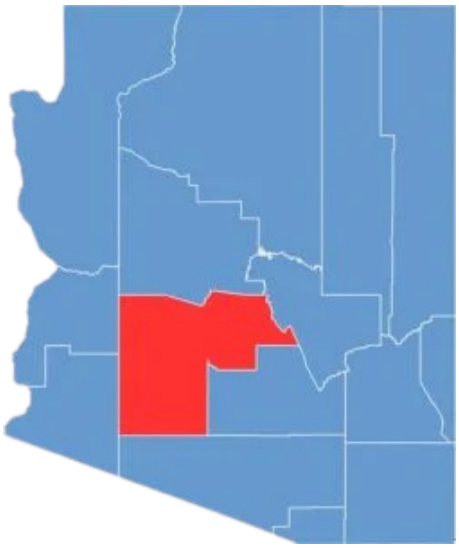
Maricopa County Monthly Report

Banner Poison and Drug Information Center



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Total Case Breakdown

Total Cases: **2,851**

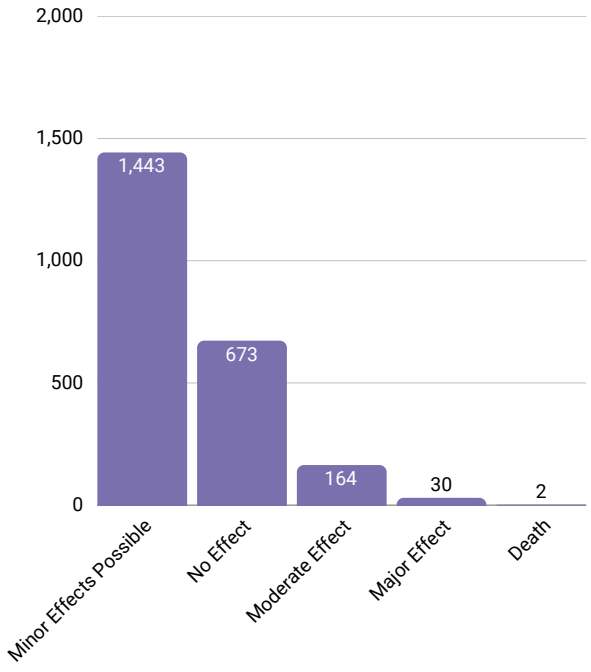
*Information Cases: **200**

Healthcare Facility (HCF) Cases: **600**

Total Exposure Cases: **2,651**

**Information cases are non-exposure, meaning they are cases in which people called the poison center requesting more information on a specific substance/item/etc.*

Medical Outcome for Exposure Cases



The majority of April exposure cases had minor effects. A total of 30 cases in Maricopa County resulted in major patient effects.

