



## 2022-23 BUDGET PRESENTATION

### CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE & REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY



#### **CCMEO- 2021 Accomplishments**

##### **MAJOR**

- Continued full operations of the office and forensic lab through COVID19 pandemic.
- Provided ongoing surveillance data to Board of Health about COVID19 deaths reported.
- Firearms lab added to National Correlations Center (ATF)
- Provided drug chemistry services for the State of Ohio.
- Office and Labs continue to maintain full accreditations.

##### **OTHER**

- Out of County autopsies performed exceed 200 for tenth consecutive year (2011 – 174; 2012 – 224; 2013 – 202; 2014 – 217; 2015 – 240; 2016- 317; 2017- 434; 2018- 434; 2019 - 418; 2020 - 444) and over 400 for 5th time – projected to exceed 500 for 1<sup>st</sup> time ever (already 458 in 2021).
- Sexual Assault kit testing on-going with over 4,000 cases submitted since start in May 2012.
- Firearms lab marks 3,000 and 4,000 leads from submissions to NIBIN.
- Over 750 trained by CCMEO under new format remote Death Investigation training courses.

#### **CCMEO- 2020 Accomplishments**

##### **MAJOR**

- Continued full operations of the office and forensic lab through COVID19 pandemic.
- Provided surveillance data to Board of Health about reported COVID19 deaths to the Office.
- Developed a method for tracking daily fluctuations in reported deaths as a secondary method for monitoring COVID19 case spikes in real time.
- Office and Labs continue to maintain full accreditations.

##### **OTHER**

- Out of County autopsies performed exceed 200 for ninth consecutive year (2011 – 174; 2012 – 224; 2013 – 202; 2014 – 217; 2015 – 240; 2016- 317; 2017- 434; 2018- 434; 2019 - 418; 2020 - 444) and over 400 for 4th time.
- Sexual Assault kit testing on-going with over 3,750 cases submitted since start in May 2012.
- Firearms lab marks 2,000 leads from submissions to NIBIN
- Over 600 trained by CCMEO under new format remote Death Investigation training courses.

## **2022—23 BUDGET**

- For the 2022-2023 Biennial Budget, the Medical Examiner Personnel Services was reduced to reflect an adjustment for Premium Holiday Pay for \$65.3K for 2022 and Worker's Compensation for \$42.1K each year.
- In addition, the budget for the Regional Forensic Science Lab in the amount of about \$6.0M each year has been included and now resides within the General Fund.

