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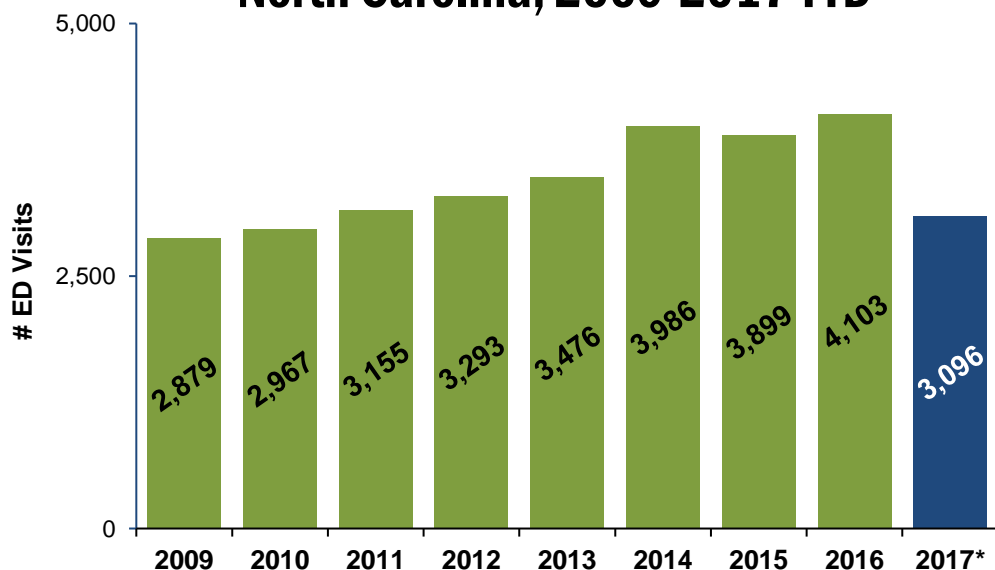
# EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) VISITS FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE: July 2017

**500** Opioid overdose ED visits  
July 2017  
Compared to **410** July 2016

Source: NC DETECT: ED; Syndrome: Overdose: Opioid Overdose (ICD-9/10-CM)

**Note:** Counts based on diagnosis (ICD-9/10-CM code) of an opioid overdose of any intent (accidental, intentional, assault, and undetermined) for North Carolina residents. Opioid overdose cases include poisonings with opium, heroin, opioids, methadone, and other synthetic narcotics.

