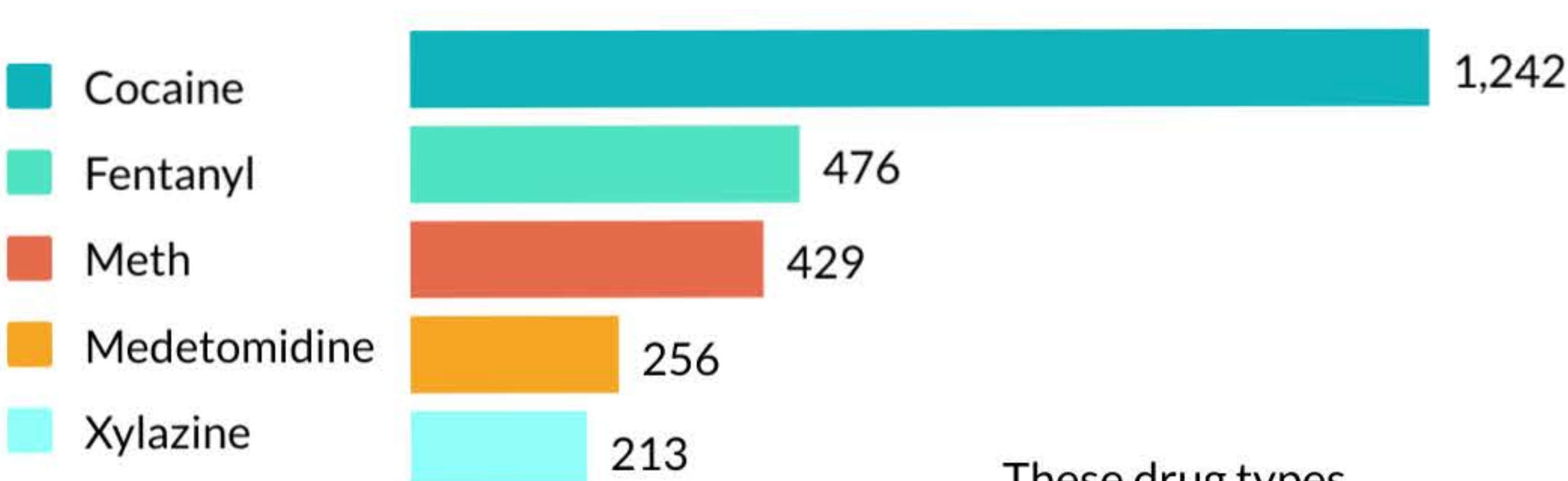
