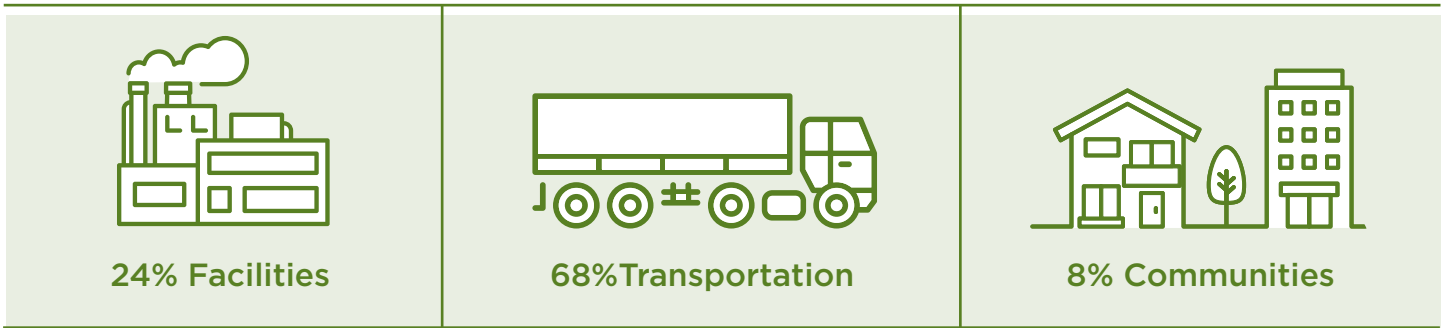


# North Carolina Chemical Preparedness and Response Surveillance (ChPRS) – 2024

*Keeping communities alert and prepared.*

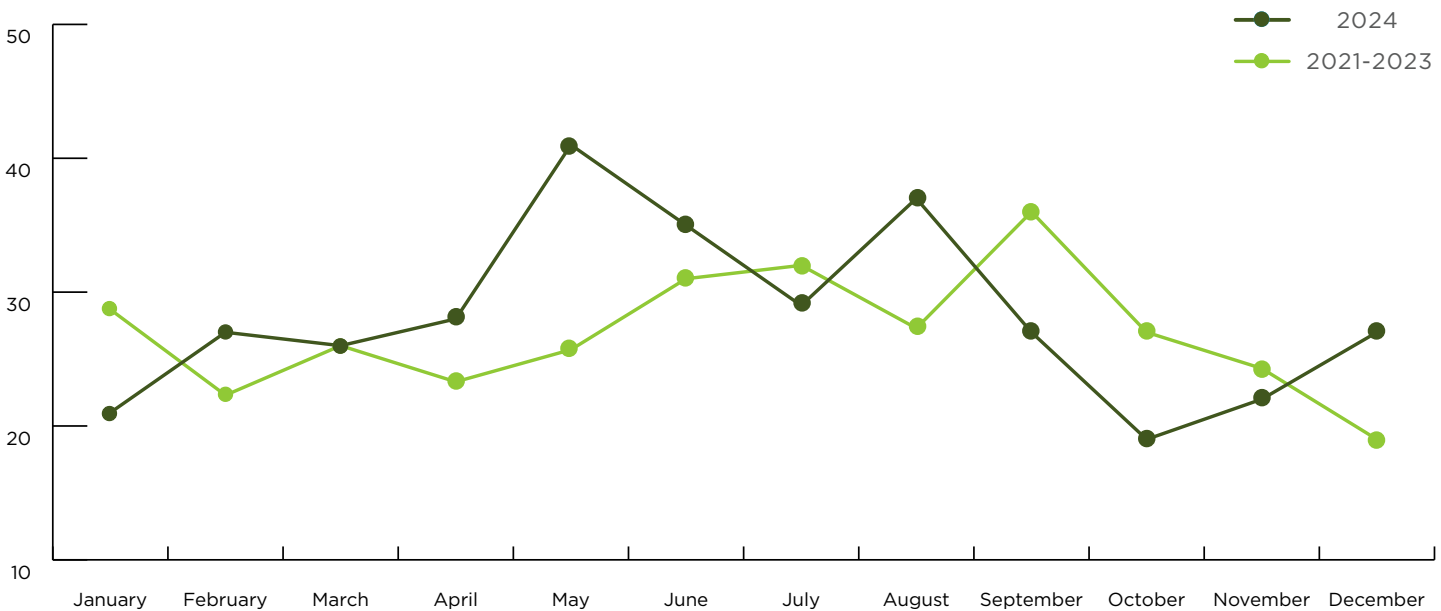
**339** emergency chemical releases occurred in North Carolina

