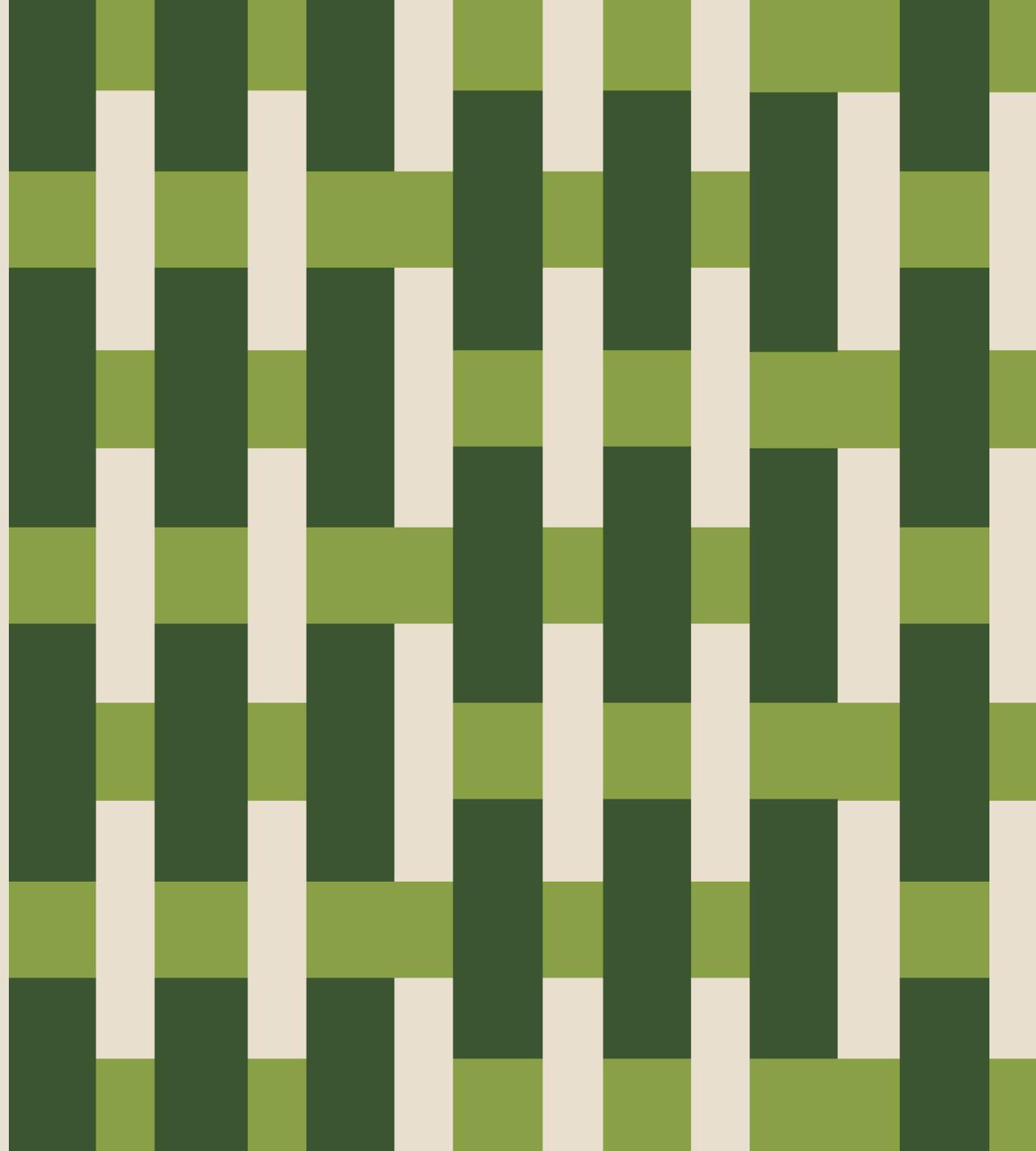

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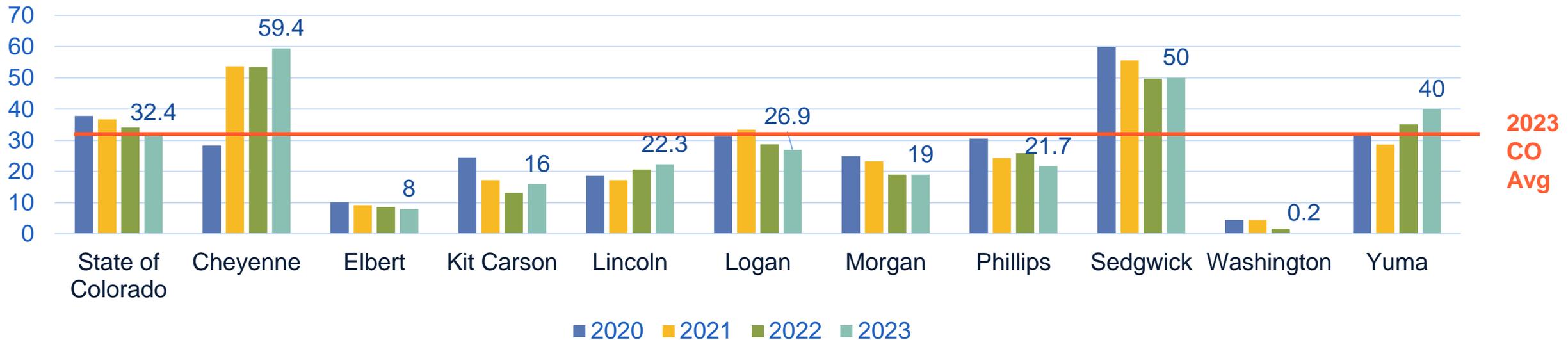




Opioid Dispensing Rate

From 2019-2023, the rate of opioid prescriptions dispensed in the state of Colorado has decreased annually. The rate of dispensed