## **2020-21 BUDGET REVIEW**

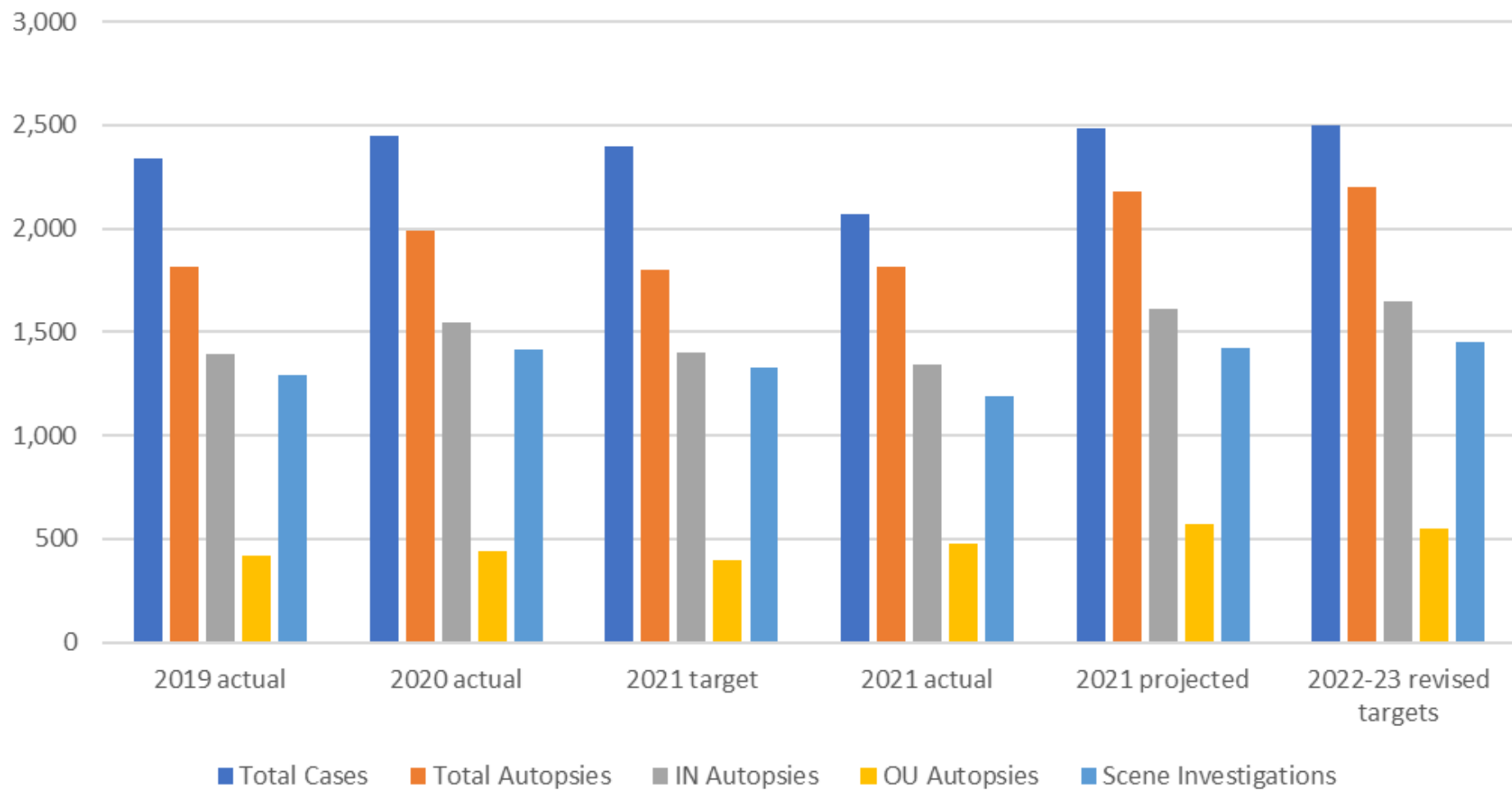
- Nearly \$250,000 increase in 2020-21 budget.
  - Additional staff for forensic labs
    - Drug chemistry, DNA and trace evidence to maximize turn around time capabilities to assist with lowering jail wait times even further.

Additional staff added in These 3 areas. COVID, unusual forensic staff turnover and high gun homicides in 2020, 2021 has put a pause in substantial turn around time improvements.

