

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023 SELF-INFLICTED INJURY UPDATE

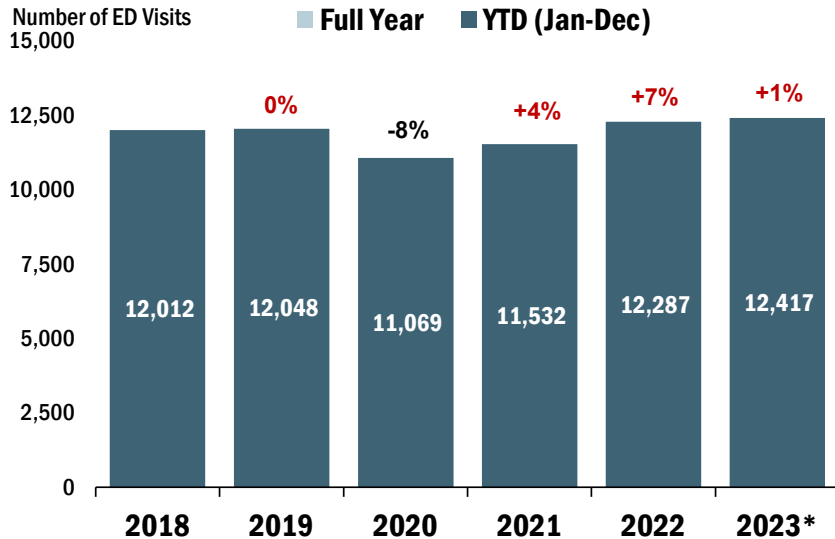
North Carolina Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Self-Inflicted Injury, Oct-Dec 2023 Update

2,910 Self-inflicted injury ED visits from Oct-Dec 2023 compared to **2,988** from Oct-Dec 2022

^aReport is based on initial encounter ICD-10-CM self-inflicted injury codes. See the [CSTE Self-Harm Indicator](#) for comprehensive list of codes.
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Data Source: NC DETECT, ED visits; data as of 04/22/2024

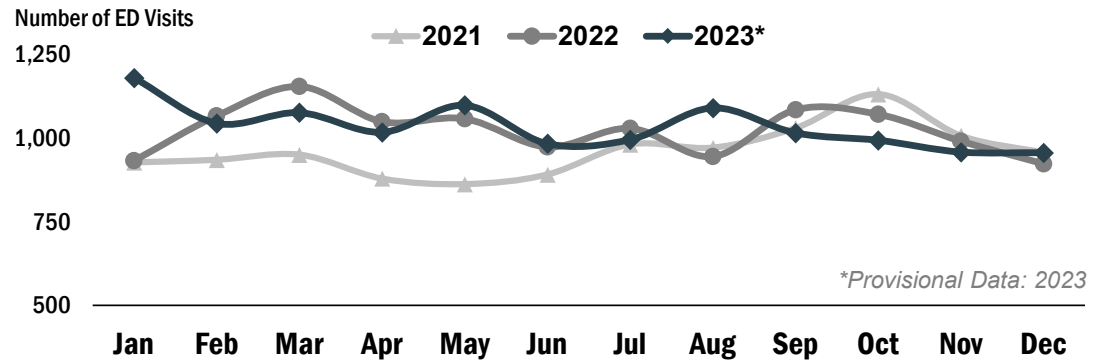
Total self-inflicted injury ED visits in 2023 increased by 1% compared to 2022.

