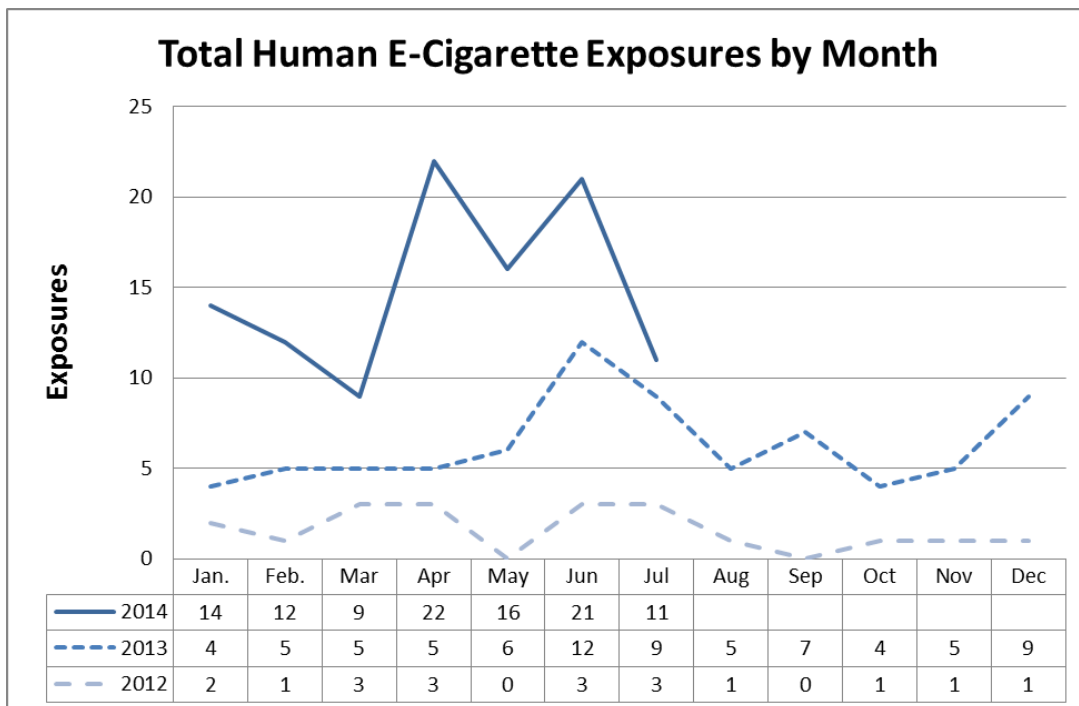
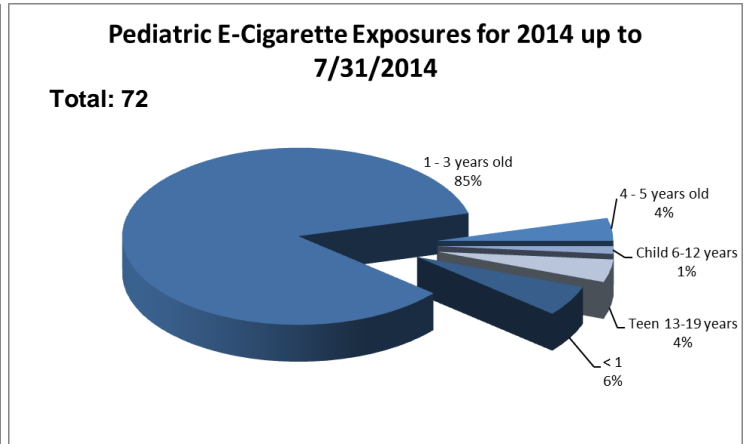
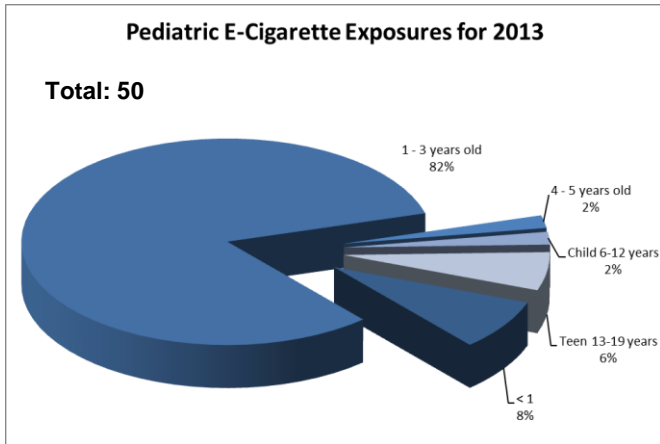


The phenomenon of “vaping” (using an E-cigarette, which resembles smoking) and availability of E-cigarettes and liquid nicotine has dramatically increased over the past several years across the country. Touted as a safe alternative to smoking cigarettes, E-cigarettes contain high concentrations of liquid nicotine which can easily poison a child. The Washington Poison Center (WAPC) has seen an increase in total calls to the poison center by almost 600% compared to previous years. The graphs below compare current YTD exposure totals with 2013 totals reported to the WAPC for pediatrics as well as total human exposure data compared to previous years.



***Disclaimer: Reporting of exposures to the poison center is voluntary and not mandated by law. As such, WAPC data describes the number of calls called into the poison center and most likely is an underrepresentation of the true occurrence of any one substance. For further information, contact Dr. Garrard at AGarrard@wapc.org or 206-517-2356.**