

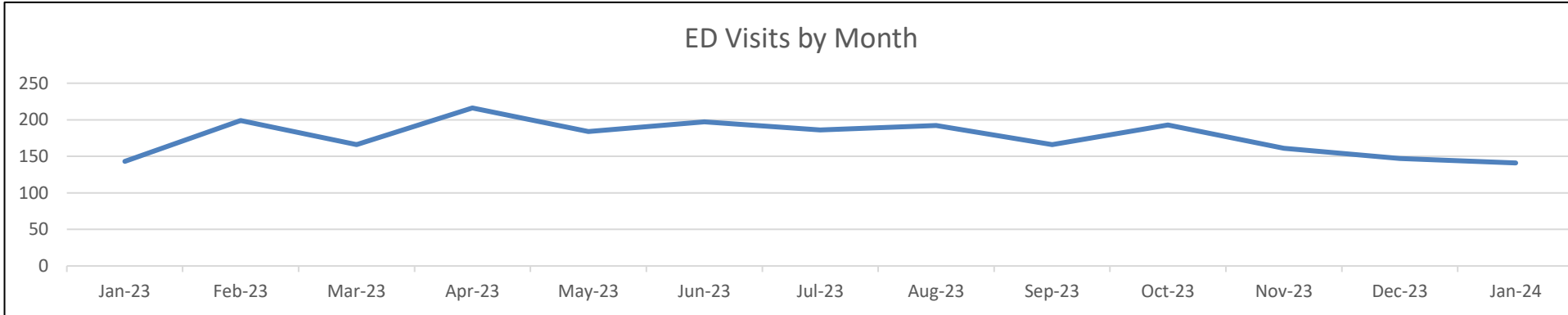
Suspected Overdose Report

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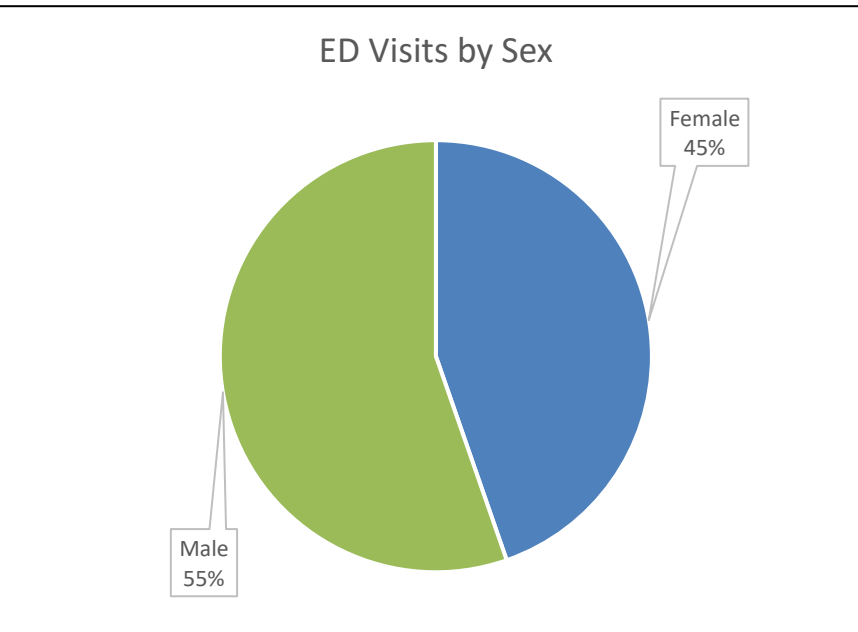
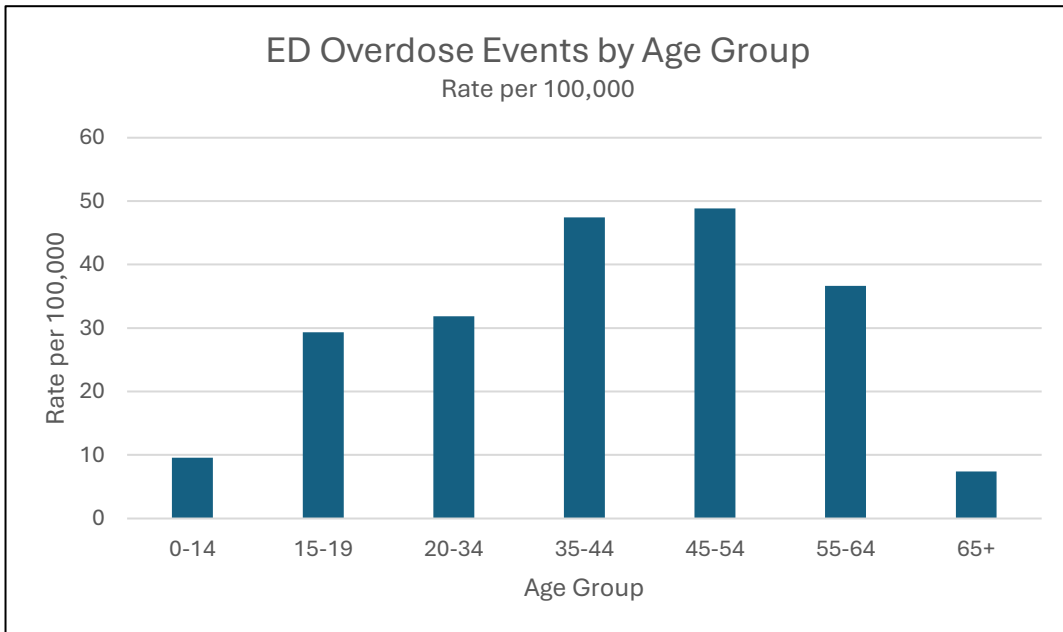
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Total ED Visits:
141