Self-Inflicted Injury ED Visits: 2018-2023*



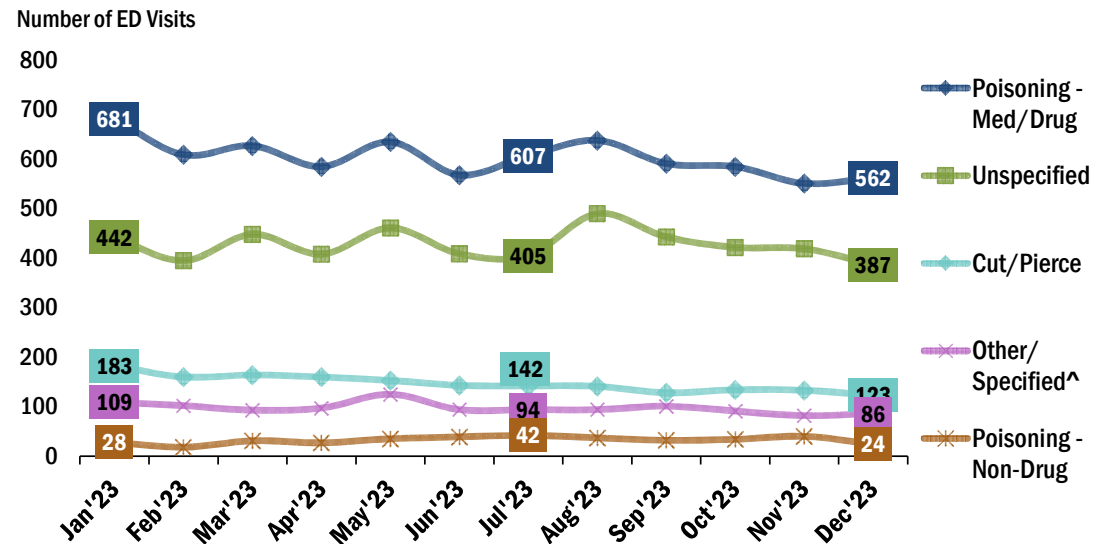
Note: There was an 18% decrease in overall ED utilization (for any cause) from 2019-2020. ED visits remained 11% lower in 2021 and 3% lower in 2022* compared to 2019.
 YTD: Year to Date *Provisional Data: 2023
 Percent change: YTD total compared to YTD total of previous year

Self-Inflicted Injury ED Visits by Month: 2021-2023*



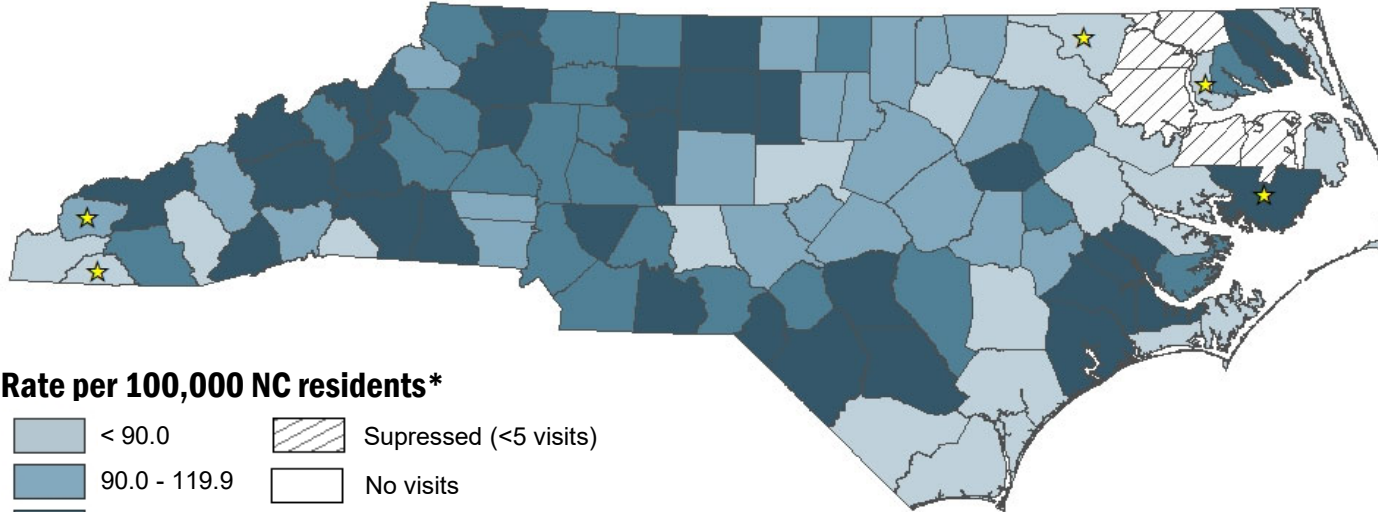
Most self-inflicted injury ED visits during Oct-Dec 2023* were due to medication/drug poisoning (58.4%).