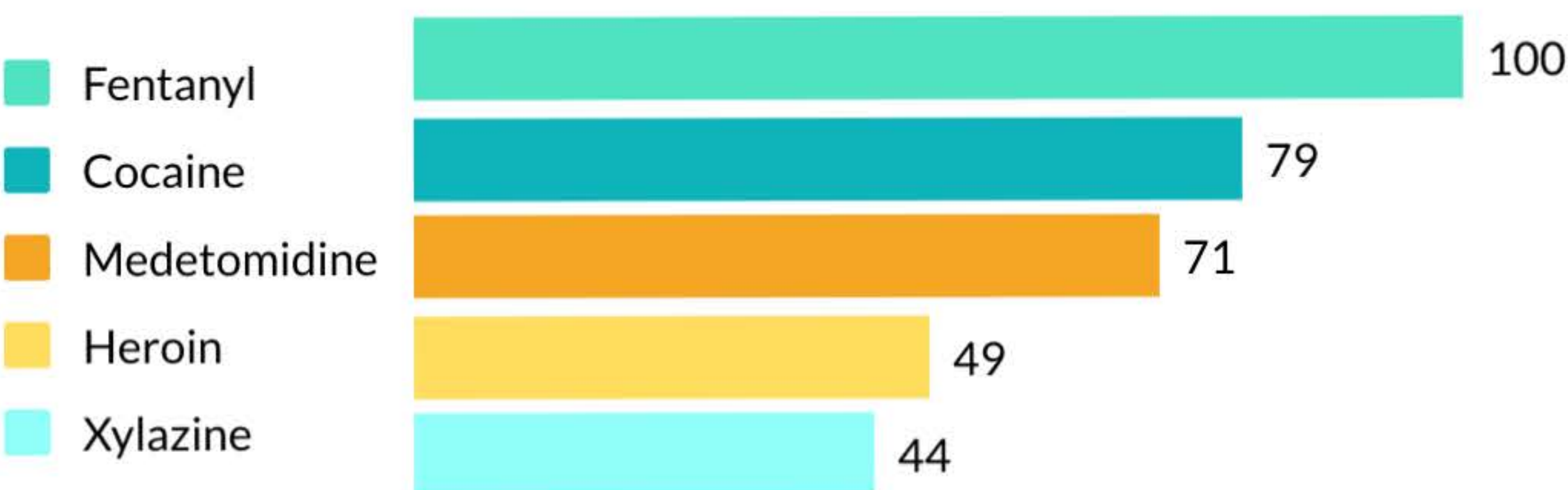