prescriptions in 2023 is 1.24 times lower than the rate in 2019.

In 2023, Cheyenne, Sedgwick, and Yuma counties had **higher opioid dispensing rates per 100 people** than the state average.



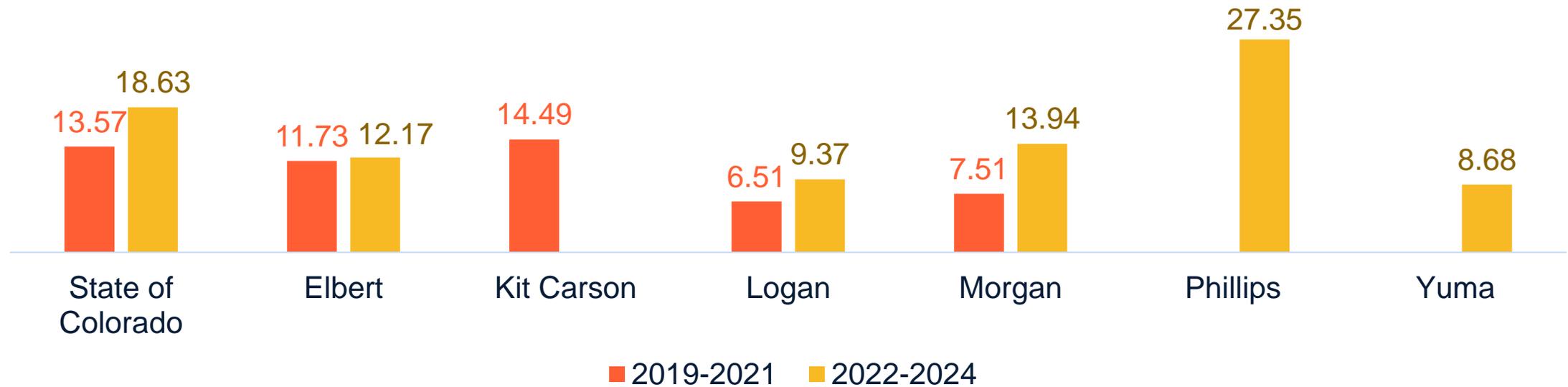
As of January 2026. Source: [Opioid Dispensing Rate Maps](#)



