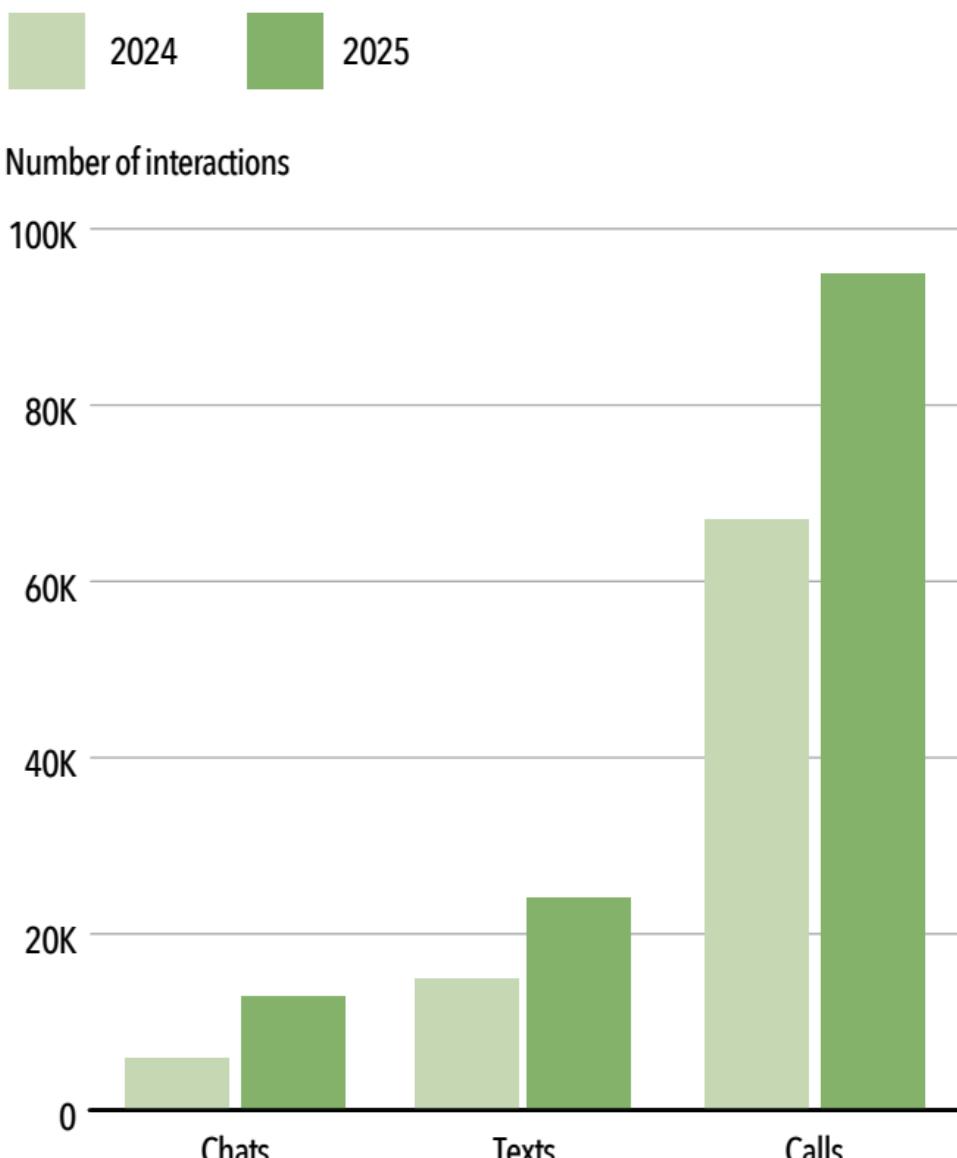


Missouri 988 Lifeline sees activity jump

The Missouri 988 Lifeline saw a surge in engagement since 2024. The lifeline received over **130,000 inquiries in 2025**, marking a **48.9% total increase from 2024**. Chats saw a 116% increase. Texts saw a 60% increase, while calls had a 41.8% increase.



Source: Missouri Department of Mental Health

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