

### **Opioid Surveillance Summary**

October 2023

The report includes data from the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) catchment area, which includes the Timiskaming District and Temagami.

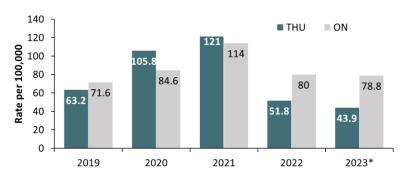
Rates for 2023 are annualized (what you would expect to see if rates continued for the whole year), unless otherwise stated. Annualized rates make it easier to compare to previous years.

### Emergency Department (ED) Visits<sup>1,2</sup>

## Hospitalizations<sup>1,3</sup>

#### 2019-2023\* (Sept)

Rate of **confirmed** opioid-related ED visits, Timiskaming and Ontario

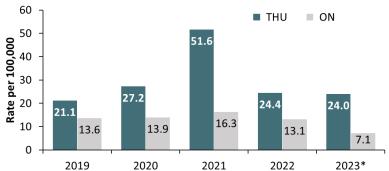


In Timiskaming, most ED visits in 2019-2022 were among individuals aged 25 to 44.

In 2022, there were **129.1 visits** per 100,000.

2019-2023\* (March)

Rate of **confirmed** opioid-related hospitalizations, Timiskaming and Ontario



In Timiskaming, most hospitalizations in 2019-2022 were individuals aged 45 to 64.

In **2022**, there were **32.9** hospitalizations per 100,000.



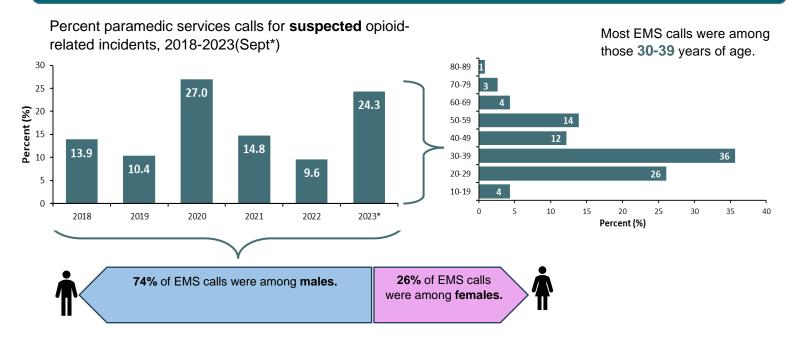
In Timiskaming, most ED visits, and hospitalizations in 2021-2022 occurred in MALES<sup>1</sup>.

Male ED visit rate: 113.4 per 100,000.

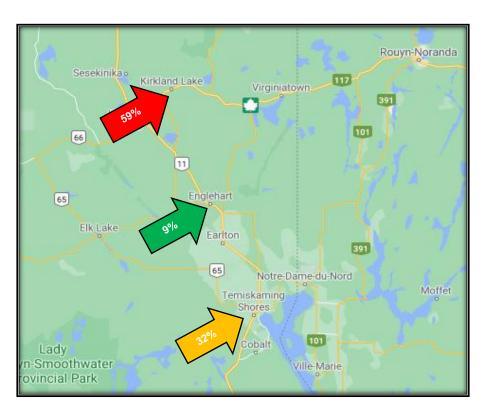
Male hospitalization rate: 46 per 100,000. Female ED visit rate: 60.4 per 100,000.

Female hospitalization rate: 30.2 per 100,000.

# Emergency Services (EMS) Calls in Timiskaming<sup>4</sup>



### 2018-2022: EMS calls for Suspected Opioid Incidents by Hospital Location<sup>4</sup>



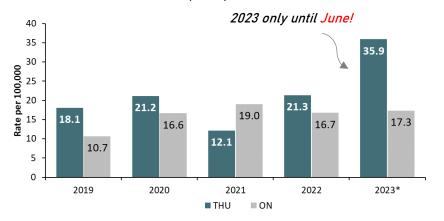
Blanche River Health – Kirkland Lake 59%

**Temiskaming Hospital - 32%** 

Blanche River Health - Englehart 9%

### Deaths1,5,6

Rate of **confirmed** opioid-related deaths, Timiskaming and Ontario, 2019-2023\*(June)



\*2023 and 2022 deaths are confirmed & probable

In Timiskaming, **MALES** had a higher rate of opioid-related deaths compared to females from **2021-2022**.