Last 12 Months of Self-Inflicted Injury ED Visits by Injury Mechanism: Jan 2023-Dec 2023*

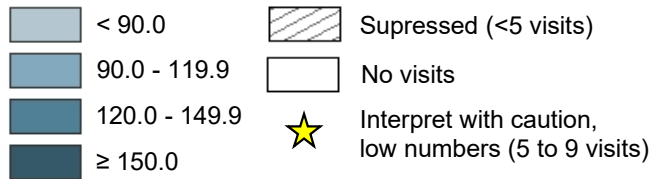


Injury mechanisms shown are not mutually exclusive and do not sum to the total number of self-inflicted injuries. For more information, see the IVPB [Injury Surveillance Technical Notes](#) Document.
^aOther specified includes suffocation (9%), fire/burn (8%), and firearm (7%); no additional detail was available for 64% of suicides with a code for other specified mechanism.
 *Provisional Data: 2023

Last 12 Months Self-Inflicted Injury ED Visit Rates by County of Residence: Jan 2023-Dec 2023*



Rate per 100,000 NC residents*



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Highest County Self-Inflicted Injury ED Visit Rates from the Last 12 Months, ≥10 visits: Jan 2023-Dec 2023*

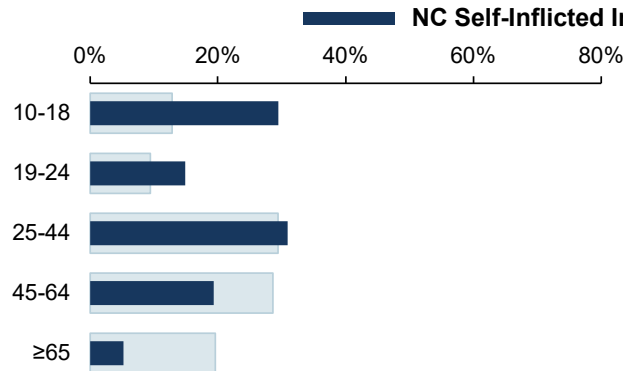
County	Count	Rate per 100,000 [†]
Anson	54	272.4
Jones	21	251.5
Mitchell	34	249.4
McDowell	86	213.2
Buncombe	514	207.0
Yadkin	47	206.8
Forsyth	661	192.2
Rutherford	111	190.3
Pasquotank	68	187.6
Madison	37	186.8
Alleghany	19	186.4
Camden	18	183.7
Statewide	12,417	131.0

[†]Please note that rates are calculated using the most recent 12 months of data and 2023 US Census population estimates. Counties listed in "Highest Monthly Rates of Self-Inflicted Injury[^] ED visits" table will likely change each quarter.

Quarterly Demographics of Self-Inflicted Injury ED Visits Compared to Overall NC Population Estimates

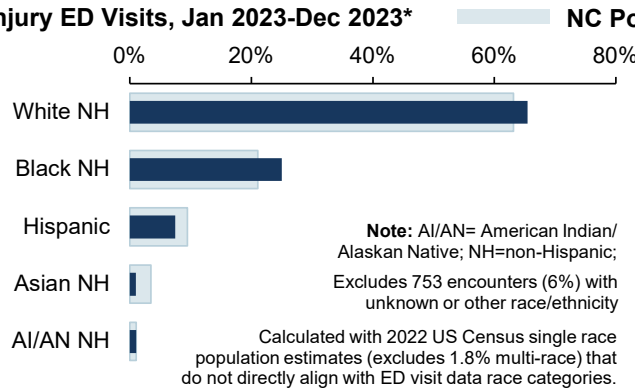
Most visits occurred among those ages 25-44 (31%) despite them making up only 29% of the population.

