

OPIOID SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY

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This summary¹ provides local and provincial surveillance information. For some indicators, there is a lag time to receive data, so data are shown for the most recent complete month available. For more detailed provincial and local data visit [Public Health Ontario's Interactive Opioid Tool](#) and the [Ontario Opioid Indicator Tool](#).

EMERGING ISSUES & NEW RESOURCES

- **National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW) is Nov 19-25th**... Stay tuned for local events including an information session on Xylazine, hosted by R.O.C.K. & Peer-2-Peer on Wed Nov 22nd from 5-8pm at Studio One in Chatham (75 William St N). Get tickets to this FREE event at tinyurl.com/whatisxylazine.
- **Register Now** for a webinar happening in partnership with the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) to share the story of the Peer-2-Peer Program (November 29th from 12-1pm; Register here: <https://nccdh.ca/workshops-events/entry/fourth-covid-19-conversation-series>)
- To learn more about CK's Drug Strategy development, visit www.LetsTalkChatham-Kent.ca/CKMunicipalDrugStrategy

CHATHAM-KENT ACTIVITY

EMS Calls ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 suspect opioid poisoning-related calls to CK EMS in September (51 to date in 2023) (Figure 1)• 12 non-opioid drug related calls to CK EMS in September (97 to date in 2023)
Emergency Department Visits ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 opioid poisoning-related ED visits <u>by CK residents</u> in September (79 to date in 2023 or 72.7 per 100,000) (Figure 1)• 8 opioid poisoning-related ED visits <u>to CK hospitals</u> in September (97 to date in 2023)
Deaths ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 suspect drug-related deaths in CK in September (23 to date in 2023 or 21.2 per 100,000; 49 deaths in 2022) (Figure 1)• 9 confirmed opioid poisoning deaths in CK between January and June 2023 (37 deaths in 2022 or 34.2 per 100,000) (Figure 1)
OVERALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of opioid poisoning-related EMS calls, ED visits and suspect drug deaths were similar to previous months. CK's rate of ED visits and suspect drug deaths for 2023 to date are higher than the province. Data for 2022 shows CK experienced a significantly higher rate of opioid poisoning deaths compared to the province (34.2 versus 16.5 per 100,000).

PROVINCIAL ACTIVITY

Emergency Department Visits ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 779 opioid poisoning-related ED visits in September (9432 to date in 2023 or 61.4 per 100,000)
Deaths ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 278 suspect drug-related deaths in September (2704 to date in 2023 or 17.6 per 100,000; 3678 deaths in 2022)• 1058 confirmed opioid poisoning deaths between January and June 2023 (2489 deaths in 2022 or 16.5 per 100,000)
OVERALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of ED visits and suspect drug deaths remained lower compared to summer months. Suspect drug deaths although decreasing are still higher compared to pre-pandemic (2019).

Figure 1. Opioid poisoning-related ED visits and EMS calls and suspect drug-related and confirmed opioid poisoning deaths in Chatham-Kent, January 2019 to September 2023