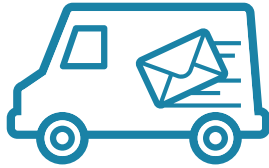


The **three** most common chemicals were:



The greatest # of chemical releases in 2024 were in May, August, and June.





## Incident Highlight 2024

Postal workers were exposed to a hazardous spill of hydrochloric acid from a package.

8 of 56 total injuries in 2024 occurred during this incident

8 people were evacuated from the post office

8 people were evaluated on scene

Main symptoms reported were:



Dizziness

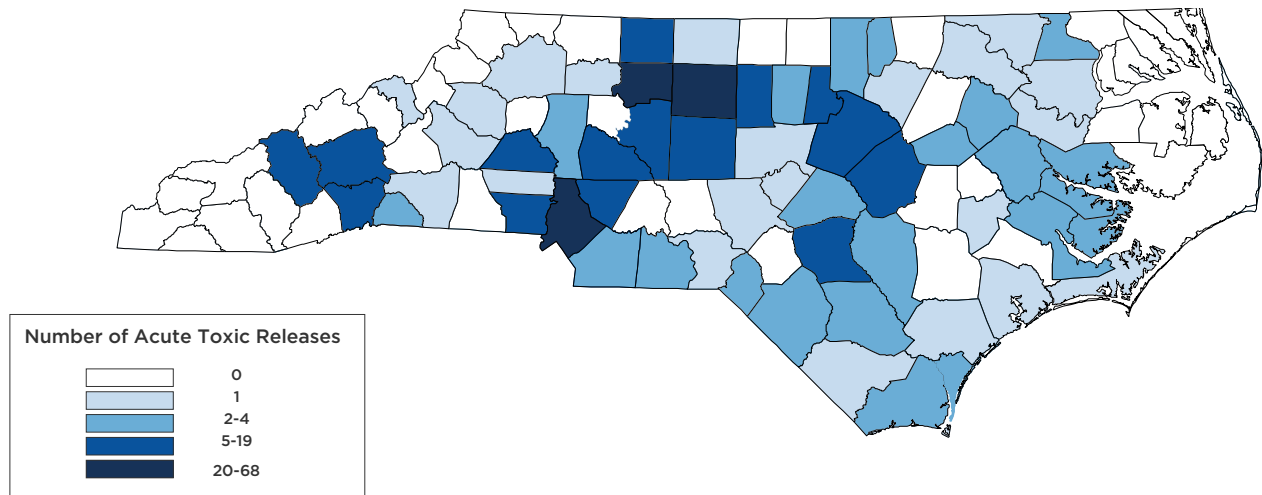


Nausea



Difficulty breathing

50% of all releases in 2024 occurred in 6 counties - Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth, Wake, Cumberland, and Gaston.



For more information please visit: <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/oeep/programs/chprs.html> or Contact OEEB at: 919-707-5900

Guidance for Local Health Departments on how to respond to chemical releases can be found here: <https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/oeep/chemrad/chemkit.html>



For assistance managing exposures to hazardous substances, please call North Carolina Poison Control:

**1-800-222-1222**

In case of a life threatening emergency, dial **9-1-1** immediately.