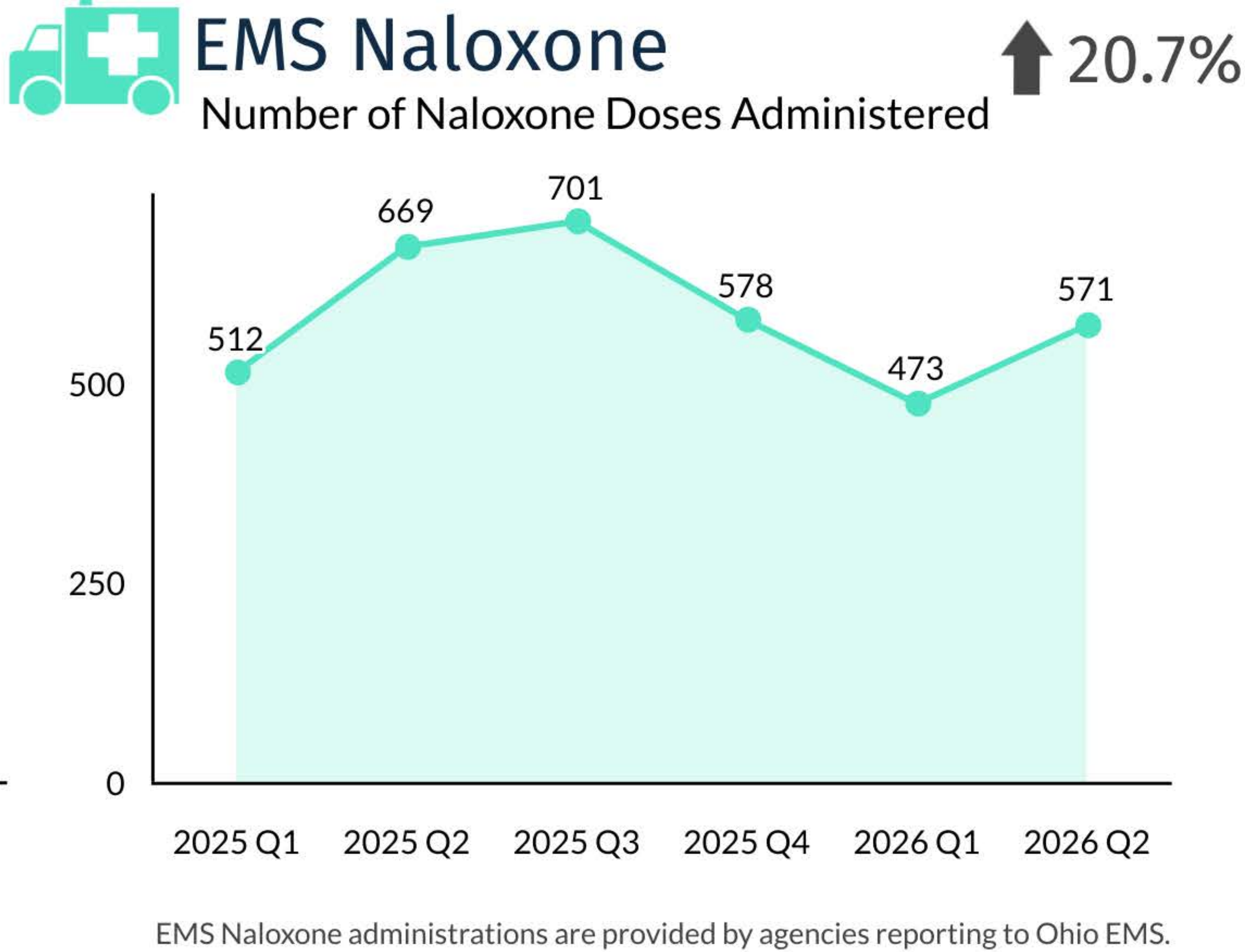
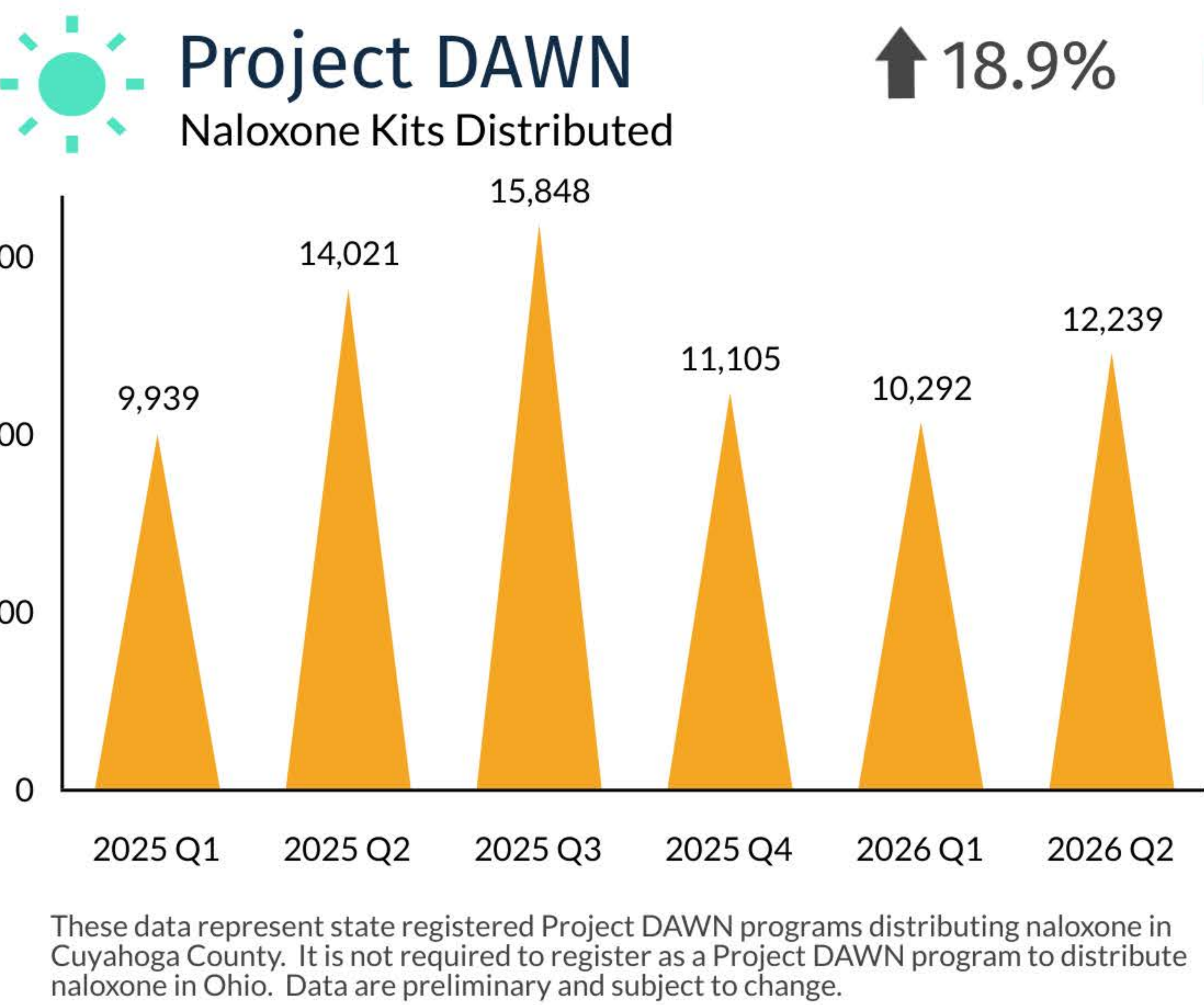