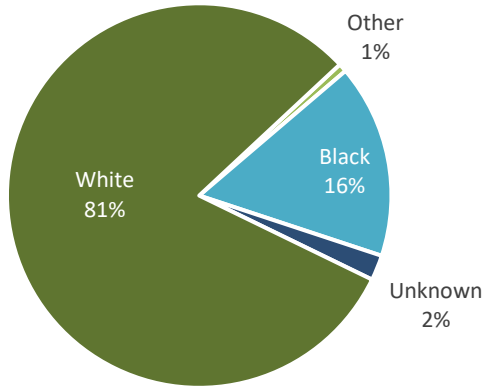


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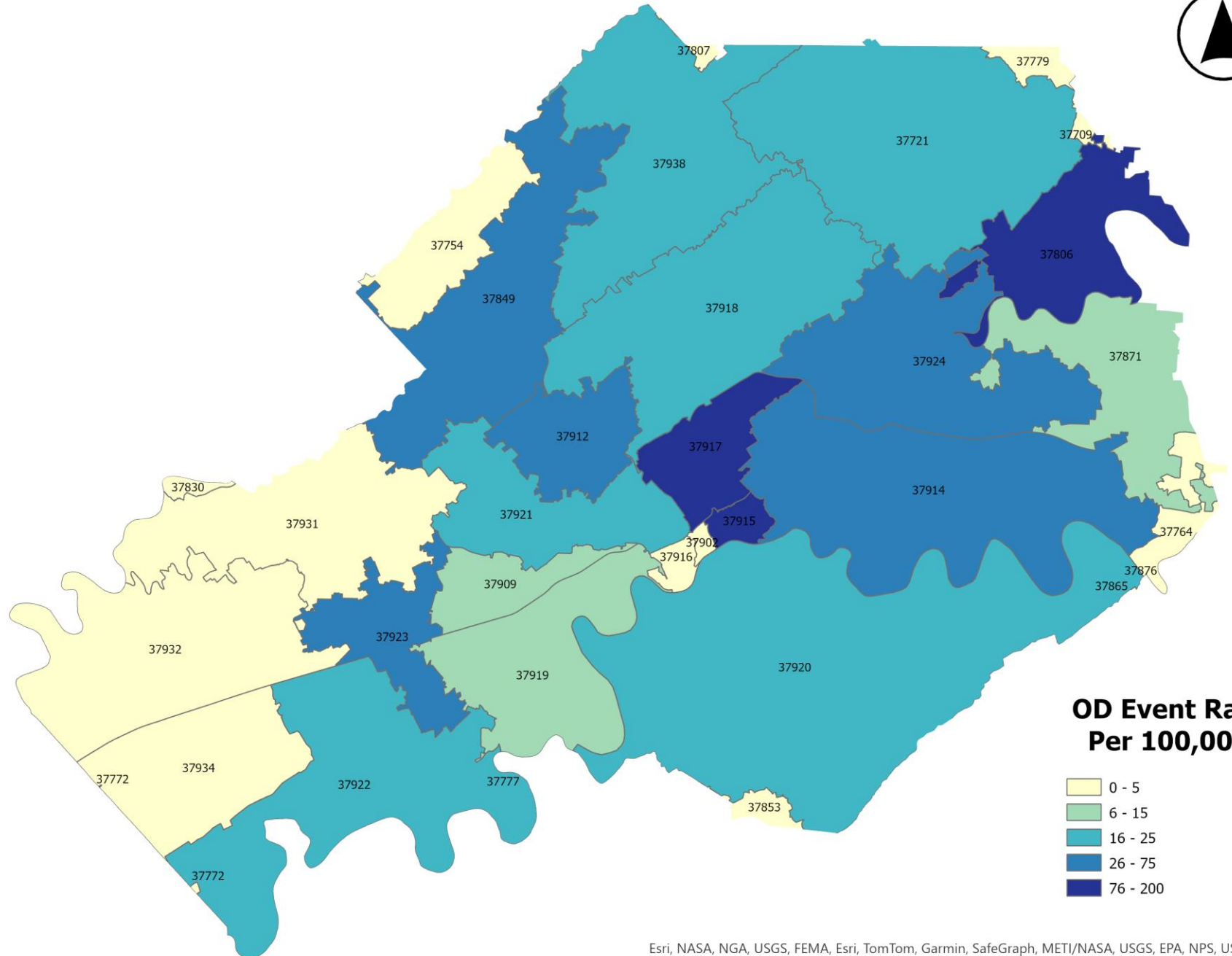
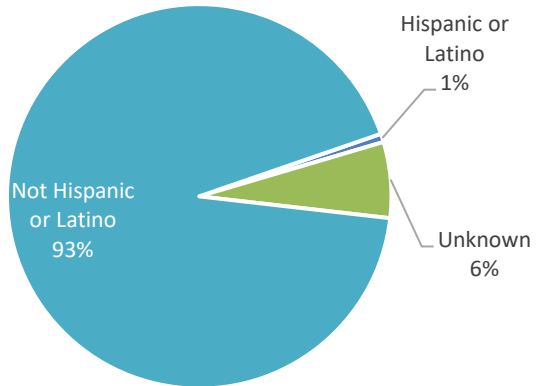


