

This data brief provides a data summary for emergency room (ER) visits related to drug overdoses or interactions during Quarter 4 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 4 (Medina County, 2018)									
	Oct-18	Oct-17	Nov-18	Nov-17	Dec-18	Dec-17	Quarter 4 2018	Quarter 4 2017	Difference
Number of ER Visits	50	48	54	42	55	33	159	123	36
Percentage of ER Visits	31.4%		34.0%		34.6%				29.3%

Figure 1 displays the number of drug (overall) related ER visits for quarter 4. December had the highest number of drug related ER visits with 55(34.6%). Quarter 4 2018 had a 29.3% increase in the number of drug related ER visits compared to quarter 4 2017.

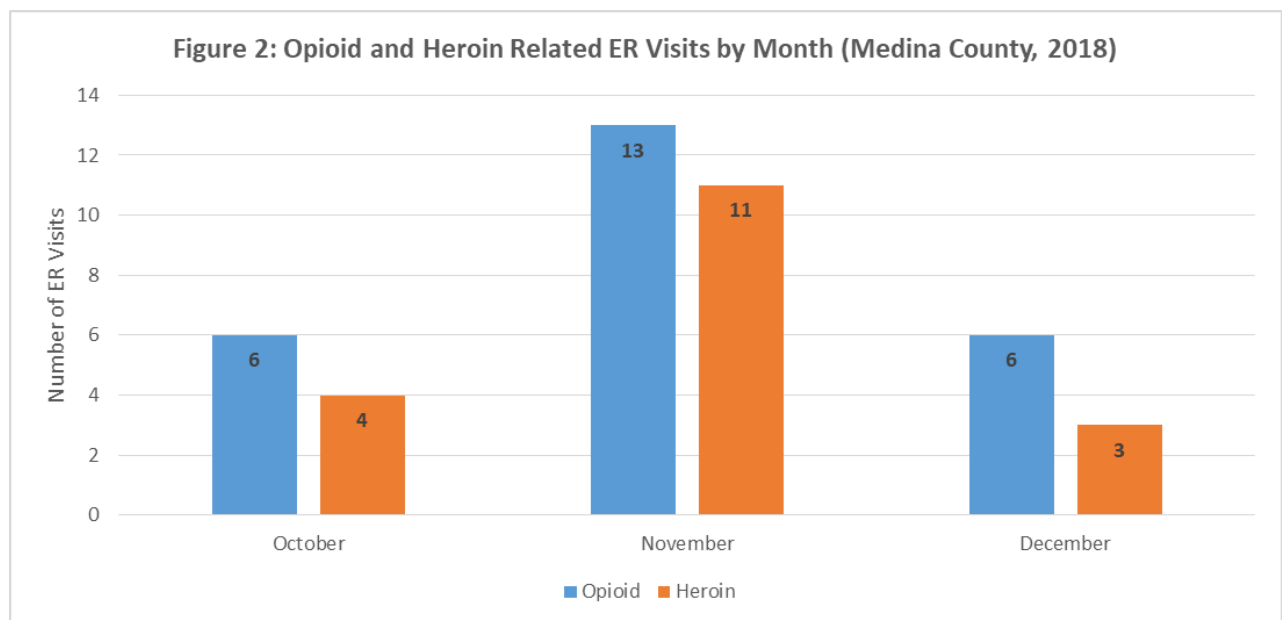


Figure 2 displays the number of opioid and heroin related ER visits for quarter 4. November had both the highest number of heroin related ER visits with 11 (61.1%) and the highest number of opioid related ER visits with 13 (52.0%). Quarter 4 2018 had a -30.8% decrease in the number of heroin related ER visits compared to quarter 4 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.*