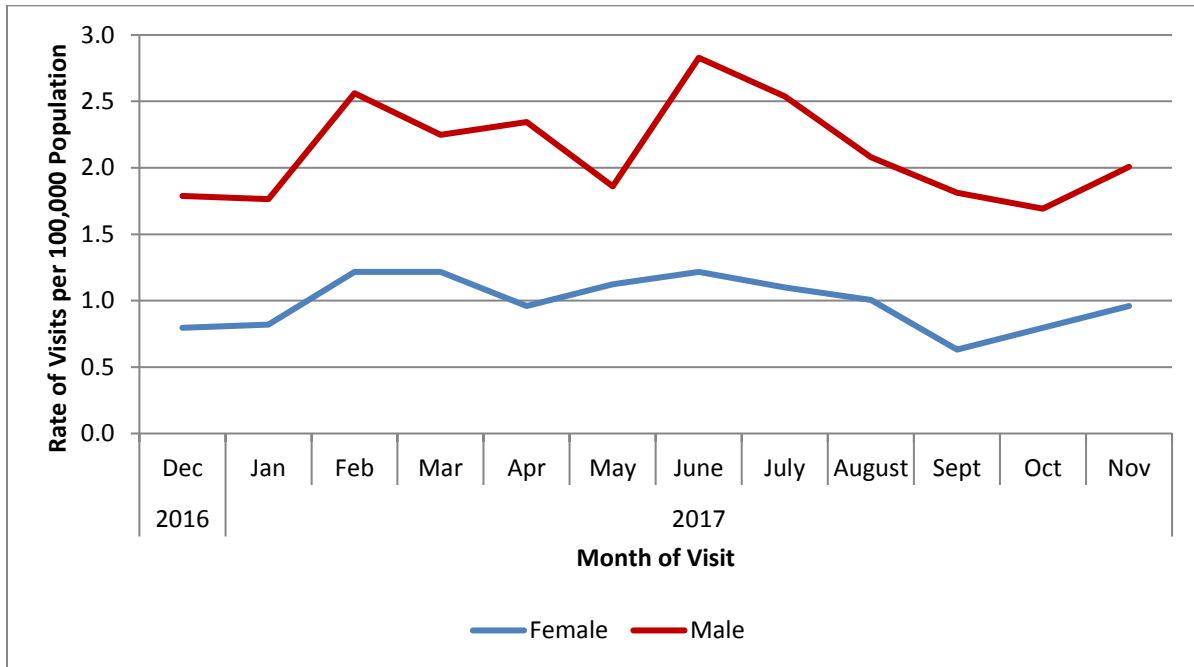
**Figure 2C.** Rate of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month and Health Region, Most Recent 12 Months.



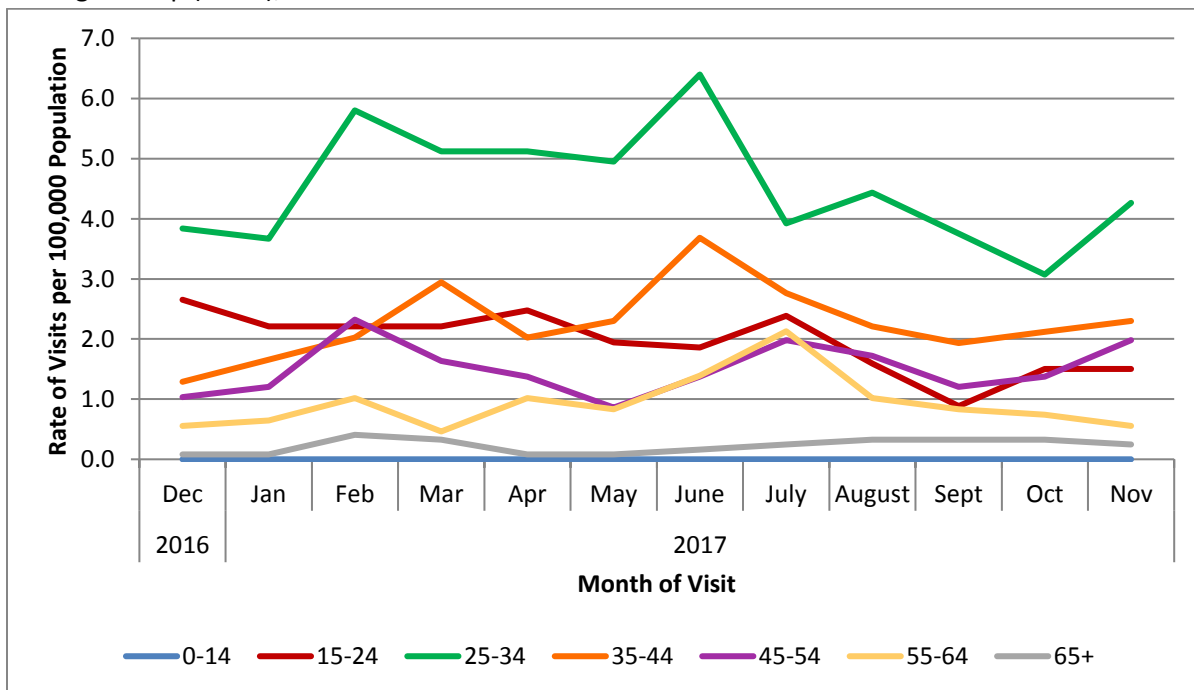
**Figure 2D.** Year-to-Date (January - November) Count of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month and Region.