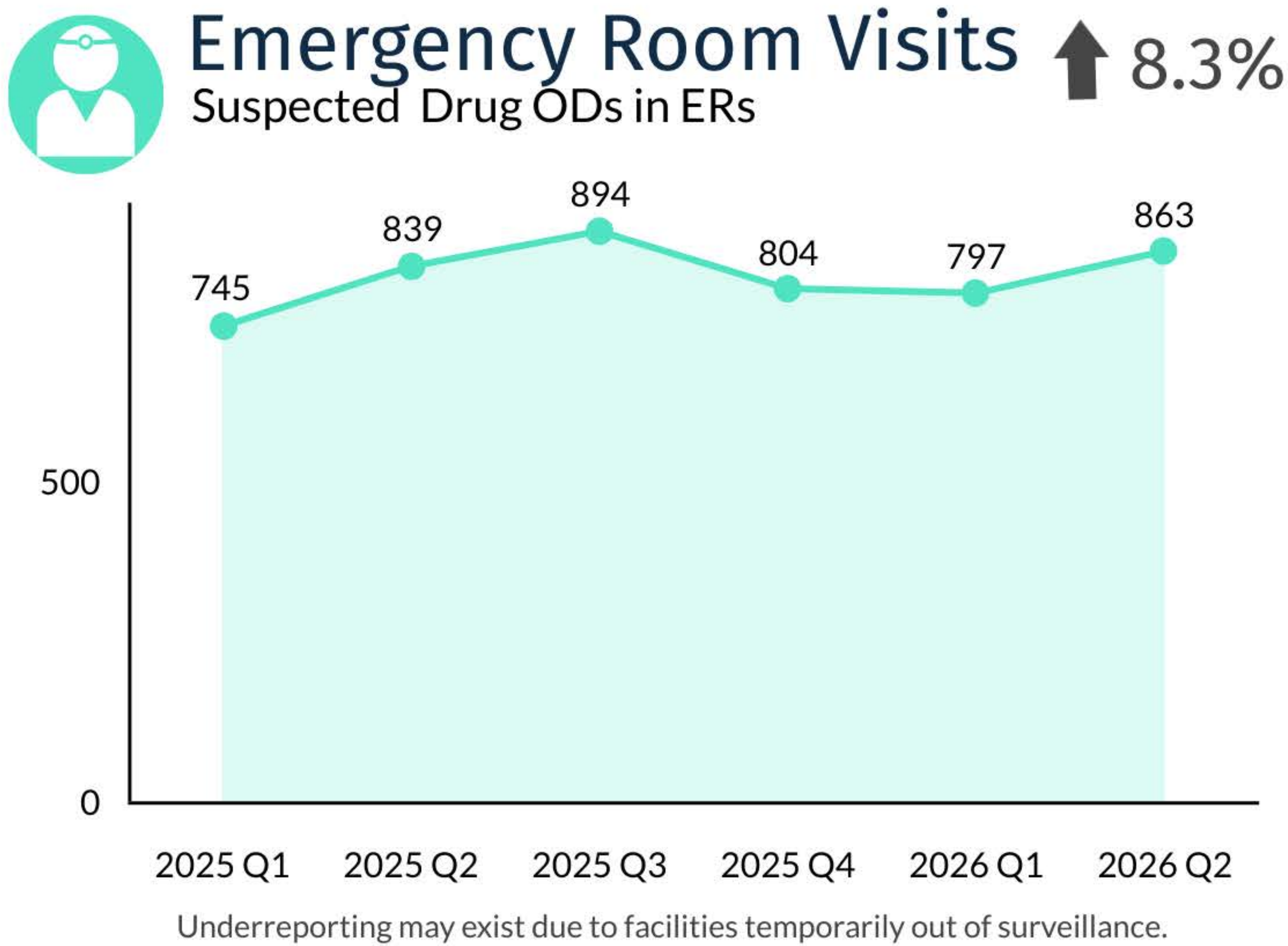