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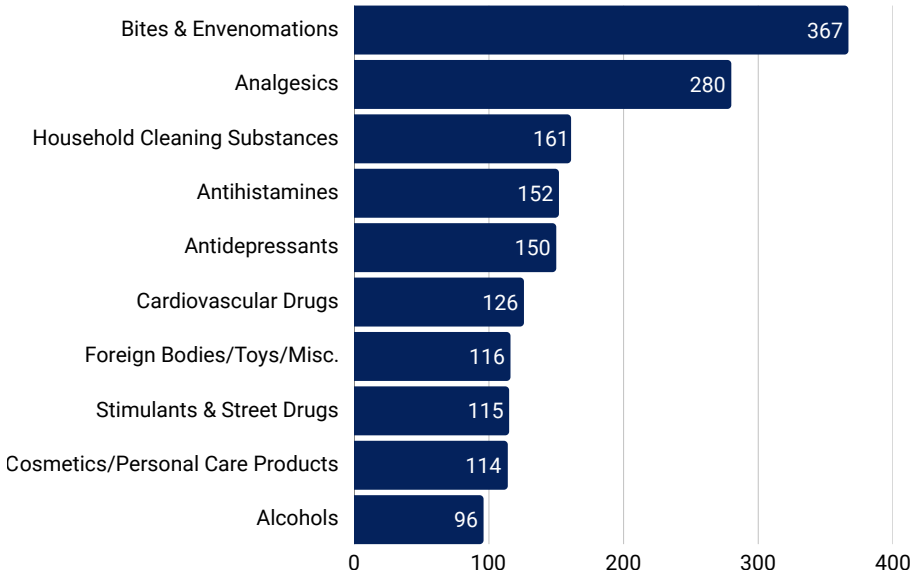
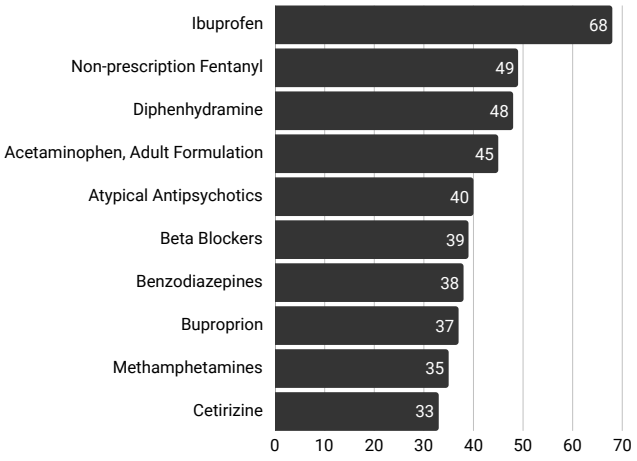
Exposure Statistics

Total Human Exposures: **2,630**

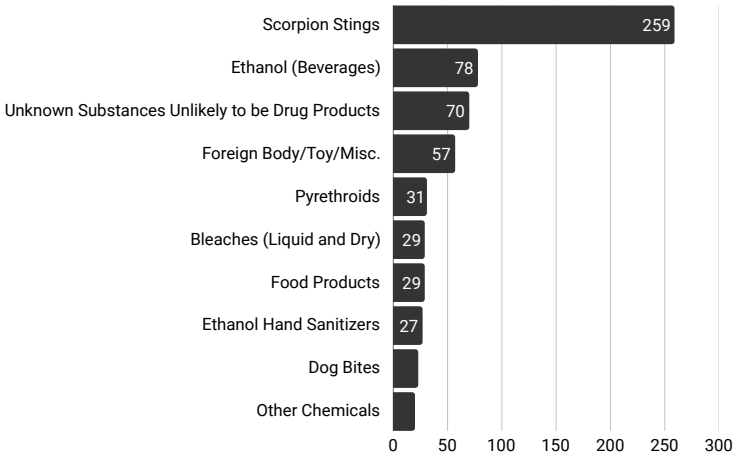
Top 10 Exposure Categories- Apr. 2026



Top 10 Exposure Substances- Drug Category



Top 10 Exposure Substances- Non-drug Category



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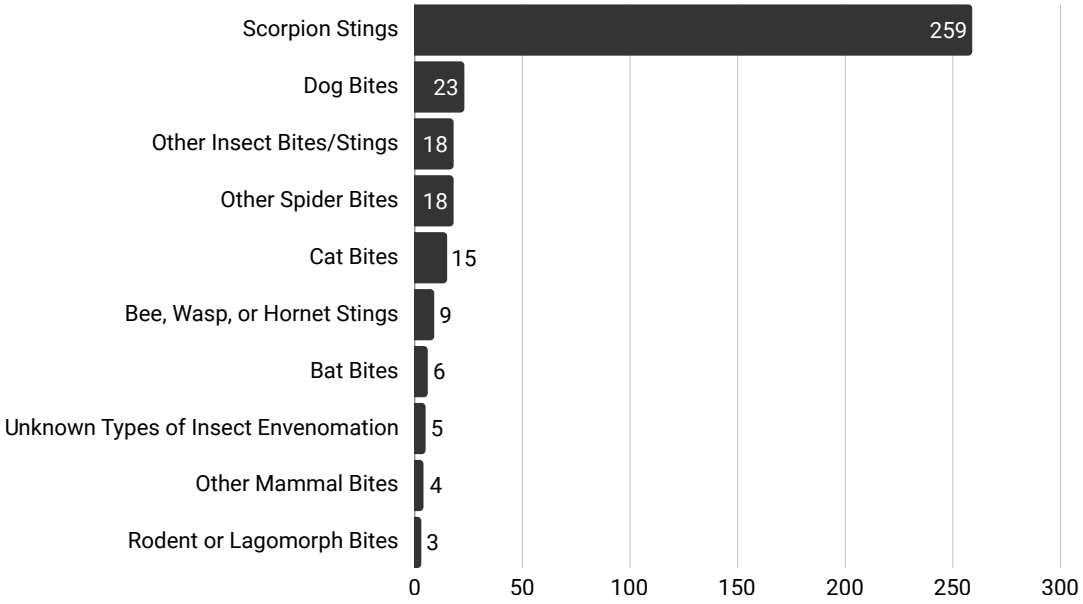
Bites & Stings

