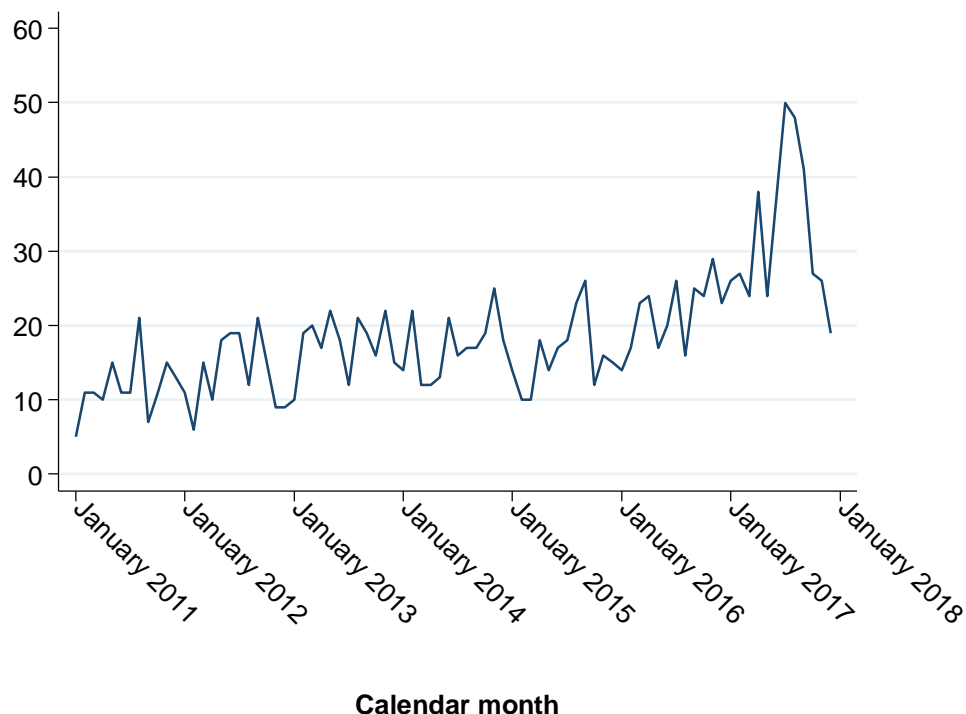


## Document 2

### Opioid overdoses in Ottawa

Opioid overdoses have been increasing over time but 2017 has seen the largest burden of opioid overdose-related emergency departments to date in Ottawa with approximately 30 opioid overdoses per month (Figure 1). The most opioid overdose-related emergency department visits occurred in July through September of 2017 with an average of 46 visits per month. In the 3 months in 2017 for which data is available (March- June<sup>1</sup>), there were 21 confirmed or probable fatalities related to opioids<sup>2</sup>: just over half of that seen during the entire year in 2016 (40 deaths).

**Figure 1: Opioid overdose emergency department visits in Ottawa hospitals: 2011 - 2017**



#### Sources:

1. National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS) 2011-June 2017. Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO, Date Extracted: Jan 17, 2018

2. Weekly emergency department visits for opioid overdose. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care July–December 2017

[Data Table for Figure 1](#)

<sup>1</sup> Mortality data is only available for three months in 2017 because of abstraction processes and data system changes.

<sup>2</sup> This data should be considered preliminary and is subject to change as remaining cases are closed by the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario.

**Table 1: Opioid overdose emergency department visits in Ottawa hospitals. Data table for Figure 1**

Month-year	Overdose count	Month-year	Overdose count	Month-year	Overdose count
Jan 2011	5	Jul 2013	12	Jan 2016	14
Feb 2011	11	Aug 2013	21	Feb 2016	17
Mar 2011	11	Sep 2013	19	Mar 2016	23
Apr 2011	10	Oct 2013	16	Apr 2016	24
May 2011	15	Nov 2013	22	May 2016	17
Jun 2011	11	Dec 2013	15	Jun 2016	20
Jul 2011	11	Jan 2014	14	Jul 2016	26
Aug 2011	21	Feb 2014	22	Aug 2016	16
Sep 2011	7	Mar 2014	12	Sep 2016	25
Oct 2011	11	Apr 2014	12	Oct 2016	24
Nov 2011	15	May 2014	13	Nov 2016	29
Dec 2011	13	Jun 2014	21	Dec 2016	23
Jan 2012	11	Jul 2014	16	Jan 2017	26
Feb 2012	6	Aug 2014	17	Feb 2017	27
Mar 2012	15	Sep 2014	17	Mar 2017	24
Apr 2012	10	Oct 2014	19	Apr 2017	38
May 2012	18	Nov 2014	25	May 2017	24
Jun 2012	19	Dec 2014	18	Jun 2017	37
Jul 2012	19	Jan 2015	14	Jul 2017	50
Aug 2012	12	Feb 2015	10	Aug 2017	48
Sep 2012	21	Mar 2015	10	Sep 2017	41
Oct 2012	15	Apr 2015	18	Oct 2017	27
Nov 2012	9	May 2015	14	Nov 2017	26
Dec 2012	9	Jun 2015	17	Dec 2017	19
Jan 2013	10	Jul 2015	18		
Feb 2013	19	Aug 2015	23		
Mar 2013	20	Sep 2015	26		
Apr 2013	17	Oct 2015	12		
May 2013	22	Nov 2015	16		
Jun 2013	18	Dec 2015	15		

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