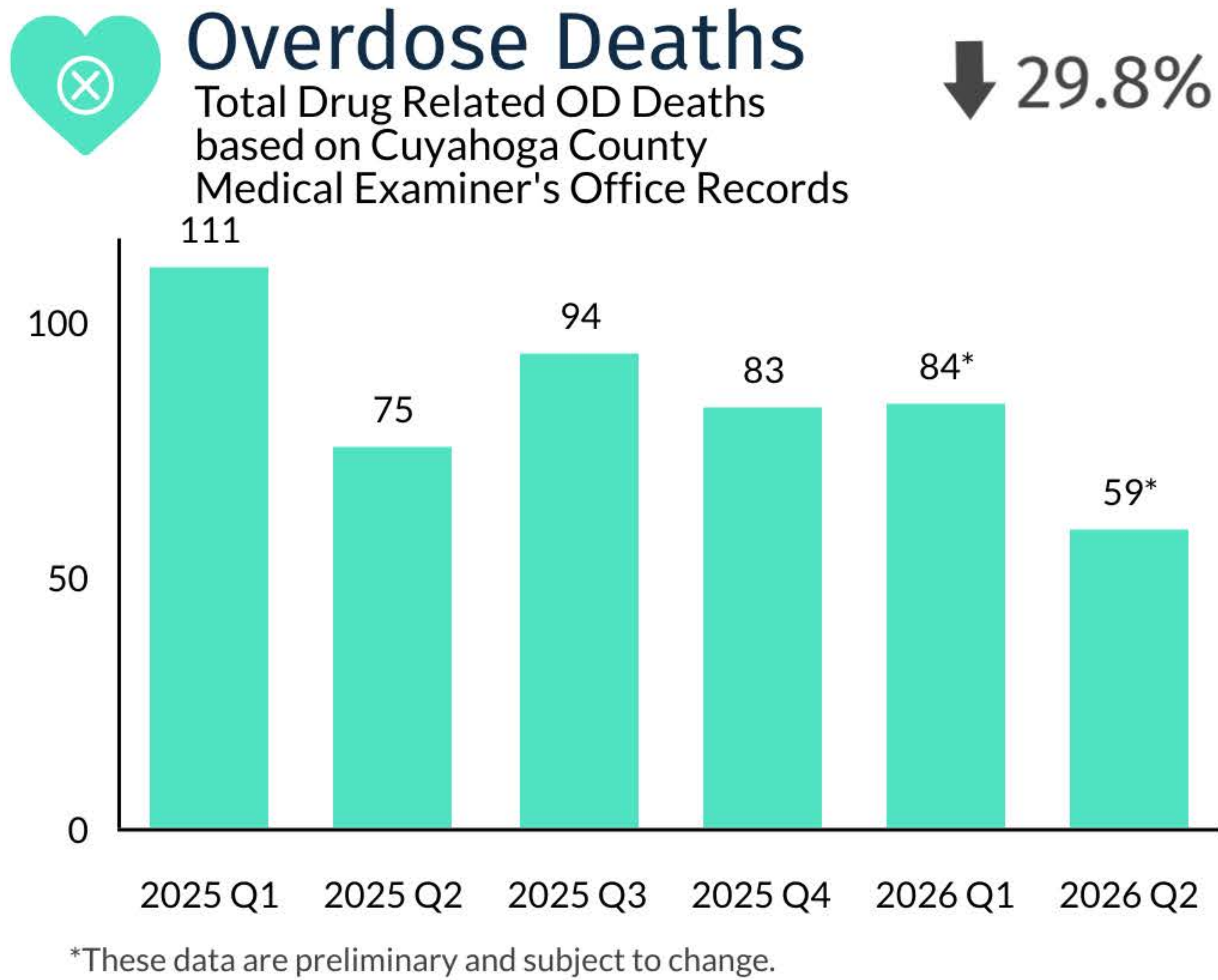