Residing in the venom capital of the US, the Banner Poison Center manages thousands of envenomation cases per year. A majority of these envenomations are scorpion stings, which increase in the warmer months, although cases are reported throughout the entire year.

With the increase in temperatures came more rattlesnake bites this month. The BPDIC managed two rattlesnake bites in the month of April.

Top 10 Bites & Stings Cases- April 2026



With the help of epidemiologists at the Maricopa County Health Department, specially trained poison center nurses will advise patients that have experienced mammalian bites on whether rabies treatment is necessary.

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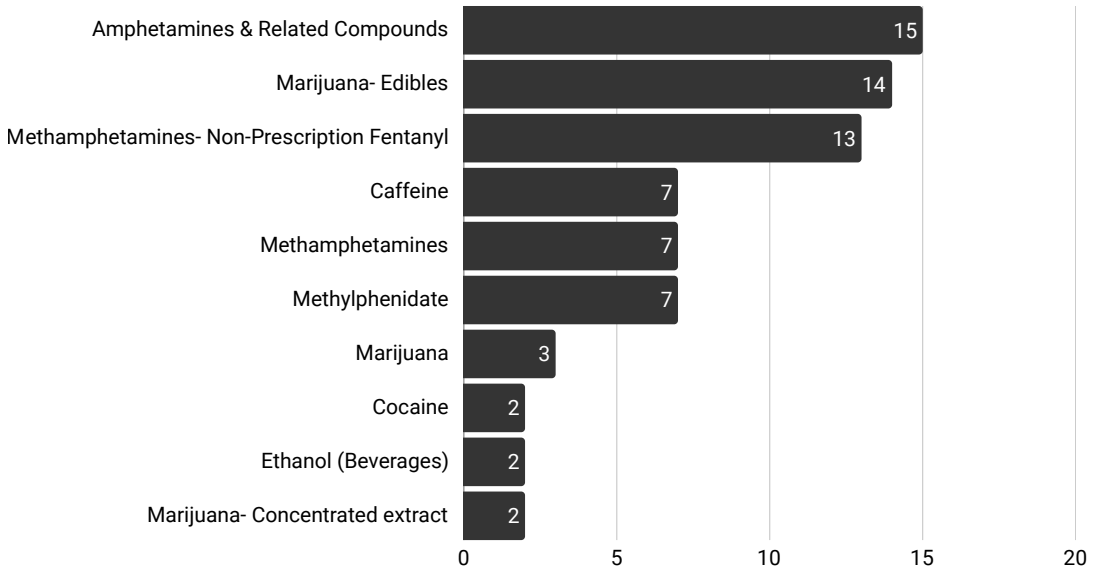
Stimulants & Street Drugs

On a monthly basis, Stimulants & Street Drugs claim a spot in the top 10 human exposure substances list. These cases may be calls placed by physicians seeking help with a treatment plan for a patient already in a healthcare facility, a person who is seeking resources related to drug use treatment, overdose related calls, and more.

The following graph shows the top 10 substances within the Stimulants & Street Drugs category that the BPDIC received a call for in the month of April.