## Opioid Overdose ED Visits by Year: North Carolina, 2009-2017 YTD

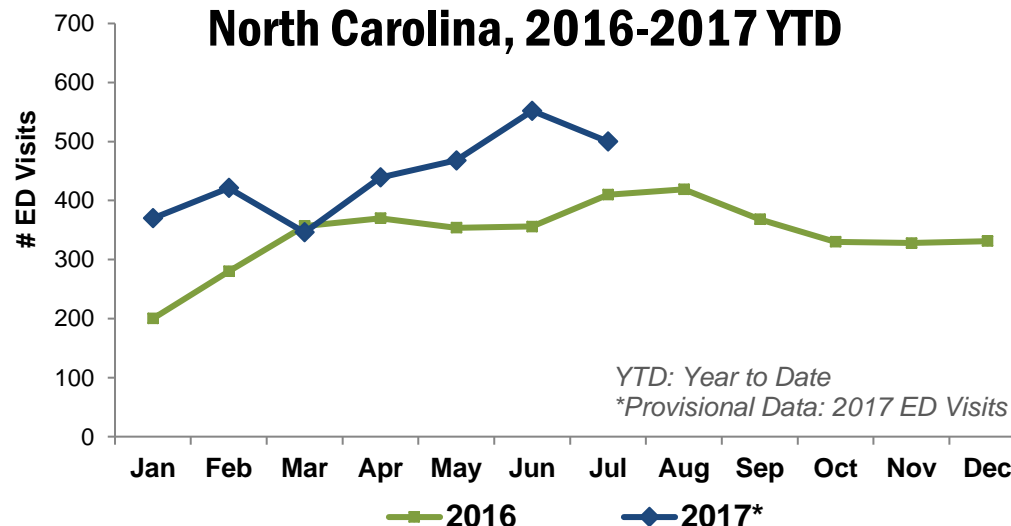


YTD: Year to Date  
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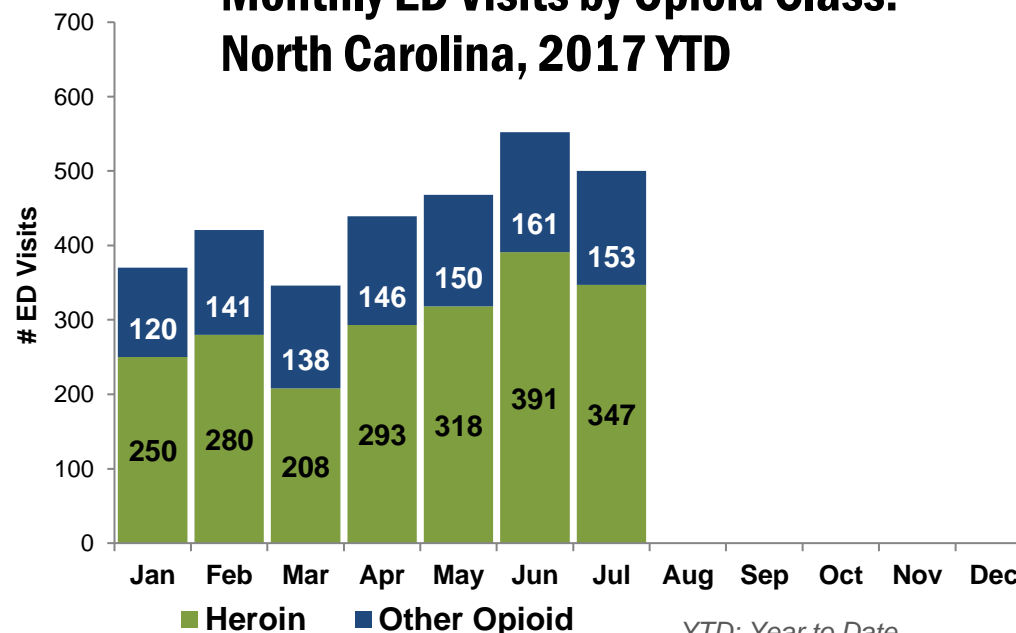


## Opioid Overdose ED Visits by Month: North Carolina, 2016-2017 YTD



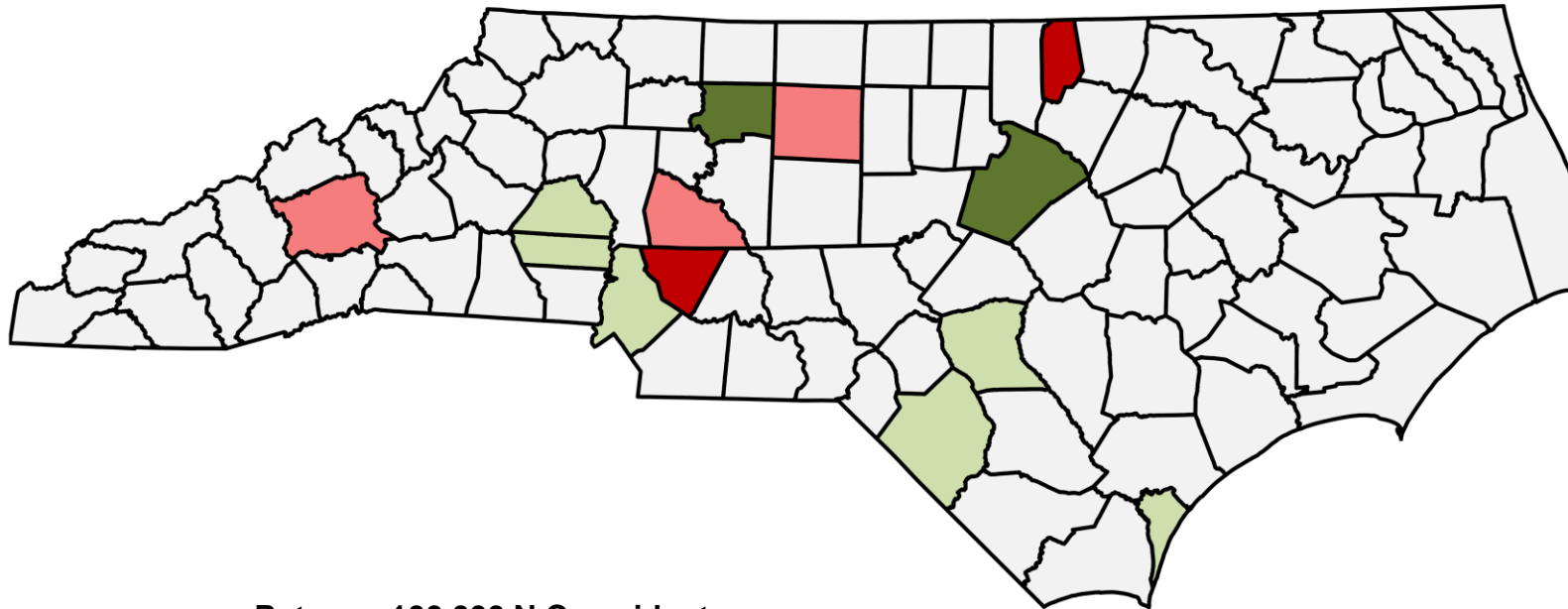
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## Monthly ED Visits by Opioid Class: North Carolina, 2017 YTD