Overdose Data to Action Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Overdose data surveillance is intended to generate insight to drive more effective prevention and response activities by providing timely dissemination of drug overdose related trends.



Results from pilot drug checking program. Drug paraphernalia are collected from The Centers and The MetroHealth System's Syringe Service Programs (SSP). A sample may test positive for more than one substance. The top 5 drug types present in collected syringes, pipes, and cookers are shown.

These drug types accounted for 76% of all drug lab submissions this quarter

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office Reporting. Figure shows top 5 drug types present in lab tested seized drugs.



Overdose Alert Periods

EpiCenter Alerts:

Increases in emergency department visits for suspected drug overdose in Cuyahoga County

NONE in 2026 Q2

- Last alert occurred 3/14/2026
(8 anomalies in 32 hours - 21 cases)

CCMEO Alerts:

Increases in drug overdose-related fatalities in Cuyahoga County

NONE in 2026 Q2

- Last alert occurred 7/18/2023
(9 deaths in 24 hours)

The overdose alert periods are a combination of non-fatal overdose anomaly (spike) detections reported by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, also known as EpiCenter Alerts, and fatal overdose public health alerts issued by the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, shown by date.



Highlight

Signs of OD Campaign

On July 6, 2026 Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office launched the Signs of OD Campaign. This public health campaign aims to raise public awareness of recent changes in the overdose crisis, focusing on the following:

- Decreases in fentanyl-involved overdose deaths
- Cocaine is now the leading drug in overdose deaths
- Identifying signs and symptoms of a cocaine-involved overdose

The campaign runs through September 13, 2026.

Learn more at signsofOD.org

New Data Products Released

The OD2A team and partners have released new data reports:

- Cuyahoga County Pilot Drug Checking Program (OD2A LOCAL Component B) Infographic on Emerging Drugs
 - Available here: cuyahogacounty.gov/medical-examiner/resources/cuyahoga-county-drug-checking-program
- Cuyahoga County OD2A LOCAL Component C - Cascade of Care (Data Brief)
- 2025 Cuyahoga County Overdose Fatality Review Annual Report
- 2025 Cuyahoga County Drug Overdose Integrated Epidemiologic Profile
 - All available here: ccbh.net/overdose-data-dashboard/ (scroll or jump to Data Reports)



Important Findings / Trends

Increases or decreases are from Q1 2026 to Q2 2026 unless otherwise stated.
Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Quarter over Quarter:

Overall, fatal overdoses decreased by 29.8% over the last quarter.¹ The number of persons presenting to emergency departments for suspected drug overdose increased by 8.3%.²

Opioid prescribing data (not shown) are not yet available for this quarter.³ There was a 18.9% increase in the number of Project DAWN naloxone kits distributed from quarter 1 of 2026 to quarter 2 of 2026.⁴ EMS naloxone administrations increased by 20.7%.⁵

From April to June 2026, 198 samples (152 syringes, 45 pipes, 1 cooker) were tested to identify what major drugs were present. Fentanyl (100) was the most prevalent, followed by cocaine (79), medetomidine (71), heroin (49), and xylazine (44).

From April to June 2026, cocaine ranked highest in the number of lab submissions (1,242) to the Cuyahoga County Regional Forensics Science Lab (CCRFS), followed by fentanyl (476). Lab submissions of cocaine increased by 11%, fentanyl decreased by 3%, methamphetamine decreased by 18%, medetomidine increased by 32%, and xylazine increased by 43% from last quarter.

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<https://www.ccbh.net/overdose-data-dashboard/>

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Data Sources and Notes:

1 Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office Updates at <https://www.cuyahogacounty.gov/medical-examiner/resources/overdose-statistics>

2 Emergency Department Visits for Suspected Drug Overdose Among Cuyahoga County Residents. EpiCenter. Ohio Department of Health. Data used for this report is accessed by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Similar data is available to the public at <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/violence-injury-prevention-program/Suspected-OD-Dashboard2>

3 Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. Ohio Board of Pharmacy. Available <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Oarrs/Stats>

4 Ohio Department of Health, Violence and Injury Prevention Section - Project DAWN Monthly Distribution Logs. Analyzed by Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

5 Ohio EMS. Naloxone Administration Doses, by County. "Naloxone Watch" Available <https://www.ems.ohio.gov/#gsc.tab=0>