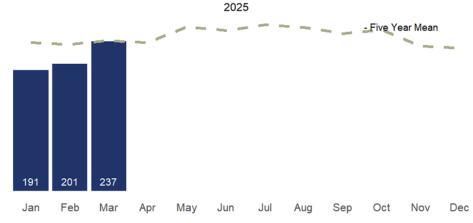
Drug Overdose Morbidity in Montana, 2025 YTD

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR SUSPECTED DRUG OVERDOSES*

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All-drug overdoses include visits to an emergency department where an individual describes or displays signs of an overdose by over-the-counter, prescription, or recreational drugs.

Count of suspected drug overdose counts by drug category January - February 2025:

| Drug Category | 2025 YTD | Five-Year Mean YTD (2020-2024) |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| All Drugs | 629 | 705 |
| All Opioids | 134 | 157 |
| Fentanyl | 40 | 30 |
| Heroin | 0 | 16 |
| All Stimulants | 37 | 82 |
| Methamphetamines | 22 | 61 |
| Cocaine | 6 | 8 |
| Benzodiazepines | 12 | 23 |

Preventing Drug Overdoses

- **Recognize signs of overdose**: Slow or no breathing, vomiting, nodding off, unconsciousness, blue lips/fingernails/toenails.
- Carry naloxone: Naloxone (Narcan) can reverse opioid overdoses if administered in time.
- **Seek professional help**: Reach out to <u>healthcare providers or addiction specialists</u> for support and treatment options.
- Test your drugs: Use fentanyl test strips to check for the presence of dangerous additives.
- Dispose of medications properly: <u>Many pharmacies and community centers have medication</u> <u>take-back programs</u>

^{*}Data retrieved from <u>syndromic surveillance</u>. Report updated quarterly; data are pulled on a two-month delay to allow time for updates to records. Please visit the <u>OD2A website</u> or contact <u>syndromic@mt.gov</u> with any questions.

