



Quarter 3 Drug Related ER Visits Data Brief

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This data brief provides a data summary for emergency room (ER) visits related to drug overdoses or interactions during Quarter 3 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 3 (Medina County, 2018)

	July 2018	July 2017	August 2018	August 2017	September 2018	September 2017	Quarter 3 2018 Total	Quarter 3 2017	Difference
Number of ER Visits	54	43	62	44	61	46	177	133	44
Percentage of ER Visits	30.5%		35.0%		34.5%				33.1%

Figure 1 displays the number of drug (overall) related ER visits for quarter 3. August had the highest number of drug related ER visits with 62(35.0%). Quarter 3 2018 had a 33.1% increase in the number of drug related ER visits compared to quarter 3 2017.

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

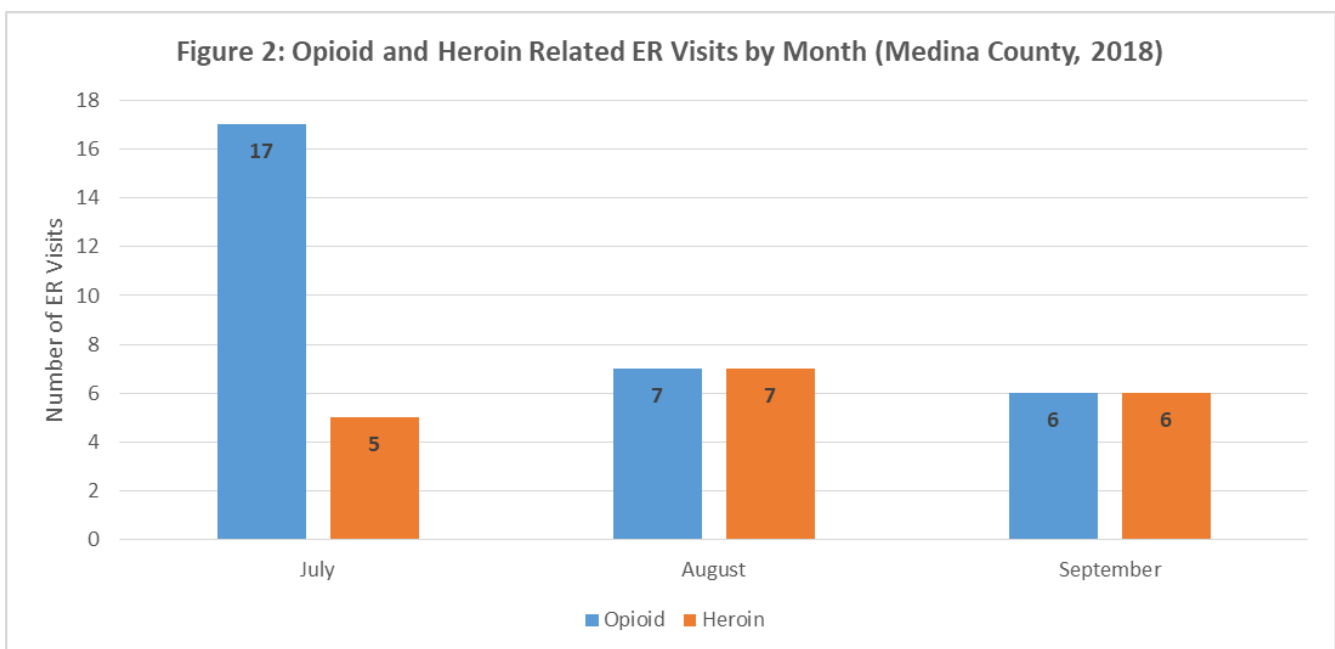


Figure 2 displays the number of opioid and heroin related ER visits for quarter 3. August had the highest number of heroin related ER visits with 7 (38.9%). July had the highest number of opioid related ER visits with 17 (56.7%). Quarter 3 2018 had a -30.8% decrease in the number of heroin related ER visits compared to quarter 3 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.*