Male Death Rate **27.6 per 100,000** 

Female Death Rate **6.0 per 100,000** 

In **2022**, most deaths were among individuals aged **45 to 64**.



54.9 visits per 100,000.

**Confirmed & probable** cumulative death rate <sup>5</sup> in 2023 (January to June) and absolute count:

**Timiskaming\*:** 18.0 per 100,000 (6 deaths)

**Ontario\*:** 8.6 per 100,000 (**1324** deaths)

Cumulative death rate<sup>5</sup> for the same period in **2022**:

**Timiskaming**: 15.2 per 100,000 (**5** deaths)

\*Rates above are **NOT** annualized for 2023

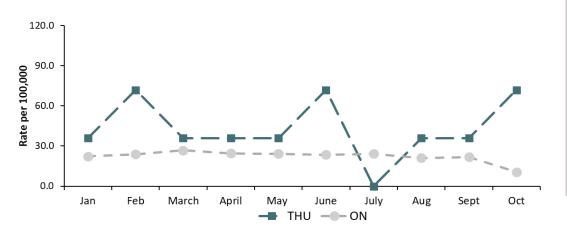
The most common opioid present at time of death in 2022<sup>6</sup>:

**Timiskaming:** FENTANYL (all types) was present in **71%** of all opioid-related deaths

**Ontario:** FENTANYL (all types) was present in **84%** of all opioid-related deaths.

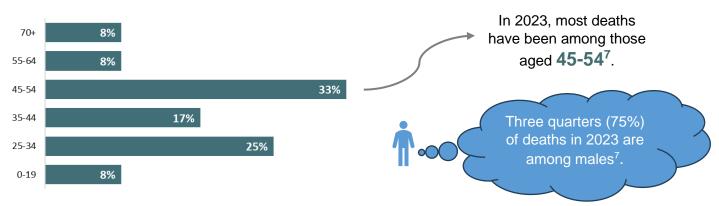
## 2023: Suspected Drug Related Deaths<sup>5,7</sup>

Rate of suspected drug-related deaths, Timiskaming and Ontario, 2023(Jan to Oct\*)



In Timiskaming, there have been 12 suspected-drug related deaths in 2023 so far.

For the same period (Jan-Oct) in **2022**, there were **14** suspected-drug related deaths.



## Naloxone Use in Timiskaming<sup>8,9</sup>

Naloxone was administered **71** times from **2018-2023** during EMS opioid-related incidents<sup>4</sup>.

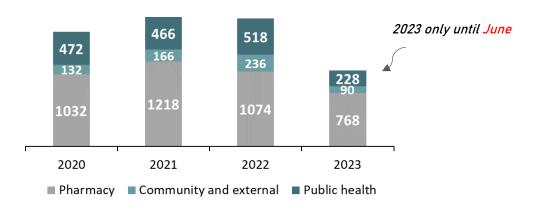
2018:

2019: 8 2020: 22

2021: 10 2022: 10 2023: 11

Naloxone doses distributed, by distributor, 2020-2023 (June\*).8

2023 only until Sept



#### **Notes**

- 2023 data is preliminary and therefore, is subject to change.
- Rates are calculated using the listed place of residence at the time of incident.
- Rates in regions with small populations such as Timiskaming should be interpreted with caution as they can be easily influenced by a small number of deaths.
- For more detailed provincial and local data visit Public Health Ontario's Interactive Opioid Tool.

#### Limitations

- ED visit and hospitalization data only captures those who visit the ED/are hospitalized and may not reflect the total burden on the population.
- Ontario residents who visit an ED, are hospitalized, or die outside the province are not captured.

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