Opioid Overdoses

Looking at the 3-year average age-adjusted rates, the rate of drug overdoses from any opioid analgesic has increased from 2019-2021 to 2022-2024 both statewide and in Region 4 counties with reported data.

- Most of the Region 4 counties with reported data from 2022 – 2024 have age-adjusted overdose rates ***lower than*** the state average
- Due to low population size, these rates account for only single-digit overdose deaths

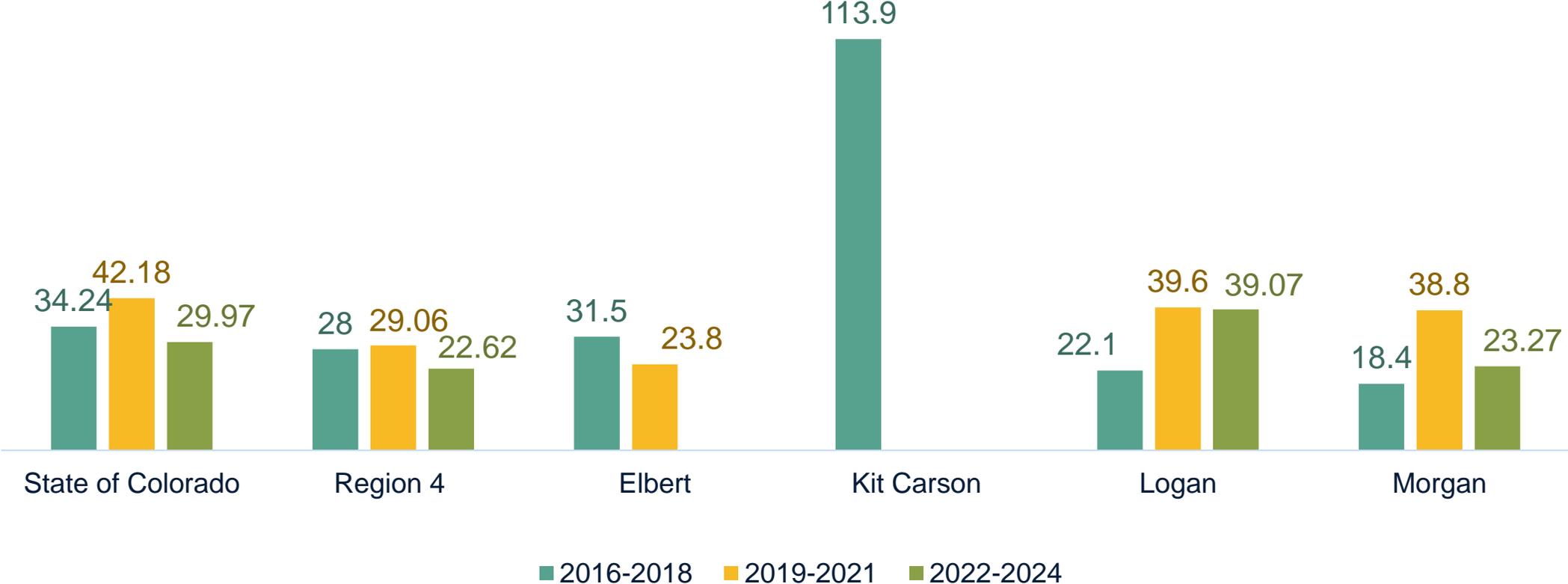


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Emergency Department Visits

From 2016 - 2024, the average annual age-adjusted rate of emergency department (ED) visits for overdoses involving any opioid per 100,000 residents in **Region 4 is below the state average.**