Peak Hour: 15:00

ED Visits by Race



ED Visits by Ethnicity



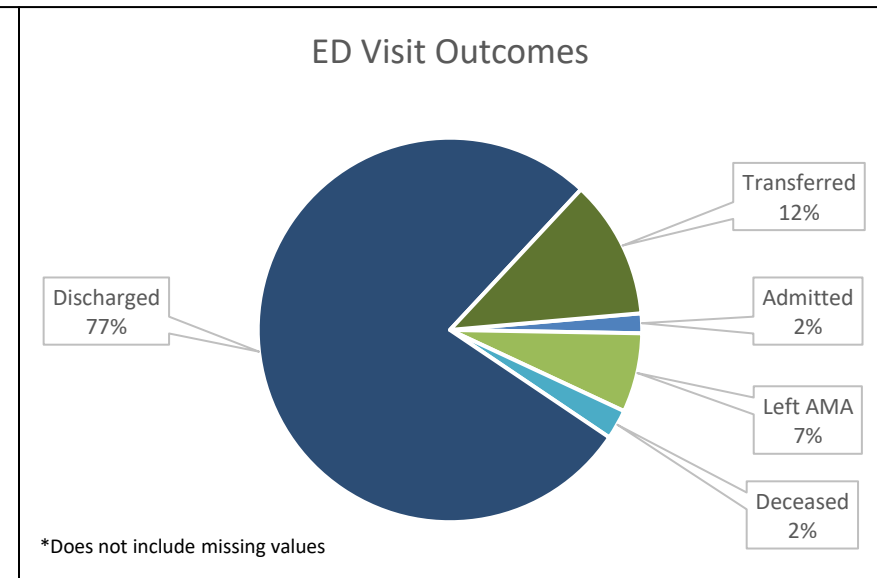
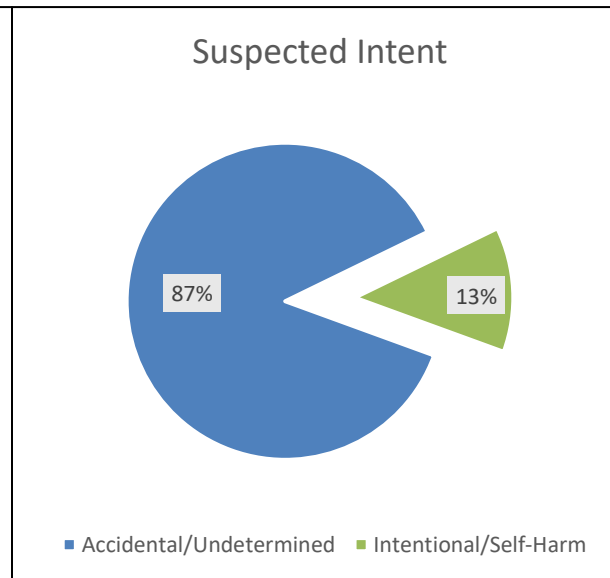
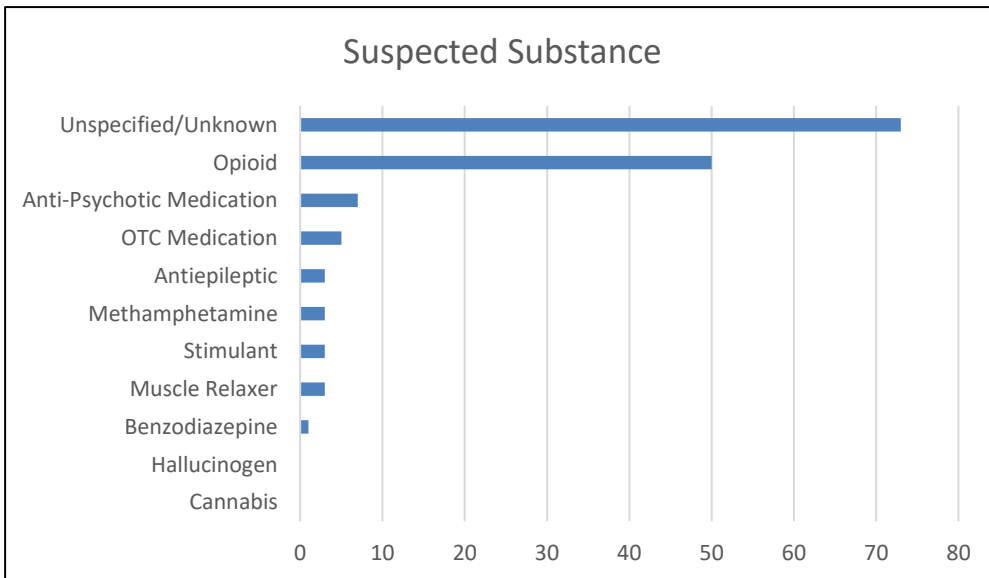
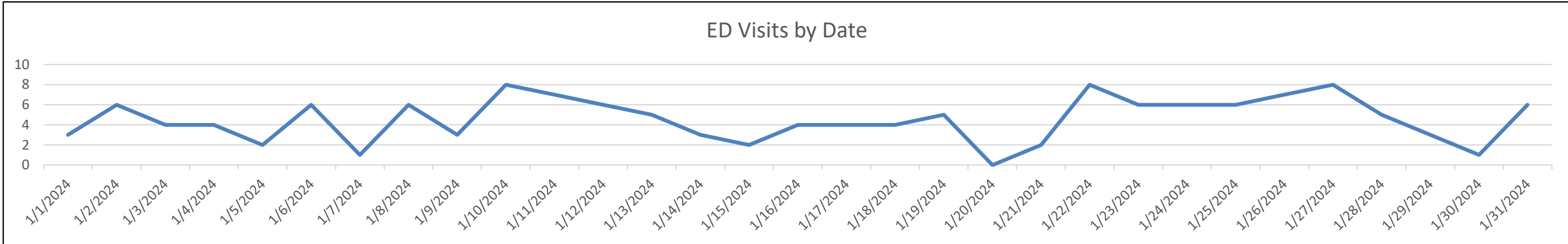
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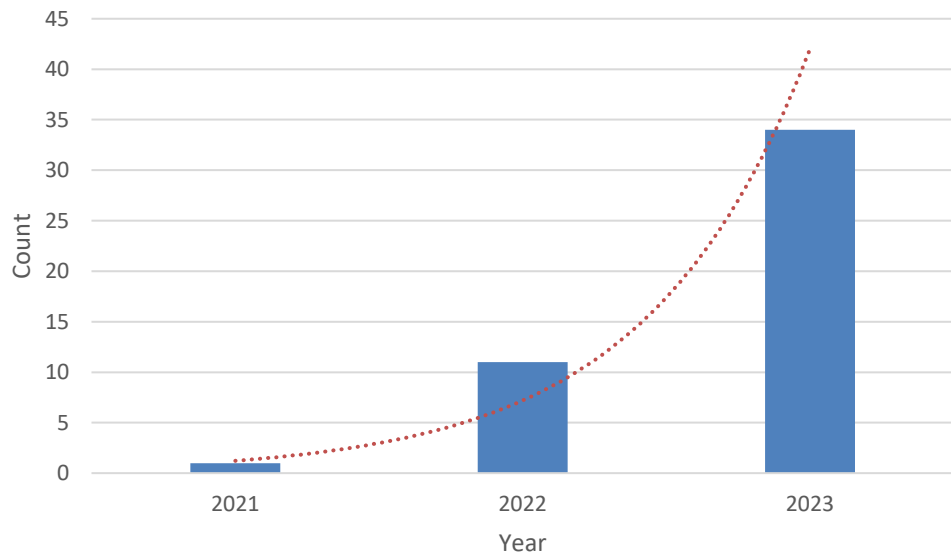
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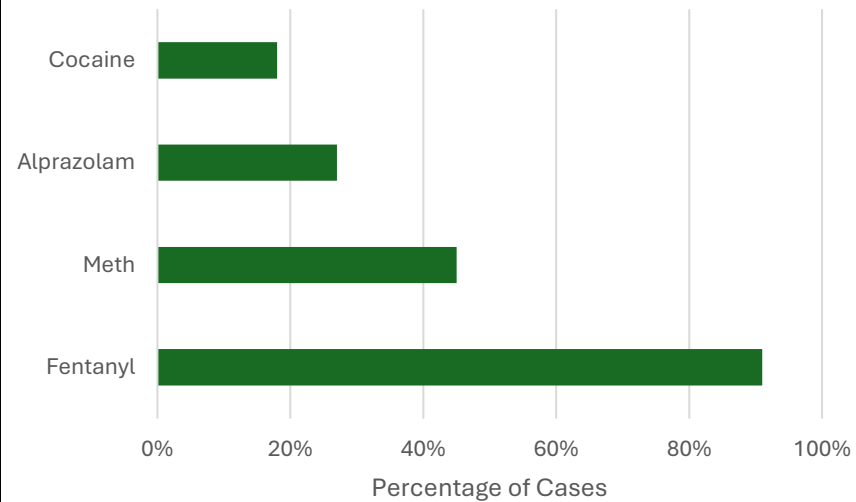
Trends in Emerging Substances – Designer Benzodiazepines

Bromazolam, a novel benzodiazepine, first emerged in the United States drug supply in 2019¹. It is a synthetically manufactured drug with unknown biological effects and health risks. Even very low doses of this drug have the potential for high potencies, resulting in strong sedative effects. In 2021, Knox County Regional Forensic Center identified a single case containing Bromazolam in their toxicology result². Since then, numbers of cases in our community with a positive Bromazolam result have increased dramatically each year.

Fatal Overdoses Involving Bromazolam



Substances Most Commonly Found With Bromazolam, 2022



Key Facts to Know

- Bromazolam is most commonly reported in combination with other drugs.
- Bromazolam is often sold in the form of pressed pills or powders.
- Synthetic drugs like bromazolam are not regulated or tested.

1. CSFRE Public Alert, June 2022
2. Knox County Regional Forensic Center 2023 Drug Related Death Report