

Emergency Department Visits for Drug Overdoses in Ottawa

April 2017 Report

This report provides available monthly trend data on drug overdose-related emergency department visits. It provides information on the overdose-related emergency department visit trends relating to overdoses in the last 6 months.

The data used in this report is from:

- Drug overdose-related emergency department data
- Ottawa Paramedic Service response data
- Ottawa Paramedic Service naloxone administration data

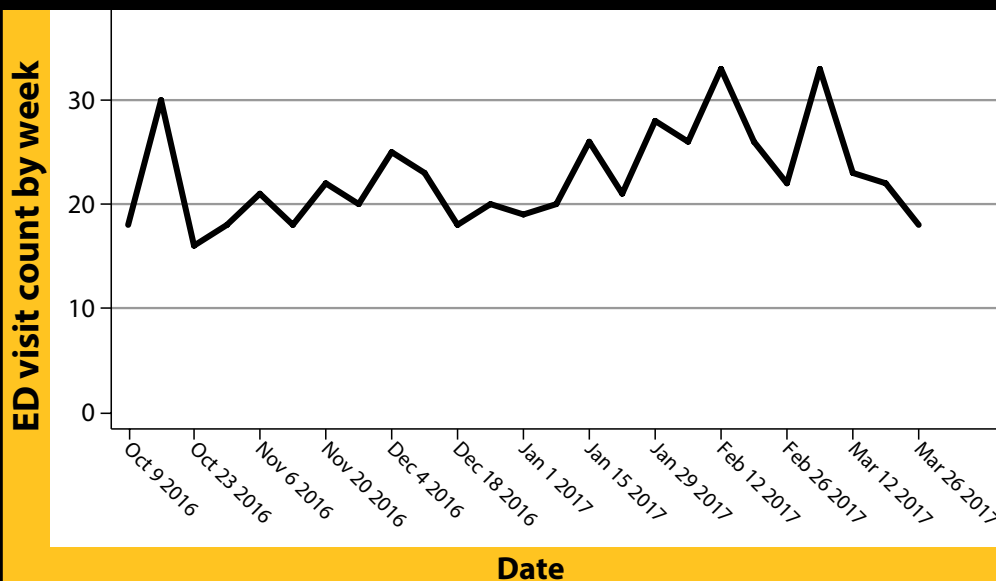
This data is updated monthly with additional data and indicators added as they become available.

What are the emergency department (ED) overdose trends in the last 6 months?



The diagram on the right shows weekly counts of drug overdose-related emergency visits in Ottawa for the past 6 months among those aged 10

to 64. It only captures emergency department visits with life-threatening or potential life-threatening circumstances. It does not include people who overdose and do not access an emergency department.



Drug overdose-related emergency department visits with life-threatening or potential life-threatening circumstances

Key points:

- Emergency department visits by week were stable between October and December 2016
- An increase started in January 2017, and returned to pre-2017 levels in late March 2017



Ottawa Paramedic Service Data: January 2017 to March 2017



710
Paramedic responses to overdose/intoxication



32
of patients administered naloxone by paramedics for suspected opioid overdose



An **OVERDOSE** is a medical emergency. Anyone that suspects or witnesses an overdose should immediately **CALL 9-1-1, even if Naloxone has been given.**