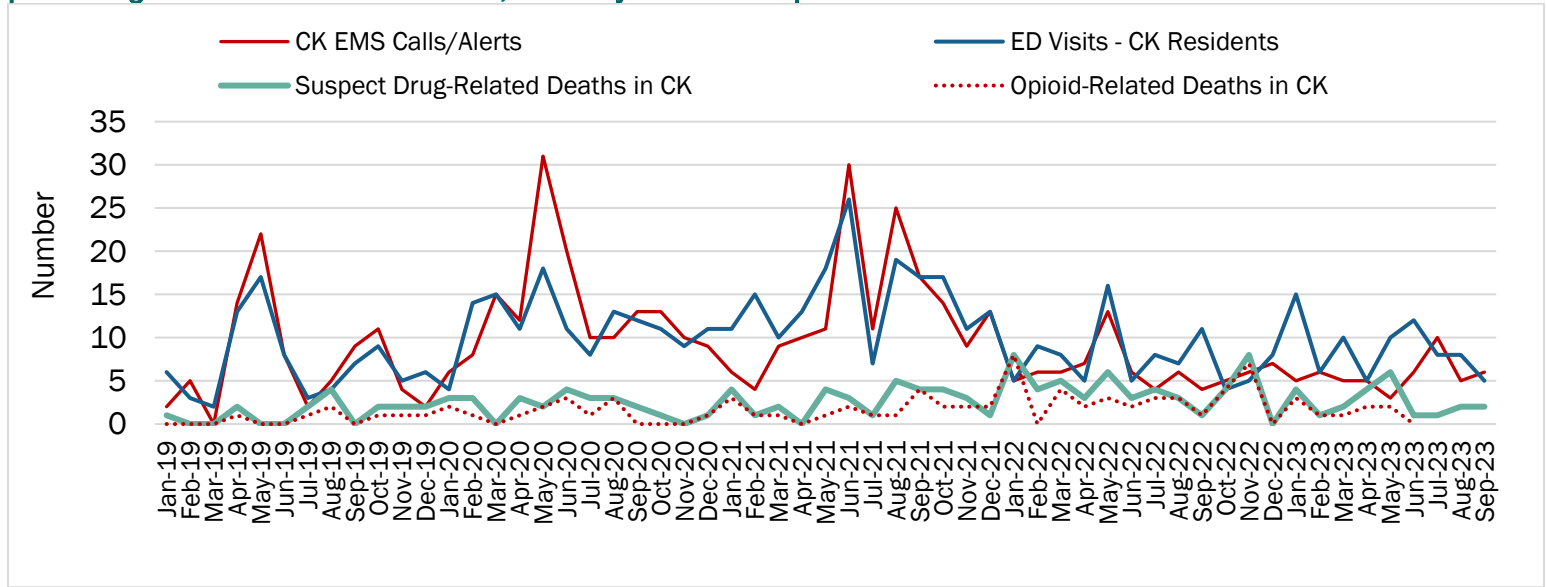
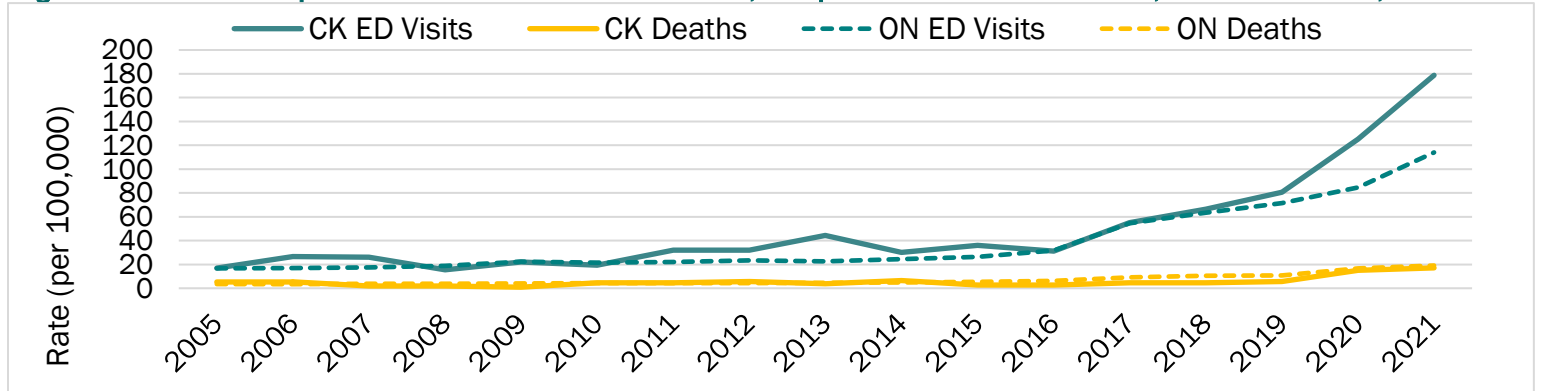


Figure 2. Rates⁴ of opioid overdose-related ED visits, hospitalizations and deaths, Chatham-Kent, 2005-21



NOTES

- ¹Content and format of this information summary has been adapted from Lambton Public Health
- ²EMS calls up to and including September 2023 are based on calls for service by month provided by Chatham-Kent EMS for suspected opioid-related calls.
- ³Emergency department visits were provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Weekly emergency department visits for opioid overdose Week 28: October 9-15, 2023). All Ontario hospitals are required to report cases of opioid overdose presenting in their EDs to the Canadian Institute for Health Information. Results are considered preliminary and subject to change as emergency departments continue to submit data. Rates are based on 2022-2023 population projections, and 2019-2021 population estimates.
- ⁴2019 to 2023 suspect drug-related deaths and confirmed opioid deaths are based on the Monthly Summary table provided by the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario, October 13, 2023. 2005 to 2021 ED visits, hospitalizations and deaths were obtained from Public Health Ontario's [Interactive Opioid Tool](#). Opioid-related deaths include confirmed deaths only, are considered preliminary and are subject to change as remaining cases are closed by the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario.

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