ED Visits by Age Group



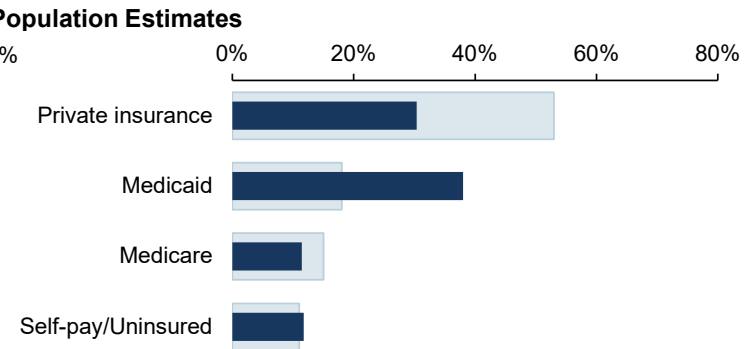
Most visits were among non-Hispanic (NH) white residents (65%) followed by NH Black residents (25%).

ED Visits by Race/Ethnicity



Most visits occurred among those with Medicaid (38%) followed by those with private insurance (30%).

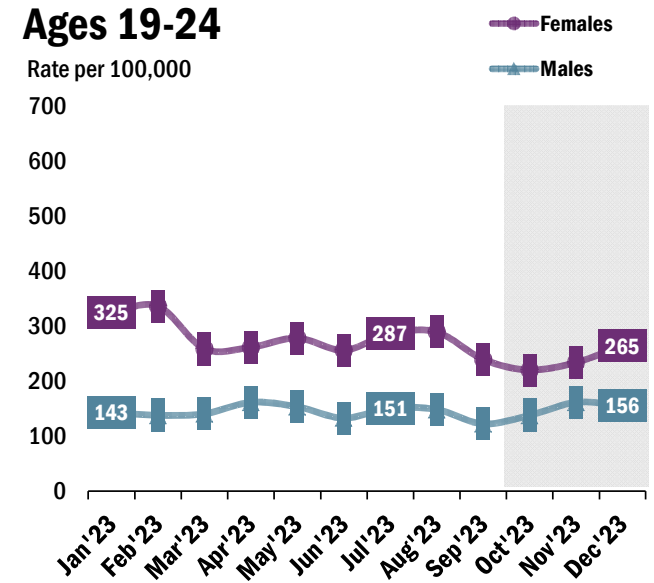
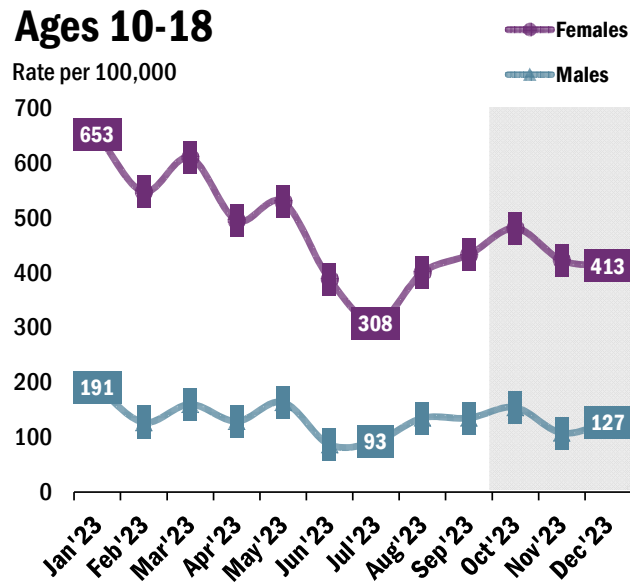
ED Visits by Insurance Coverage