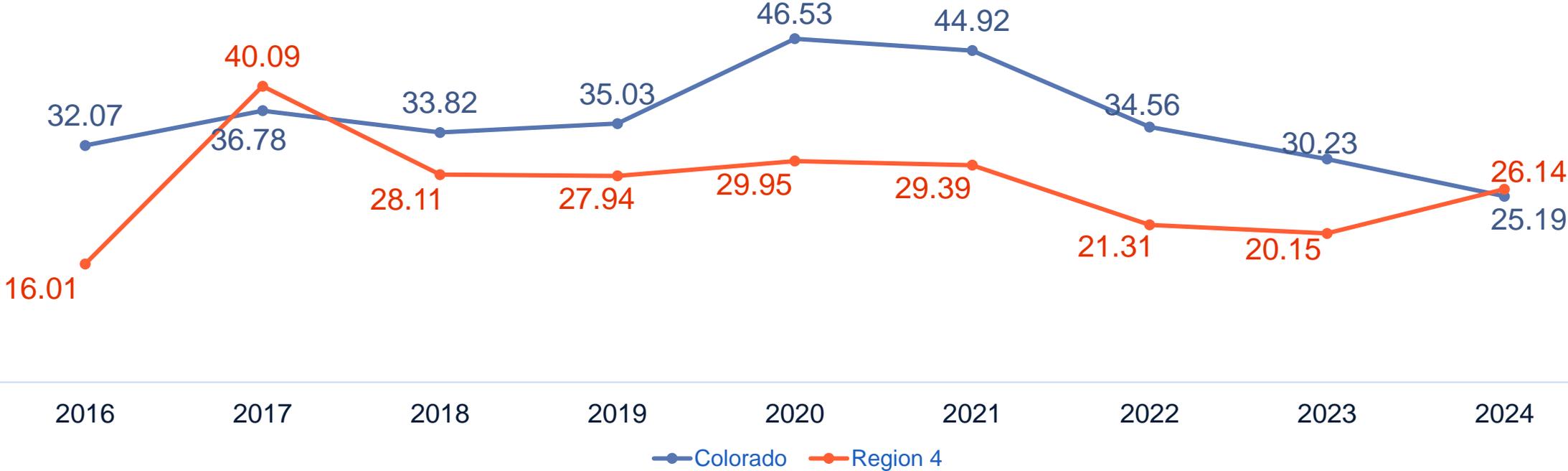


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Emergency Department Visits

ED visits for overdoses in Region 4 decreased from 2020 to 2023 with an increase from 2023 -2024, slightly surpassing the state age-adjusted rate for the first time since 2017. This is likely due to the lack of reporting from the majority of Region 4 counties in 2024.