Top 10 Stimulants & Street Drugs Exposure Substances- April 2026



Kratom, a plant-derived product that mimics the effects of an opioid, is becoming a more prevalent substance that poison centers nationwide receive calls about. This product, often found in the form of beverages, may be sold in places of business, such as smoke shops and gas stations.

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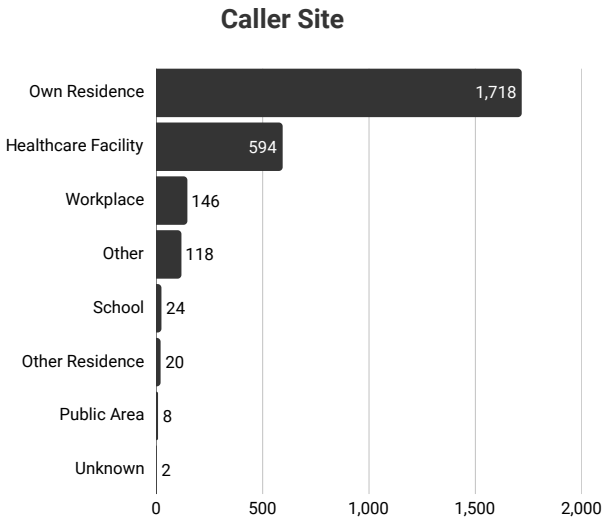
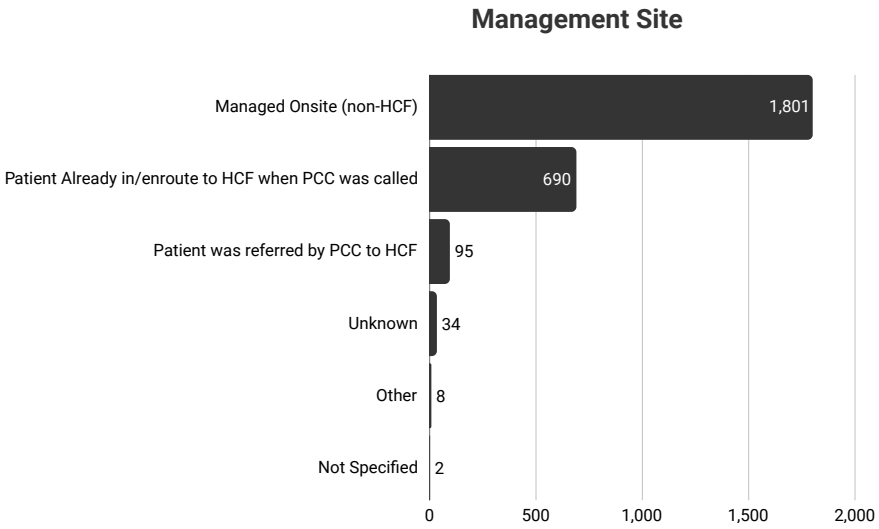
Caller & Management Site

Most calls come in from a place of residence. Calling poison control saves patients time and money, as most non-emergency poisoning cases can be treated at home.

Poison control experts can advise patients on whether they need to visit a healthcare facility and will follow-up with patients until cases are closed.





In April, 68.5% of cases were managed onsite (non-healthcare facility), with 86% of those cases being at a caller's own residence.