**Figure 2E.** Rate of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month and Sex, Most Recent 12 Months.



**Figure 2F.** Rate of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month and Age Group (Years), Most Recent 12 Months.



**Table 2A.** Count and Rate per 100,000 Population of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month and Health District, Most Recent 5 Months<sup>†\*</sup>

Health District	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017		5-month Average	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count <sup>^</sup>	Rate
Alexandria	155,810	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	1	0.6
Alleghany	179,082	*	*	10	5.6	*	*	*	*	10	5.6	6	3.6
Arlington	230,050	6	2.6	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	0.9
Central Shenandoah	296,650	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	0.6
Central Virginia	260,232	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	1	0.2
Chesapeake	237,940	5	2.1	7	2.9	7	2.9	5	2.1	*	*	5	2.2
Chesterfield	385,224	7	1.8	13	3.4	6	1.6	6	1.6	*	*	7	1.8
Chickahominy	155,278	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	1.2
Crater	155,665	*	*	*	*	5	3.2	*	*	0	0	2	1.4
Cumberland Plateau	106,666	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Eastern Shore	45,086	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Fairfax	1,176,830	6	0.5	7	0.6	5	0.4	7	0.6	5	0.4	6	0.5
Hampton	135,410	6	4.4	*	*	0	0	*	*	5	3.7	3	2.5
Henrico	326,501	12	3.7	6	1.8	*	*	*	*	9	2.8	6	2.0
Lenowisco	89,201	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Lord Fairfax	232,295	10	4.3	*	*	5	2.2	*	*	5	2.2	5	2.2
Loudoun	385,945	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	*	0	0	1	0.3
Mount Rogers	189,178	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
New River	182,876	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	*	*	1	0.5
Norfolk	245,115	12	4.9	11	4.5	7	2.9	9	3.7	5	2.0	9	3.6
Peninsula	351,436	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	0.8
Piedmont	102,752	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	1	0.6
Pittsylvania-Danville	103,585	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Portsmouth	95,252	8	8.4	6	6.3	5	5.2	6	6.3	10	10.5	7	7.3
Prince William	512,608	12	2.3	7	1.4	*	*	7	1.4	*	*	6	1.2
Rappahannock	360,830	14	3.9	7	1.9	7	1.9	8	2.2	15	4.2	10	2.8
Rappahannock-Rapidan	175,151	7	4.0	8	4.6	6	3.4	*	*	7	4.0	6	3.3
Richmond City	223,170	9	4.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5	2.1
Roanoke	99,660	*	*	11	11.0	7	7.0	7	7.0	10	10.0	8	7.8
Southside	82,127	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
Thomas Jefferson	249,537	7	2.8	*	*	9	3.6	*	*	5	2.0	5	2.0
Three Rivers	140,950	*	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	*	*	1	0.9
Virginia Beach	452,602	8	1.8	*	*	8	1.8	12	2.7	6	1.3	7	1.6
West Piedmont	138,882	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0	5	3.6	2	1.4
Western Tidewater	152,232	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	1.2
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>8,411,808</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1.5</b>

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<sup>^</sup> The 5-month average count was rounded to the nearest integer.



**Table 2B.** Count and Rate per 100,000 Population of ED Visits for Unintentional Overdose by Heroin among Virginia Residents by Month and Virginia State Police Division, Most Recent 5 Months<sup>†§</sup>

VSP Division	2016 Population Estimate	July 2017		Aug 2017		Sept 2017		Oct 2017		Nov 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Division 1	1,414,861	35	2.5	30	2.1	19	1.3	19	1.3	27	1.9
Division 2	844,936	30	3.6	18	2.1	17	2.0	11	1.3	25	3.0
Division 3	657,948	7	1.1	*	*	10	1.5	*	*	4	0.6
Division 4	436,105	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Division 5	1,823,149	42	2.3	34	1.9	35	1.9	43	2.4	32	1.8
Division 6	773,566	10	1.3	27	3.5	14	1.8	11	1.4	26	3.4
Division 7	2,461,243	28	1.1	16	0.7	7	0.3	19	0.8	10	0.4
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>8,411,808</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1.5</b>

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## Appendix 1

Virginia Localities that were Combined for the Purposes of Calculating Rate per 100,000 Population

- Alleghany County and Covington City
- Albemarle County and Charlottesville City
- Augusta County, Staunton City, and Waynesboro City
- Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights City
- Frederick County and Winchester City
- Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church City
- Grayson County and Galax City
- Greensville County and Emporia City
- Henry County and Martinsville City
- Montgomery County and Radford City
- Pittsylvania County and Danville City
- Prince George County, Hopewell City, and Petersburg City
- Prince William County, Manassas City, and Manassas Park City
- Roanoke County, Roanoke City, and Salem City
- Rockingham County and Harrisonburg City
- Rockbridge County, Buena Vista City, and Lexington City
- Southampton County and Franklin City
- Washington County and Bristol City
- Wise County and Norton City