

### BRIDGE CENTER FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

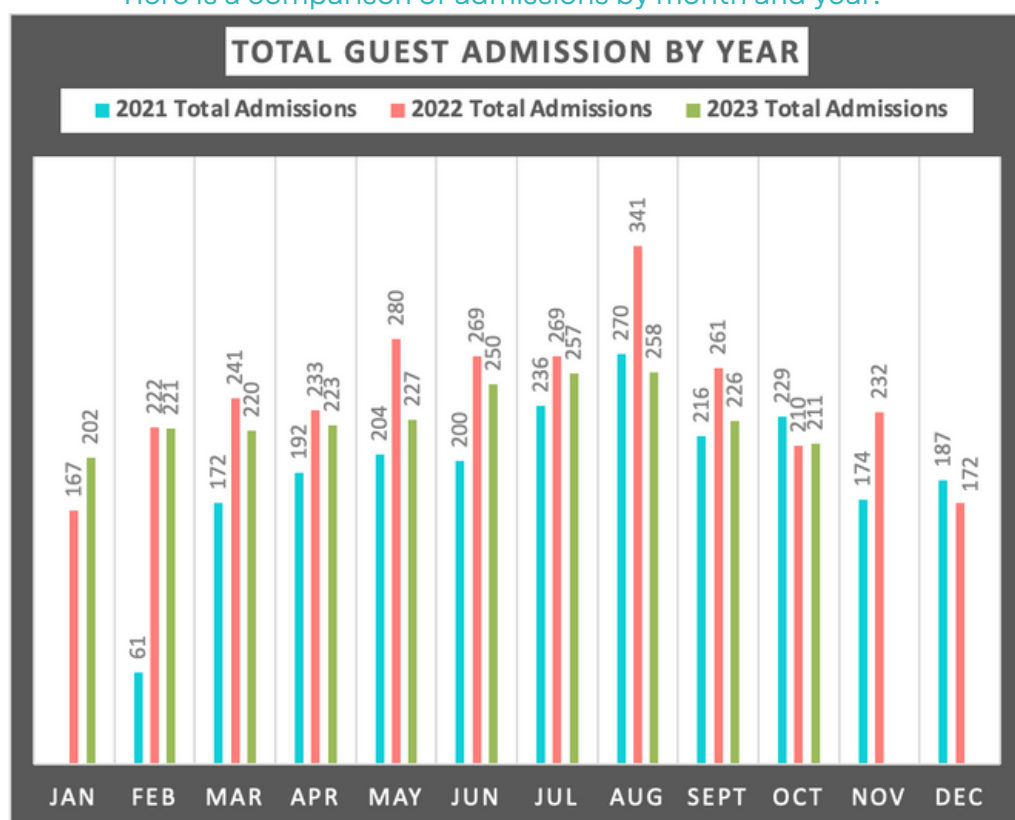


The Executive Director of the Bridge Center for Hope was invited to speak at the LSU Law Public Interest Law Society (PILS) group in October. The topic of discussion was mental health and substance use issues among students and the people they are trying to help. The Bridge Center for Hope was also invited as a vendor resource at the Southern University "Human Jukebox" scholarship presentation hosted by the Huntsman Family Foundation. Additionally, the center was a resource vendor at the 10th Annual Community Health Fair and Block Party hosted by Mary Bird Perkins, Healthy Blue, and CATS.

In the month of October, the facility had a total of 223 guest presentations, resulting in 211 admissions. There were a total of 184 distinct guests, and the monthly readmission rate was 19%. Guests will be considered readmitted if they are served within 30 days of their discharge.

Since the facility opened, there have been a total of 7,713 guest presentations and 7,333 admissions.

Here is a comparison of admissions by month and year.



## October Demographics

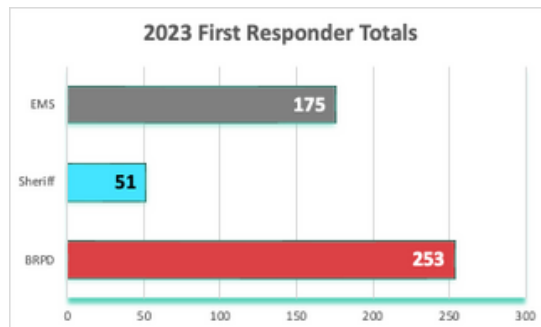
In October, a total of 168 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish received treatment, with an additional 43 individuals coming from outside the parish. Since the opening of the facility, a combined total of 6,182 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish and 1,151 individuals from outside the parish have received services.

The Bridge Center accepts payment in all forms. In October, 76% of the guests were insured through Medicaid, while 22% received funding from the Bridge Center. The remaining 2% were covered by Medicare and private insurers. Parish funding is exclusively available to residents of East Baton Rouge Parish.

In October, 79% of the guests were male, while the remaining 21% were female. Furthermore, the data revealed that 59% of the guests identified as black, 33% identified as white, and the remaining 8% were categorized as other.

