

# Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Opioid Overdose Monthly Surveillance Report

Report Time Period: 9/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

This report represents EMS responses involving an opioid overdose and/or use of naloxone medication. This report reflects only those records which were submitted to the Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS) for the specified time period.

#### **Definitions**

County/Region/Accountable Community of Health: Location in which incident occurred.

**Improved Naloxone Response:** Naloxone administered to patient and resulted in an improved patient response.

**Opioid Impression:** Opioid was indicated by the EMS provider using any of the following ICD10 Codes for the primary impression, secondary impression or cause of injury: F11, T40.0-T40.4 & T40.6

**Suspected Overdose:** Either improved Naloxone response or opioid impression present in a single patient record

**Total EMS Unit Responses to Suspected Overdoses:** Count of unique EMS unit responses to suspected overdose incident (may include duplicate incidents reported by multiple responding EMS units).

# of Licensed EMS Services Reporting to WEMSIS: The number of licensed EMS services that submitted data to WEMSIS for the current or previous report period out of all licensed EMS services. Non-WEMSIS participating EMS Aid services whose data are captured through a WEMSIS participating transport EMS ambulance service, are not included.

**Estimated % of EMS Responses Reported to WEMSIS:** Estimated percent of annual EMS responses reported to WEMSIS. Estimated from the WA DOH Integrated Licensing and Regulatory System (ILRS).

## **Key Limitations and Warnings**

- 1) The proportion of all EMS responses captured in WEMSIS varies by county. Not all EMS services in a county report to WEMSIS. As a result, not all opioid related responses may be reflected.
- Information captured in the narrative is not reflected in this report. Report accuracy may be affected by use
  of narrative in place of discrete fields to capture naloxone administration and opioid overdose impression or
  cause of injury.
- 3) "Improved Naloxone Response" and "Opioid Impression" contain common responses and should not be added together to obtain a total count. "Suspected Overdose" reflects the unduplicated combination of these fields.

#### **Additional Information**

- This report is produced by Washington State Department of Health, Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System and the Injury and Violence Prevention Program.
- Information provided in this report is subject to change as a result of updated or additional records being added to WEMSIS. Other reports produced from this data source may yield varying results. Similar reports produced from other sources may vary due to data source and definition differences.
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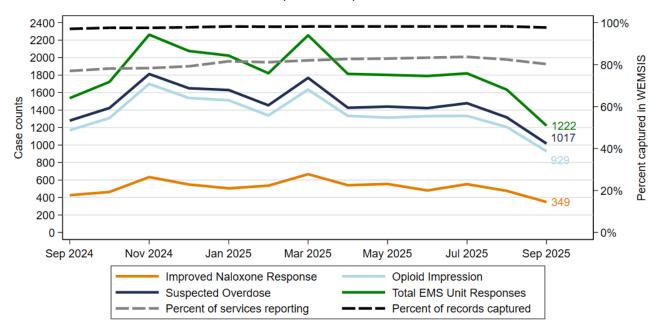
EMS Region	Improved Naloxone Response	Opioid Impression	Suspected Overdose	Total EMS Unit Responses to Suspected Overdoses	# of Licensed EMS Services Reporting to WEMSIS	Estimated % of EMS Responses Reported to WEMSIS
Statewide	349	929	1017	1222	370 of 461	98%
Central	60	322	328	438	30 of 33	100%
East	75	164	175	213	59 of 73	99%
North	40	115	124	134	66 of 80	95%
North Central	10	19	22	22	30 of 45	95%
Northwest	21	46	49	53	29 of 34	92%
South Central	49	72	103	117	48 of 61	99%
Southwest	25	53	61	71	41 of 52	99%
West	69	138	155	174	67 of 83	97%

Accountable Community of Health	Improved Naloxone Response	Opioid Impression	Suspected Overdose	Total EMS Unit Responses to Suspected Overdoses	# of Licensed EMS Services Reporting to WEMSIS	Estimated % of EMS Responses Reported to WEMSIS	
Better Health Together (BHT)	1	163	172	210	45 of 52	99%	
Cascade Pacific Action Alliance (CPAA)		68	79	94	75 of 86	98%	
Greater Columbia (GC ACH)	1	73	106	120	62 of 82	99%	
King County (King)	60	322	328	438	30 of 33	100%	
North Central (NCACH)	10	19	22	22	30 of 45	95%	
North Sound (NSACH)	40	115	124	134	66 of 80	95%	
Olympic Community of Health (OCH)	1	40	43	47	20 of 24	91%	
Pierce County (Pierce)	40	93	101	105	20 of 27	96%	
Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance (SWWA RHA)		36	42	52	22 of 32	100%	



#### **EMS Opioid Responses**

Sep 2024 - Sep 2025



Month	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025
Improved Naloxone Response	427	464	634	549	505	536	667	541	555	481	553	476	349
Opioid Impression	1170	1309	1700	1539	1513	1339	1635	1334	1314	1331	1334	1207	929
Suspected Overdose	1280	1424	1813	1650	1630	1455	1769	1427	1440	1423	1479	1317	1017
Total EMS Unit Responses	1537	1723	2263	2076	2024	1822	2256	1814	1803	1790	1820	1634	1222
Percent of services reporting	77%	78%	78%	79%	82%	81%	82%	83%	83%	83%	84%	82%	80%
Percent of records captured	97%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%

Source: Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS), WA Department of Health, 2024-2025

## **Data Summary:**

- Suspected opioid overdoses reported have decreased by 22.8% in Sep 2025 compared to Aug 2025.
- ♦ Total EMS Responses to opioid overdoses reported have decreased by 25.2% in Sep 2025 compared to Aug 2025.
- Future reports may vary as records are updated by EMS services.

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