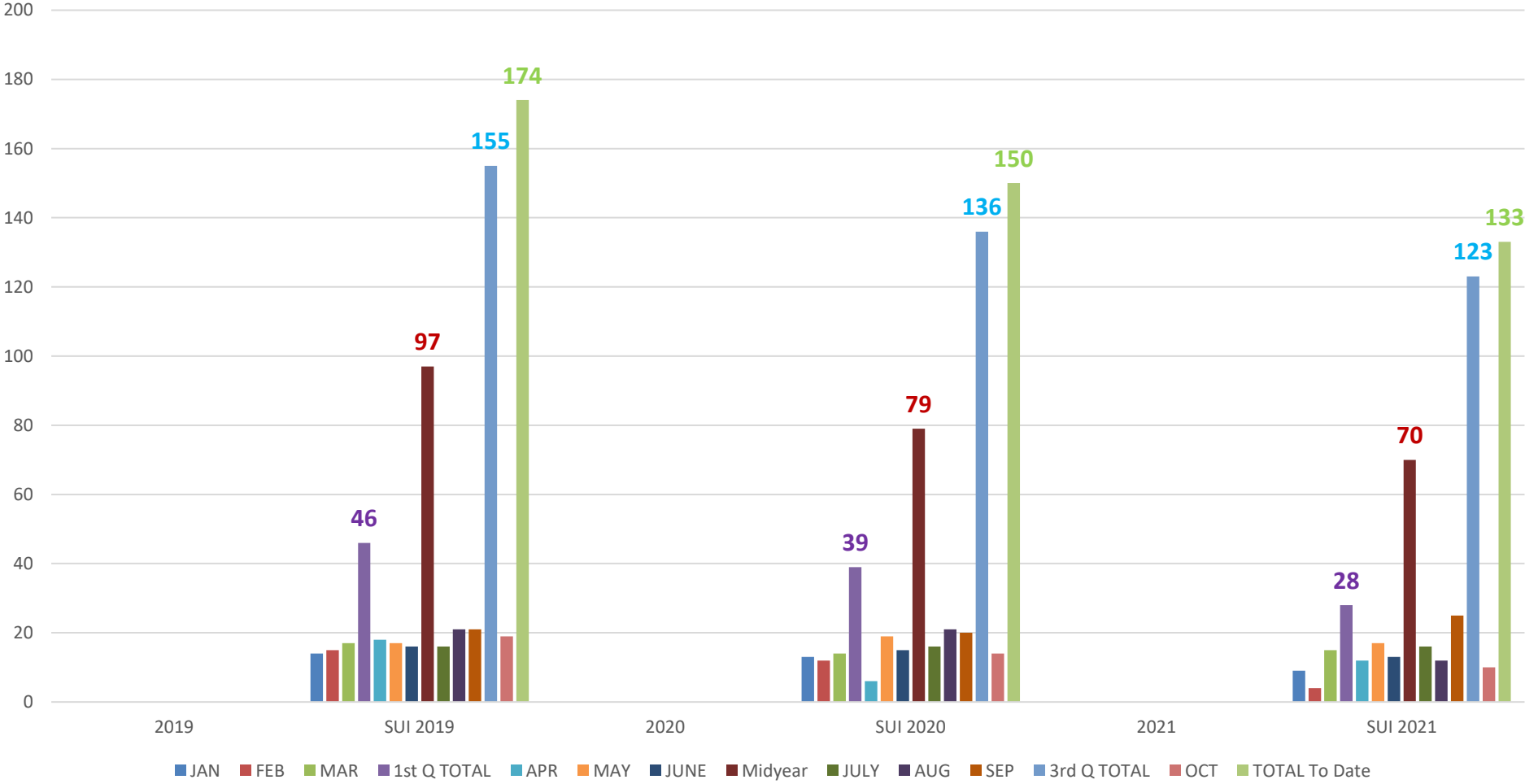
- Upgrade the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)
  - End of life of existing system and accompanying contract is 2019
  - Current system replacement scheduled for 2020

AFIS was upgraded and replaced and is now housed at CCMEO and is on Cuyahoga County Public Safety Network