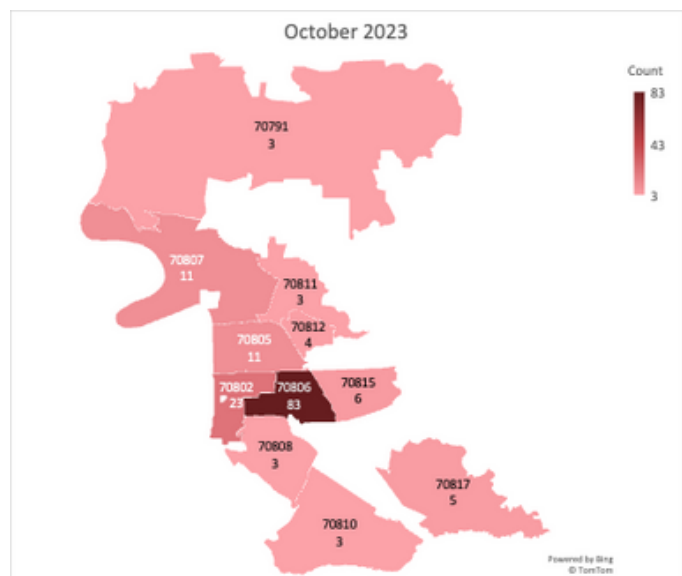
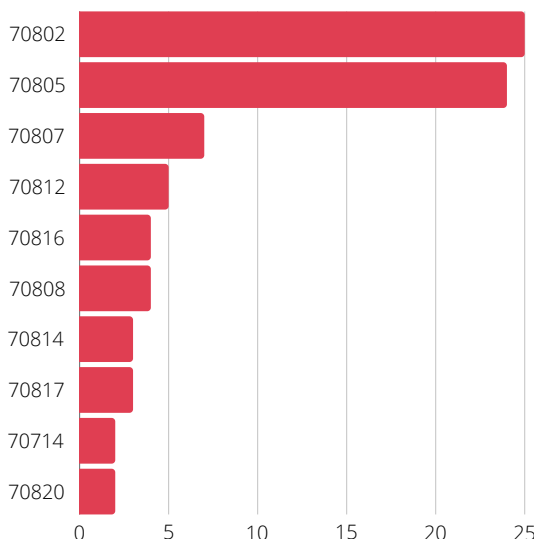
Walk-ins remain the most common method of admission for guests, providing direct access. In October, there were a total of 169 direct entries, with 42 of them being escorted by first responders. The average response time for first responders remains consistently below 5 minutes, specifically at 3.90 minutes for October.

The graphic below shows the top three stats of first responders escorted by the department.



## Area Demographics

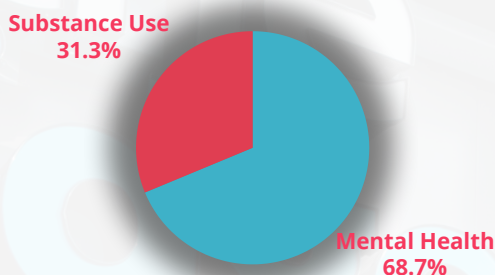
The map represents the top zip codes served for October 2023 in East Baton Rouge Parish.



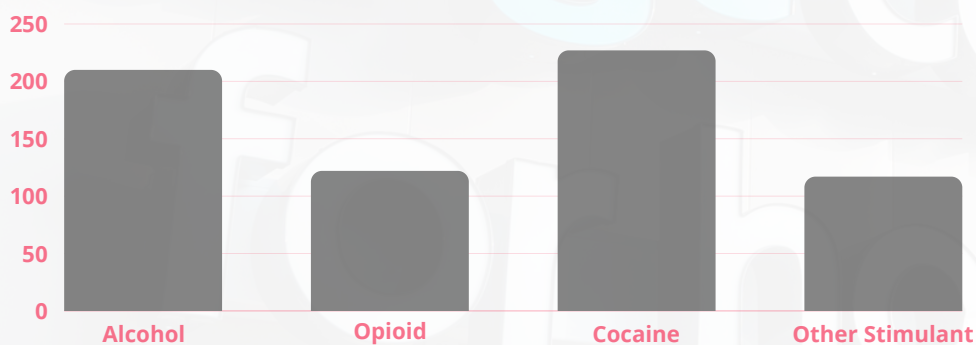
# MONTHLY REPORT

## A Summary of Guests Seeking Treatment in October

Out of the total guests (151 individuals) who sought treatment in October, 72% required mental health care, whereas 28% received treatment for substance abuse. Furthermore, over half of the guests seeking treatment (54%) had a dual diagnosis. For a detailed breakdown of the mental health and substance use services received in 2023, please refer to the accompanying pie chart.



In October, the four substances that were most commonly treated were cocaine (37%), stimulants (24%), alcohol (20%) and opioids (17%).



The chart depicts treatment by substance type and the treatment obtained for substance use during 2023.

Due to Bridge Center's no-wrong-door policy, everyone over the age of 18 is welcome to seek assistance, regardless of entrance type. Below is October's admittance sources.