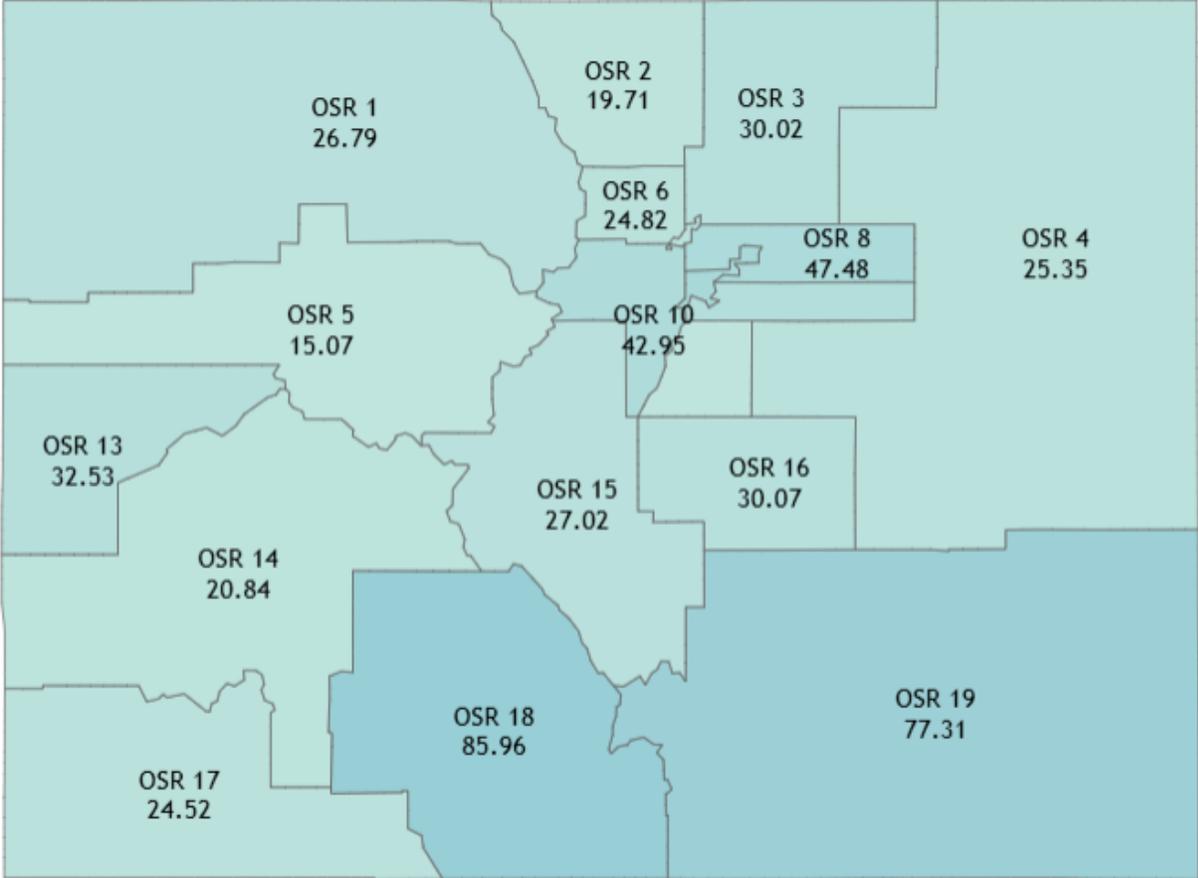


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Emergency Department Visits

From 2020 – 2024, ED visits for overdoses in Region 4 were **lower than the surrounding** Opioid Settlement Regions.

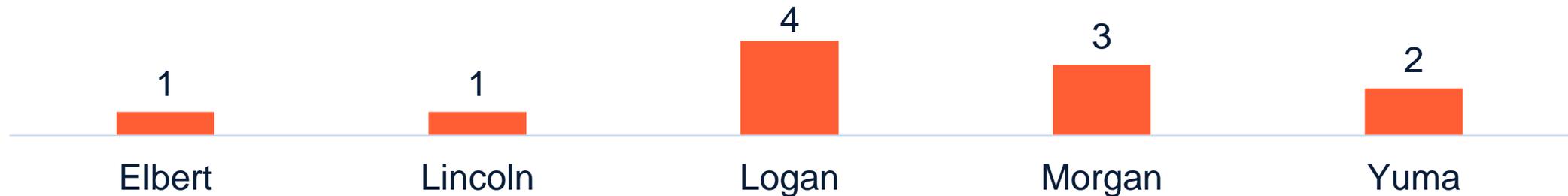


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Treatment Access

- In Colorado, **1,092 buprenorphine prescribers** are registered with SAMHSA.
- **11 prescribers** are registered for Region 4.
- The number of publicly listed buprenorphine prescriber locations within Region 4 is highest in **Logan County**.*



**The list of providers have actively chosen to register on SAMHSA's buprenorphine locator page and likely does not include all possible providers.*

As of January 2026. Source: [SAMHSA Buprenorphine Practitioner Locator](#)