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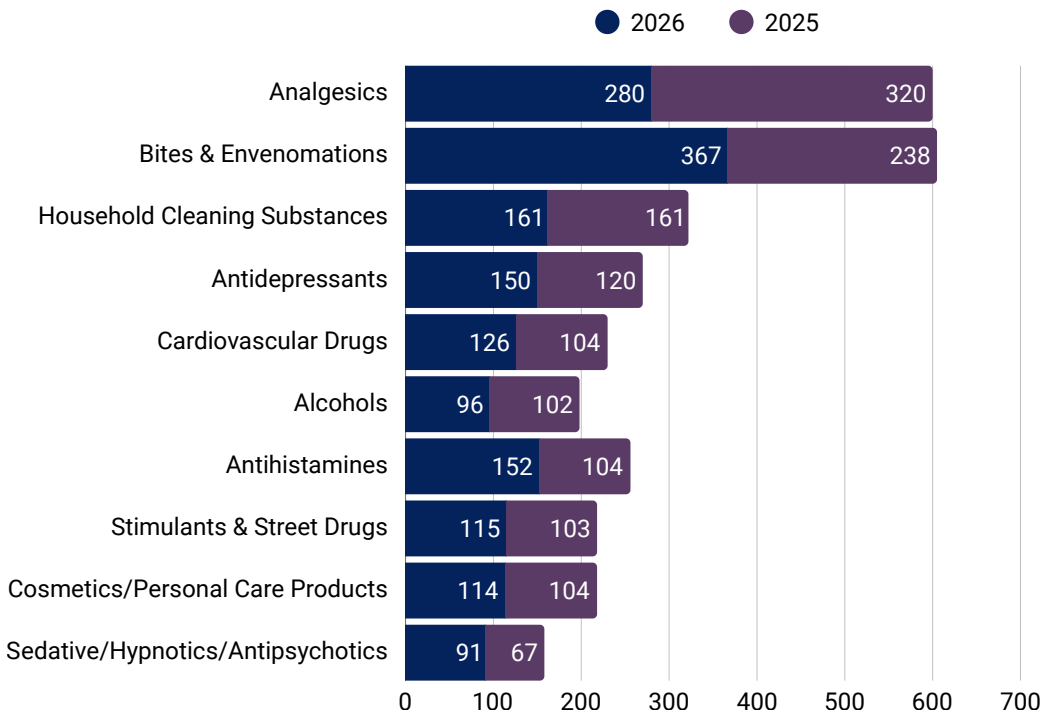
Exposure Statistics- 2025 vs. 2026

Top 10 Exposure Categories- Apr. 2026 vs. Apr. 2025



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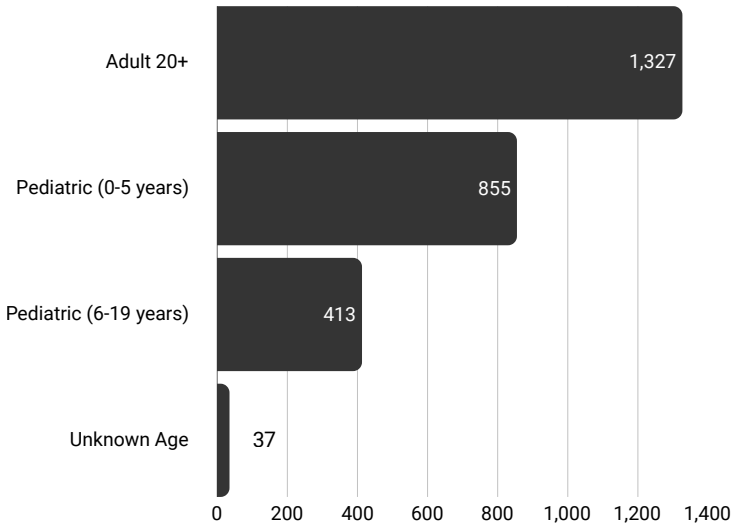
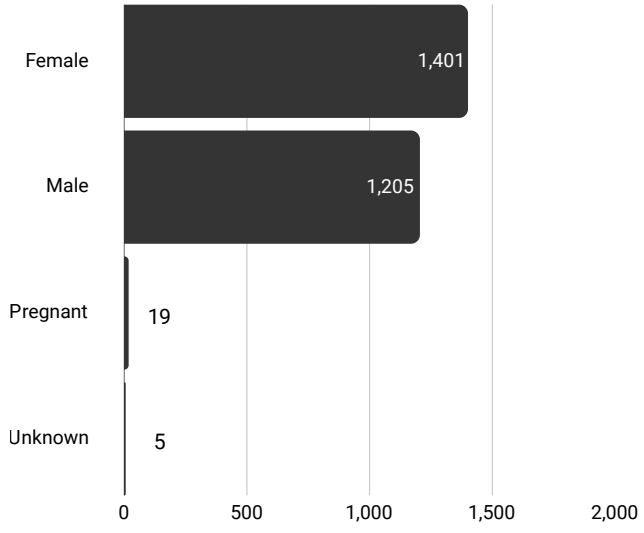
Exposures by Age & Gender

Human Exposures by Age Range



Adults at 20 years of age and above accounted for half of all exposure cases in April, sitting at 50.5%.

