

Table 1. Number of daily asthma referrals to the PED in 2020 and in the time period 2015-2019, average \pm SD (standard deviation) and percentage of high-priority codes (0, 1, 2 or >2), on a monthly basis. *P* values are based on t-tests and Chi-square test as appropriate. For categorical variables we used the chi-square test when frequencies ≥ 5 , while we used standardized residuals when < 5 .

		Total asthma referrals		High-priority codes (%)				
		daily average \pm SD	significance	0	1	2	>2	significance
Jan	2015-2019	2.05 \pm 1.70	<i>P</i> = 0.002	51.00%	34.20 %	9.70%	5.20%	<i>P</i> = 0.005
	2020	3.13 \pm 2.01		29.00%	41.90 %	9.70%	19.40%	
Feb	2015-2019	2.29 \pm 1.67	<i>P</i> = 0.790	53.20%	30.50 %	15.60%	0.70%	<i>P</i> = 0.914
	2020	2.38 \pm 1.40		62.10%	20.70 %	10.30%	6.90%	
Mar	2015-2019	1.93 \pm 1.48	<i>P</i> = 0.000	52.30%	32.90 %	12.90%	1.90%	<i>P</i> = 0.000
	2020	0.39 \pm 0.72		93.50%	3.20%	3.20%	0.00%	
Apr	2015-2019	1.59 \pm 1.36	<i>P</i> = 0.000	54.70%	33.30 %	8.00%	4.00%	<i>P</i> = 0.000
	2020	0.13 \pm 0.35		100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
May	2015-2019	1.55 \pm 1.36	<i>P</i> = 0.000	54.80%	33.50 %	8.40%	3.20%	<i>P</i> = 0.000
	2020	0.16 \pm 0.37		100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Jun	2015-2019	1.01 \pm 1.07	<i>P</i> = 0.000	72.70%	20.70 %	4.70%	2.00%	<i>P</i> = 0.004
	2020	0.23 \pm 0.70		100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Jul	2015-2019	0.64 \pm 0.81	<i>P</i> = 0.003	83.90%	14.80 %	1.30%	0.00%	<i>P</i> = 0.063
	2020	0.26 \pm 0.60		96.80%	3.20%	0.00%	0.00%	
Aug	2015-2019	0.41 \pm 0.71	<i>P</i> = 0.035	93.50%	6.50%	0.00%	0.00%	<i>P</i> = 0.000
	2020	0.84 \pm 1.04		64.50%	29.00 %	6.50%	0.00%	
Sep	2015-2019	1.89 \pm 2.06	<i>P</i> = 0.003	54.00%	27.30 %	12.70%	6.00%	<i>P</i> = 0.036
	2020	1.07 \pm 1.14		76.70%	16.70 %	3.30%	3.30%	
Oct	2015-2019	1.94 \pm 1.62	<i>P</i> = 0.115	55.50%	29.00 %	11.60%	3.90%	<i>P</i> = 0.969
	2020	1.52 \pm 1.29		51.60%	38.70 %	3.20%	6.50%	
Nov	2015-2019	1.68 \pm 1.46	<i>P</i> = 0.005	49.30%	34.70 %	10.70%	5.30%	<i>P</i> = 0.053
	2020	1.13 \pm 0.82		63.30%	33.30 %	3.30%	0.00%	
Dec	2015-2019	2.26 \pm 1.74	<i>P</i> = 0.000	49.70%	32.30 %	15.50%	2.60%	<i>P</i> = 0.000
	2020	0.26 \pm 0.58		83.90%	16.10 %	0.00%	0.00%	

TOT	2015-2019	1.60 ± 1.57	P = 0.000	60.50%	27.40 %	9.20%	2.90%	P = 0.000
	2020	0.95 ± 1.37		76.80%	16.90 %	3.30%	3%	