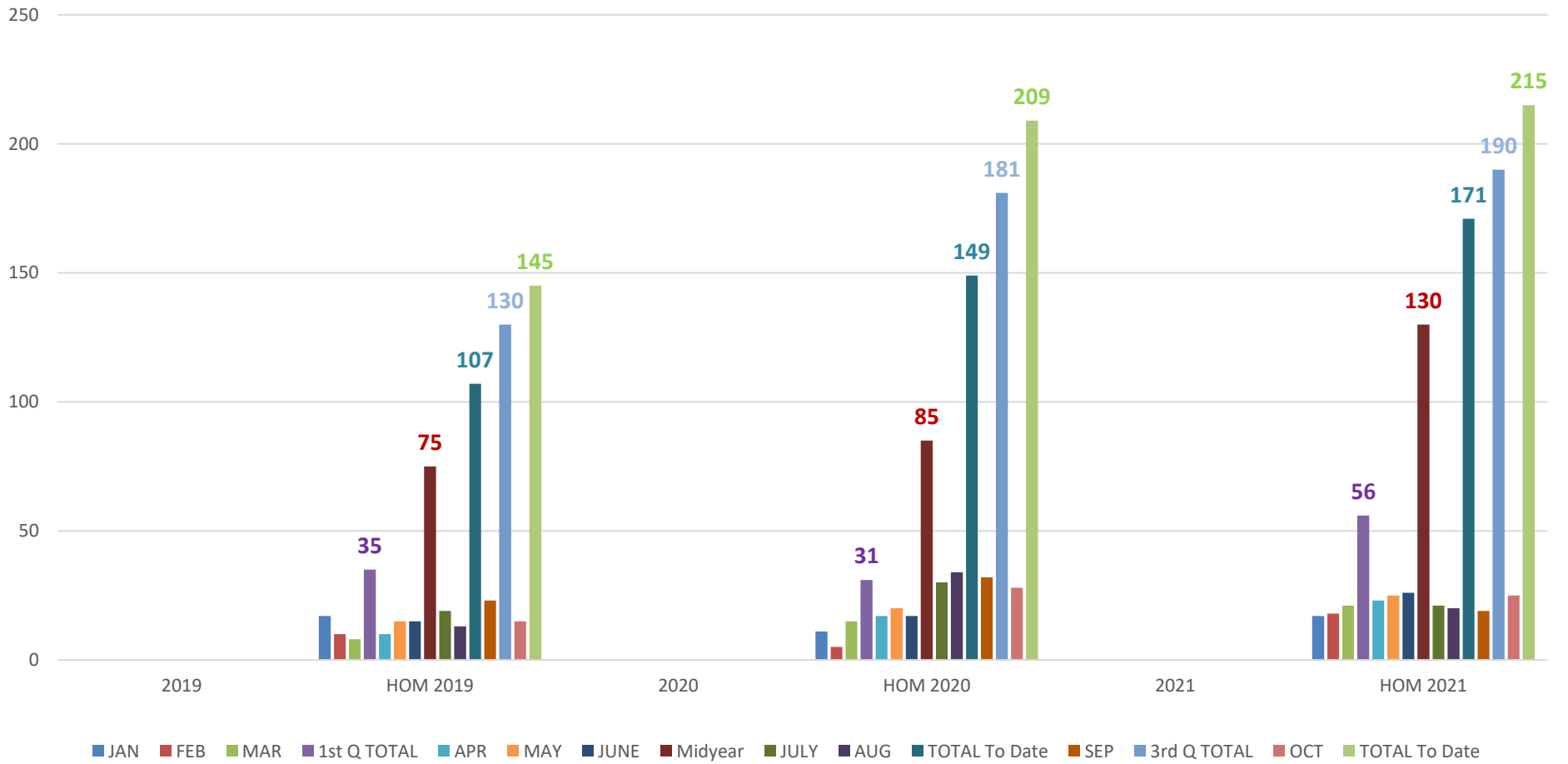
### CCMEO Case Work Thru October



## Suicides 2019, 2020 & 2021 By Month, Jan - Oct Comparisons

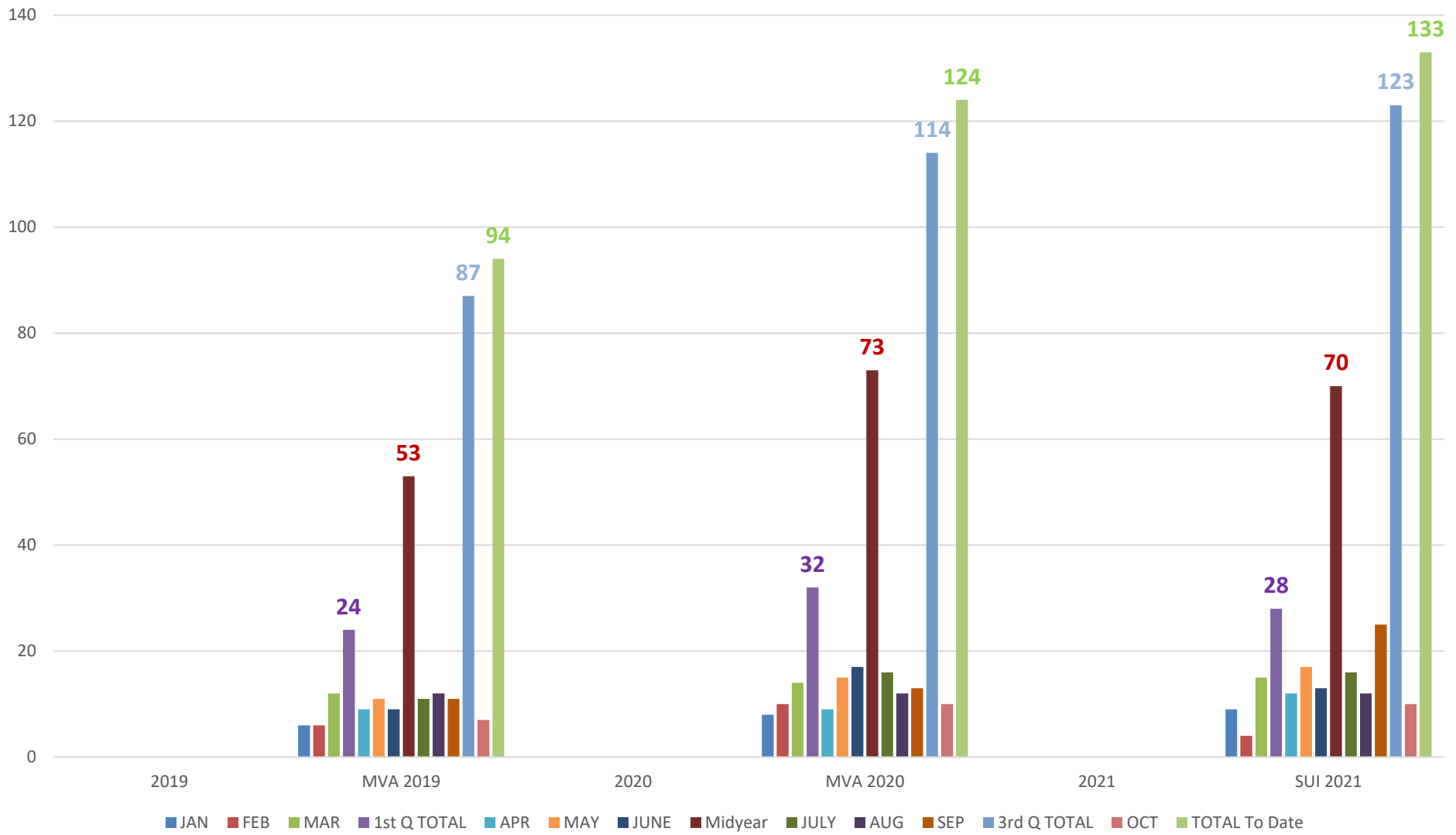


## Homicides 2019, 2020 & 2021 By Month, Jan - Oct Comparisons



## MVAs 2019, 2020 & 2021 By Month, Jan - Oct\* Comparisons

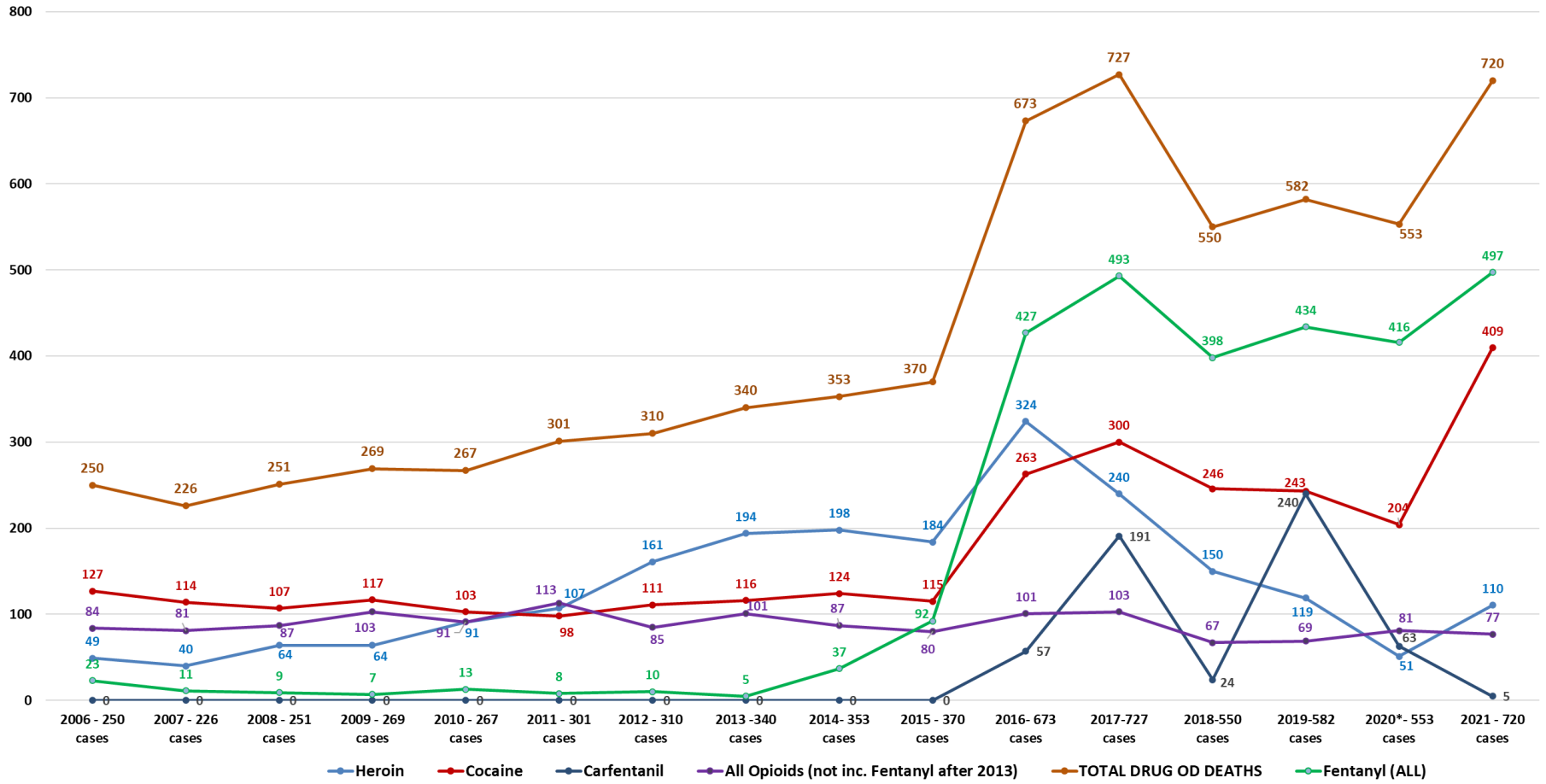
(\*Sept/Oct rulings thru Nov 1)



# Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021\*

## Most Common Drugs

\*(2021 projections based on data through October 31, 2021)



## CCMEO Gun Related Homicides/Suicides, Total Homicides/Suicides and Total Gun Related Deaths 2001-2021\* (\*2021 data through October)