Human Exposures by Gender



There was a female predominance in human exposure cases for the month of April, with female exposure cases accounting for 53.3% of all cases.

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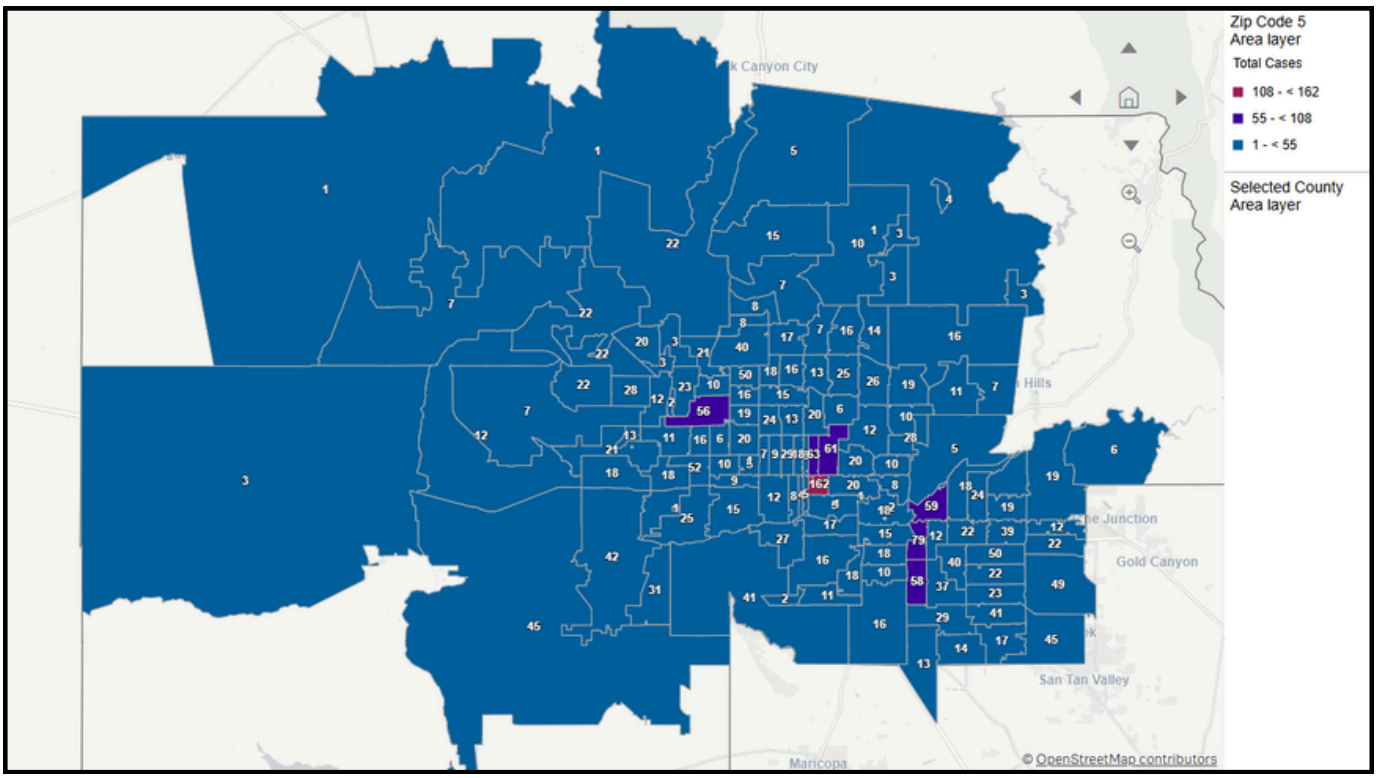
Exposures by Zip Code



The top five Maricopa County zip codes in which calls were received were 85006 (162), 85202 (79), 85014 (63), 85016 (61), and 85201 (59).