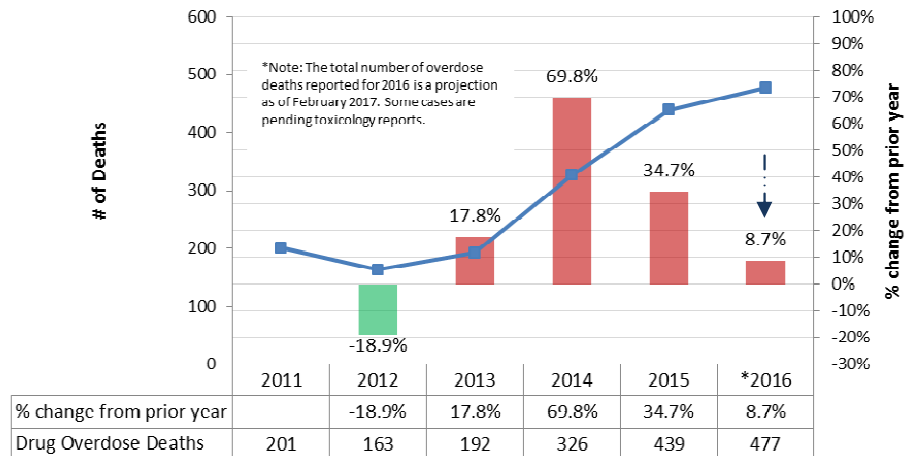


# SLOWING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

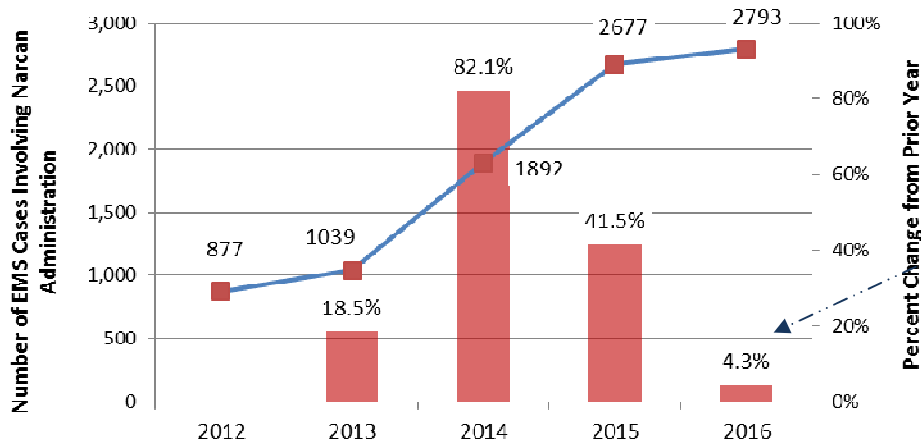
## SIGNS OF PROGRESS

The number of deaths from drug overdose increased in 2016, but the percentage increase from the prior year was the lowest since 2012.

**NH Drug Overdose Deaths by Year and Percent Change from Prior Year**



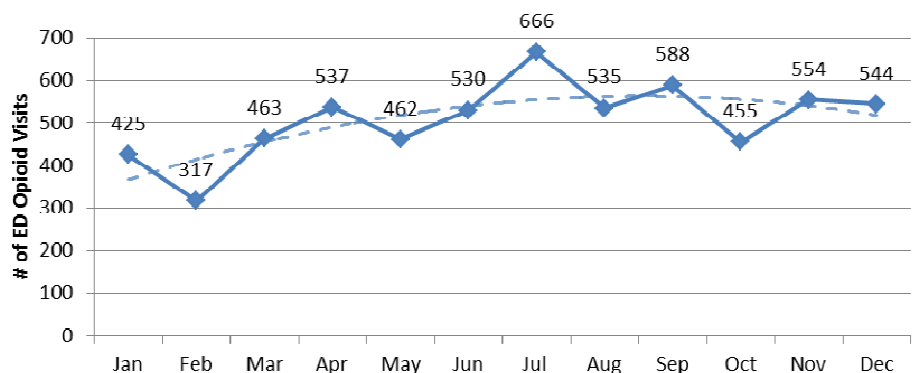
**Number of EMS Cases Involving Narcan Administration and Percent Change from Prior Year, 2016**