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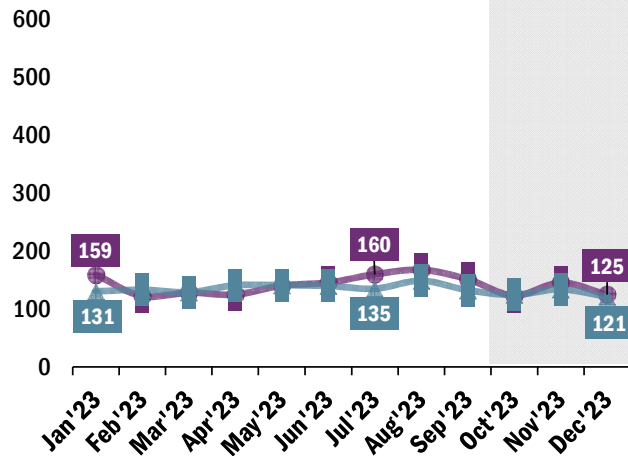
Rates of self-inflicted injury ED visits from Oct-Dec 2023* were highest among females ages 10-18 (439.1 per 100,000) followed by females ages 19-24 (239.8 per 100,000).

Among males, rates of self-inflicted injury ED visits were highest among those ages 19-24 (152.0 per 100,000).



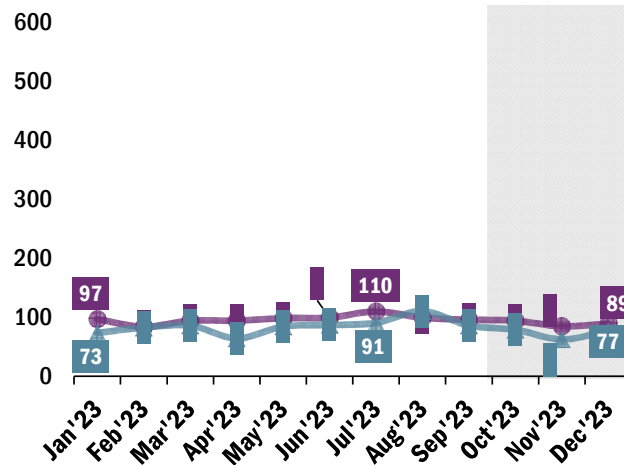
Ages 25-44

Rate per 100,000



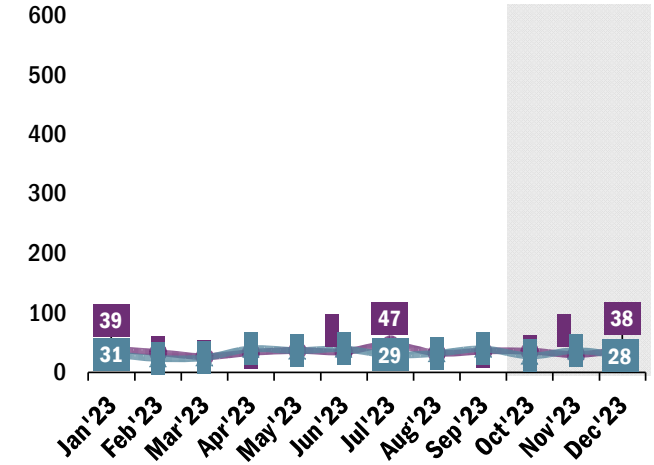
Ages 45-64

Rate per 100,000



Ages 65 and Older

Rate per 100,000



Data Sources: ED Data-NC DETECT is North Carolina's statewide syndromic surveillance system. ED visit data from NC DETECT are provisional and should not be considered final. For training on NC DETECT, contact ising@ad.unc.edu; **Population Data**-National Center for Health Statistics; **Insurance coverage Data**-Kaiser Family Foundation estimates based on the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 2008-2017, www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/total-population. Self-pay ED visits are compared to the uninsured overall population estimate category.

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