

MAY 2024

BRIDGE CENTER FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS





May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Each month, the Bridge Center for Hope participates in community events designed to advocate for mental health and substance use and help reduce the stigma. We partner with various community organizations to highlight the various community events throughout the Parish. In May, the Bridge Center for Hope will host the Annual Bridging the Gap Community Resource Fair. The goal of this annual event is to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and addiction in the East Baton Rouge Parish community.

In May, the Bridge Center participated in the following events:

Behavioral Health Day at the State Capitol
4th Annual Bridging the Gap Community Resource Fair





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In May, the facility received 271 guest presentations, with 260 admissions. There were 209 unique guests, with a monthly readmission rate of 17%.

(If served within 30 days of discharge, guests are considered readmitted.)

There have been 9,257 guest presentations since the facility's opening, with 8,809 admissions.

Below is a comparison of admissions by month and year.

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REPORT: Presentation and Admits







May Demographics

In May, 198 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish received treatment, with an additional 62 individuals coming from outside the parish. Since the facility's opening, a combined total of 7,334 residents from East Baton Rouge Parish and 1,475 individuals from outside the parish have received services.

The Bridge Center accepts payments in all forms. In May, 63% of guests were insured through Medicaid, while 36% were covered by the Bridge Center for Hope. Medicare and private insurers covered the remaining 1%.

(Parish funding only applies to residents of East Baton Rouge Parish.)

In May, 73% of the guests were male, while the remaining 27% were female. Furthermore, the data revealed that 57% of the guests identified as black, 37% identified as white, and the remaining 6% were categorized as other.

Walk-ins remain the most common method of admission for guests, providing direct access. In May, there were 219 direct entries, 41 of which were escorted by first responders. The average response time for first responders remains consistently below 5 minutes, specifically at 2.23 minutes for May.

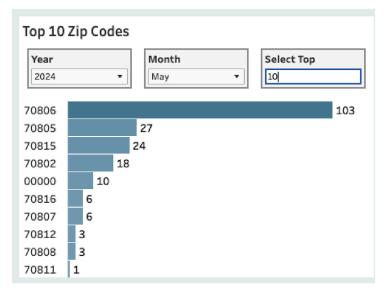


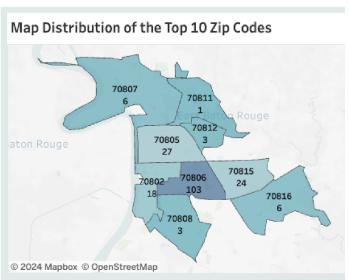
The graphic below shows the top three stats of first responders escorted by the department.



Area Demographics

The map represents the top zip codes served for May 2024 in East Baton Rouge Parish.

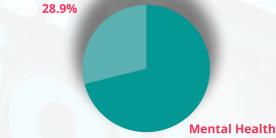






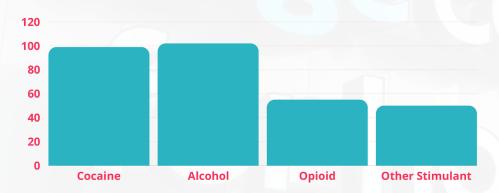
A Summary of Guests Seeking Treatment in October

Out of the total, 77% of the guests sought mental health care, whereas 22% received treatment for substance use. Furthermore, over half of the guests seeking treatment (43%) had a dual diagnosis. Please refer to the accompanying pie chart for a detailed breakdown of the mental health and substance use services received in 2024.



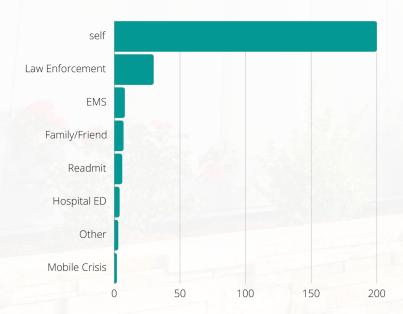
In May, the four substances that were most commonly treated were alcohol (40%), cocaine (26%), opioids (19%) and stimulants (14%).

Substance Use



The chart depicts treatment by substance type and the treatment obtained for substance use during 2024.

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 May 's admittance sources.





The top dispositions (discharges) among units are listed below.

Top Dispositions	23-Hour Observation Unit (ALOS 19.90 hrs)	Percentage
1	Transfer to Inpatient	<mark>46</mark> %
2	Transfer to Substance Use Facility	27%
3	Against Medical Advice	7%
4	Homeless Shelter	5%
5	Home	3%

Top Dispositions	Crisis Stabilization Unit (ALOS 3.05 Days)	Percentage
1	Home	33%
2	Substance Use Treatment Ctr	24%
2	Homeless Shelter	17%
4	Group Home	13%
5	Transfer to another Treatment Facility	6%

All guests are discharged with a behavioral and physical health appointment.