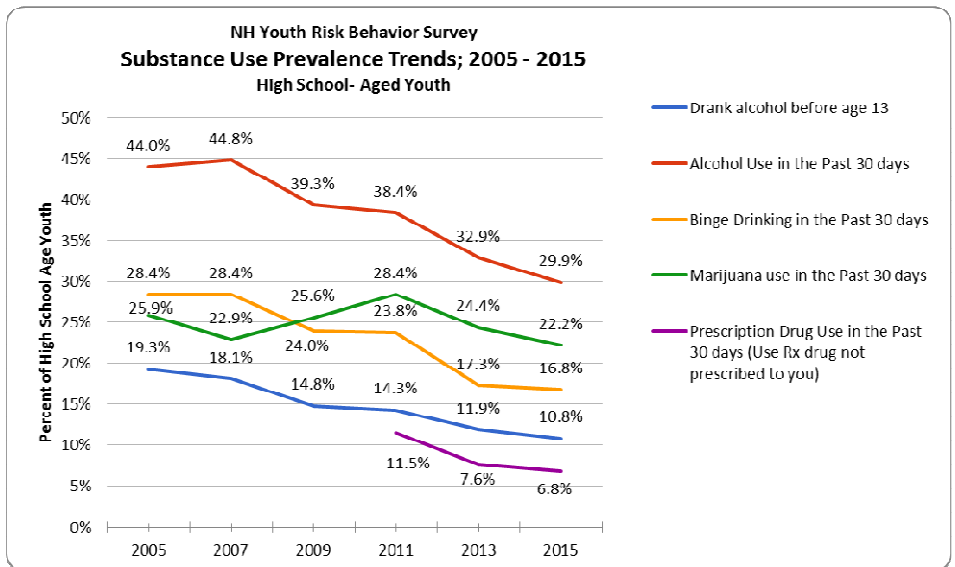
The rate of increase in the number of EMS cases involving Narcan administration also increased at the lowest rate since the epidemic began.

The number of Emergency Department visits related to opioid misuse appears to have begun leveling off at the end of 2016.

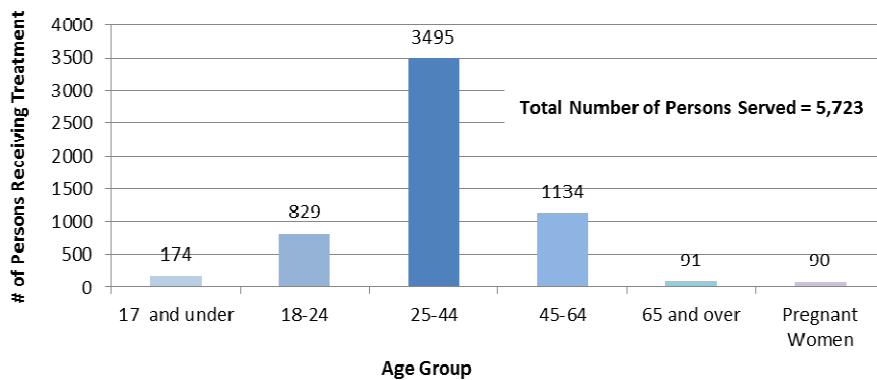
**Emergency Department Visits Related to Opioid Use**  
Monthly Totals, 2016



Prevention efforts with our youth appear to be working. Alcohol use and prescription drug misuse by high school aged youth have declined significantly over the past decade.



**Number of Persons Served for Alcohol and Other Drug Use in State-Funded Treatment Services**  
**Calendar Year 2016 - Unduplicated Count**



A total of 5,723 people received alcohol and other drug use treatment services through state-funded programs in 2016. Over 60% of people receiving treatment were adults between the ages of 25 and 44.

People discharged from treatment through state-funded programs showed improvements in alcohol and drug abstinence, employment or school participation, housing stability, criminal justice involvement, and social connectedness as measured by participation in peer support groups.

**Treatment Outcomes**  
**State Contracted Treatment Services, 2016**

