

This data brief provides a data summary for emergency room (ER) visits related to drug overdoses or interactions during Quarter 1 of 2018. The data is broken down into sections by drugs (overall), opioids, and heroin for 2018 and are compared to 2017 visits for the same classifiers. This data was extracted from an Ohio Department of Health maintained surveillance system called EpiCenter that tracks chief complaints for ER visits in Medina County.

Figure 1: Drug Related ER Visits by Month for Quarter 1 (Medina County, 2018)

	January 2018	January 2017	February 2018	February 2017	March 2018	March 2017	Quarter 1 2018 Total	Quarter 1 2017	Difference
Number of ER Visits	38	37	33	42	32	53	103	132	-29
Percentage of ER Visits	36.9%		32.0%		31.1%				-22.0%

Figure 1 displays the number of drug (overall) related ER visits for quarter 1. January had the highest number of drug related ER visits with 38 (36.9%). Quarter 1 2018 had a -22% decrease in the number of drug related ER visits compared to quarter 1 2017.

Figure 2: Opioid and Heroin Related ER Visits by Month (Medina County, 2018)

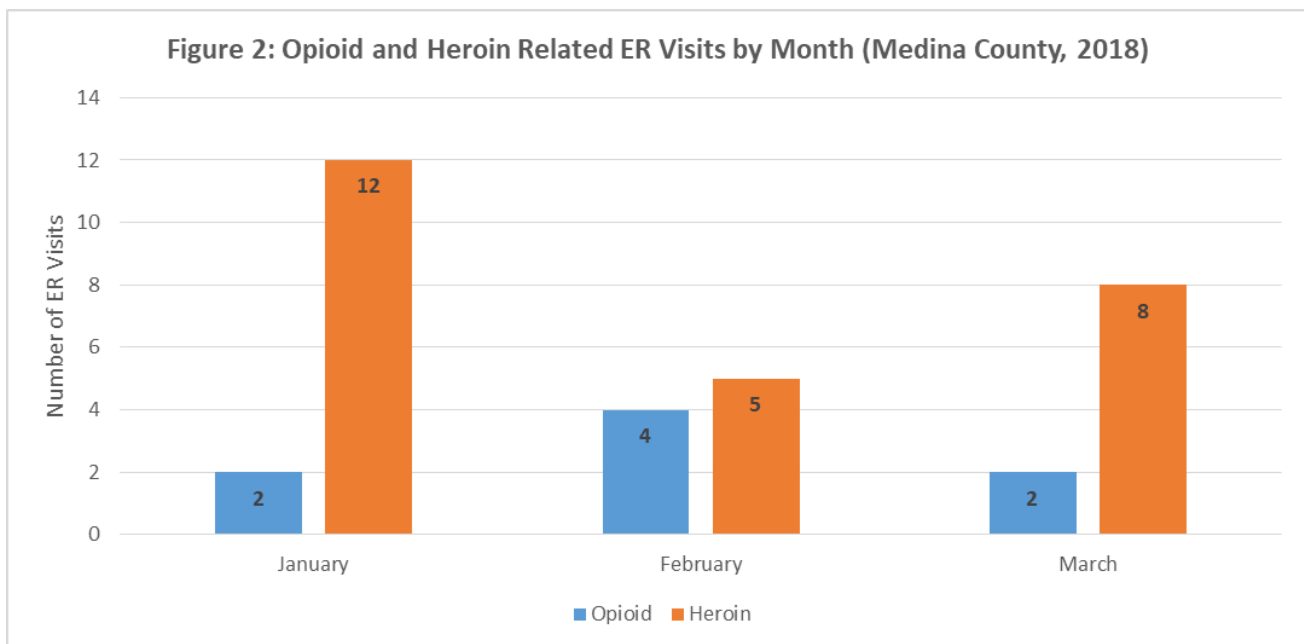


Figure 2 displays the number of opioid and heroin related ER visits for quarter 1. January had the highest number of heroin related ER visits with 12 (36.4%). February had the highest number of opioid related ER visits with 4 (12.1%). Quarter 1 2018 had a -3.8% decrease in the number of heroin related ER visits compared to quarter 1 2017. *Note: The reasons for visit are largely limited to "Overdose" or "Interaction". Details related to the reason(s) for the ER visits are generally unavailable.*