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# Rate of Opioid Overdose ED Visits by County: July 2017



**Rate per 100,000 N.C. residents:**

□ Suppressed (<10 cases) ■ 1.0 to 4.9 ■ 5.0 to 9.9 ■ 10.0 to 19.9 ■ ≥20.0

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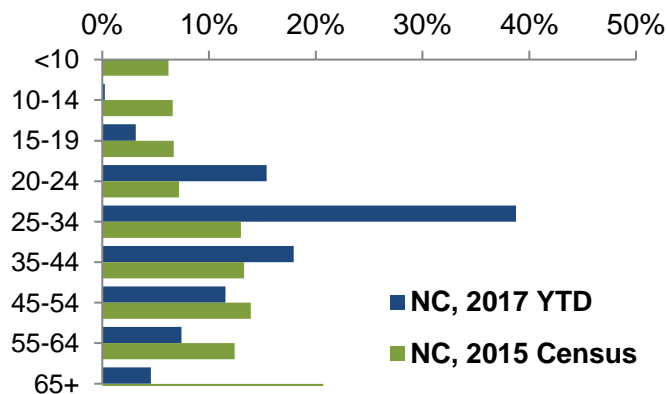
## Highest Rates of Opioid Overdose ED Visits by County: 2017 YTD

County	Count	Rate
Cabarrus	27	72.3
Vance*	11	20.3
Guilford	31	19.6
Rowan	24	11.2
Buncombe*	26	10.3
Lincoln	13	9.3
Robeson	11	9.0
Cumberland	26	8.0
Mecklenburg	73	7.1
New Hanover	15	6.8

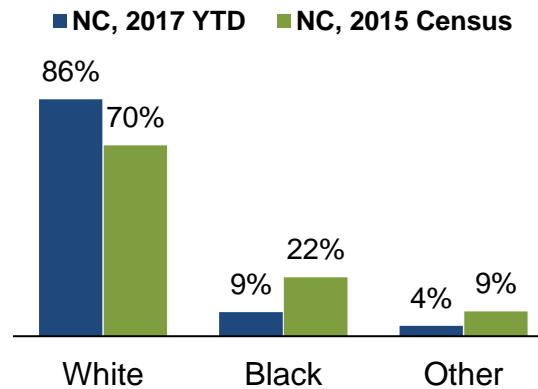
**Note:** Rate per 100,000 N.C. residents  
Rates not shown for counties <10 cases  
\* ≥5 overdoses this month compared to last month

## Demographics of 2017 YTD Opioid Overdose ED Visits Compared to the 2015 NC Standard Population

### ED Visits by Age Group



### ED Visits by Race



Demographic data from the North Carolina census provide population-level context for potential disparities by age or race among opioid overdose ED visits.

In North Carolina, ED visits for opioid overdose occur predominately among whites, and those ages 25-34 years if age.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau. *Quick Facts Data: North Carolina 2015*. Retrieved November 09, 2016, from <http://quickfacts.census.gov>.

**NOTE:** The North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT) is North Carolina's statewide syndromic surveillance system. For training on NCDETECT, contact Amy Ising, [ising@ad.unc.edu](mailto:ising@ad.unc.edu).

Emergency department visit data from NC DETECT are provisional and should not be considered final. There may be data quality issues affecting our counts: counties with <10 cases may not be true lack of opioid overdose cases but data quality issues; additionally, some hospitals use non-specific poisoning codes rather than specific opioid poisoning codes. NC DETECT reports five categories of race: White, Black, American Indian, Asian, or Other. Due to low counts, Asian, American Indian, and Other races have been collapsed into a single category.