



2024-25 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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



CCMEO- 2022 Accomplishments

MAJOR

- Office and Labs continue to maintain full accreditations.
- In 2021, the Firearms lab had marked 4,000 leads from submissions to NIBIN since opening. 2022 nearly doubled the amount of leads, adding over 3,600 more.

OTHER

- Out of County autopsies performed exceed 200 for eleventh consecutive year (2011 – 174; 2012 – 224; 2013 – 202; 2014 – 217; 2015 – 240; 2016- 317; 2017- 434; 2018- 434; 2019 - 418; 2020 – 444; 2021 – 570; 2022 - 462) and over 400 for 6th time – projected to exceed 400 for 7th time (already 381 in 2023).
- Sexual Assault kit testing on-going nearing 5,000 cases submitted since start in May 2012.
- Closing in on 1,000 trained by CCMEO both in-person and remote Death Investigation training courses.

2024—25 BUDGET

2024 \$18.517M; 2025 \$18.854M

- For the 2024-2025 Biennial Budget, the Medical Examiner Personnel Services was not adjusted to reflect 3 vacant positions on medical staff, expected to be filled in full by mid-year 2024 (3 candidates identified, 1 in house already).
- Salary expenses for Scientific staff still not fully accounted for (~\$630K)
- In addition, revenue from services provided to external agencies is lower than budgeted for the past four years (at least \$1.5M in total).

2022-23 BUDGET REVIEW

2022 \$17.019M; 2023 \$17.576M

- Nearly \$750,000 salary increase in 2022-23 salary expenses, not included in budget in full.
 - Staff for forensic labs organized and awarded significant salary increases in contract negotiations.
- Additional medical staff needed (3) due to ongoing vacancies.
 - Significant salary increases were given to stem the flow of outgoing physicians.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Cases Admitted	2341	2448	2526	2392	2370	
Coroner Amended (CA)	521	623	587	634	623	
Total Autopsies*** (Jurisdictional)	1396	1400	1603	1208	1000	
Autopsies Performed for Other Counties	418	415	570	462	450	

No post (including CA)	945	1671	1510	1818	2011.28764
Equiv (3.5:1 NAME)	270	477.4285714	431.4285714	519.4285714	574.6536114
Total Autopsy equiv	2084	2292.428571	2604.428571	2189.428571	2006.257718
Docs needed (per NAME)	8.336	9.169714286	10.41771429	8.757714286	8.025030871

Medical Staff

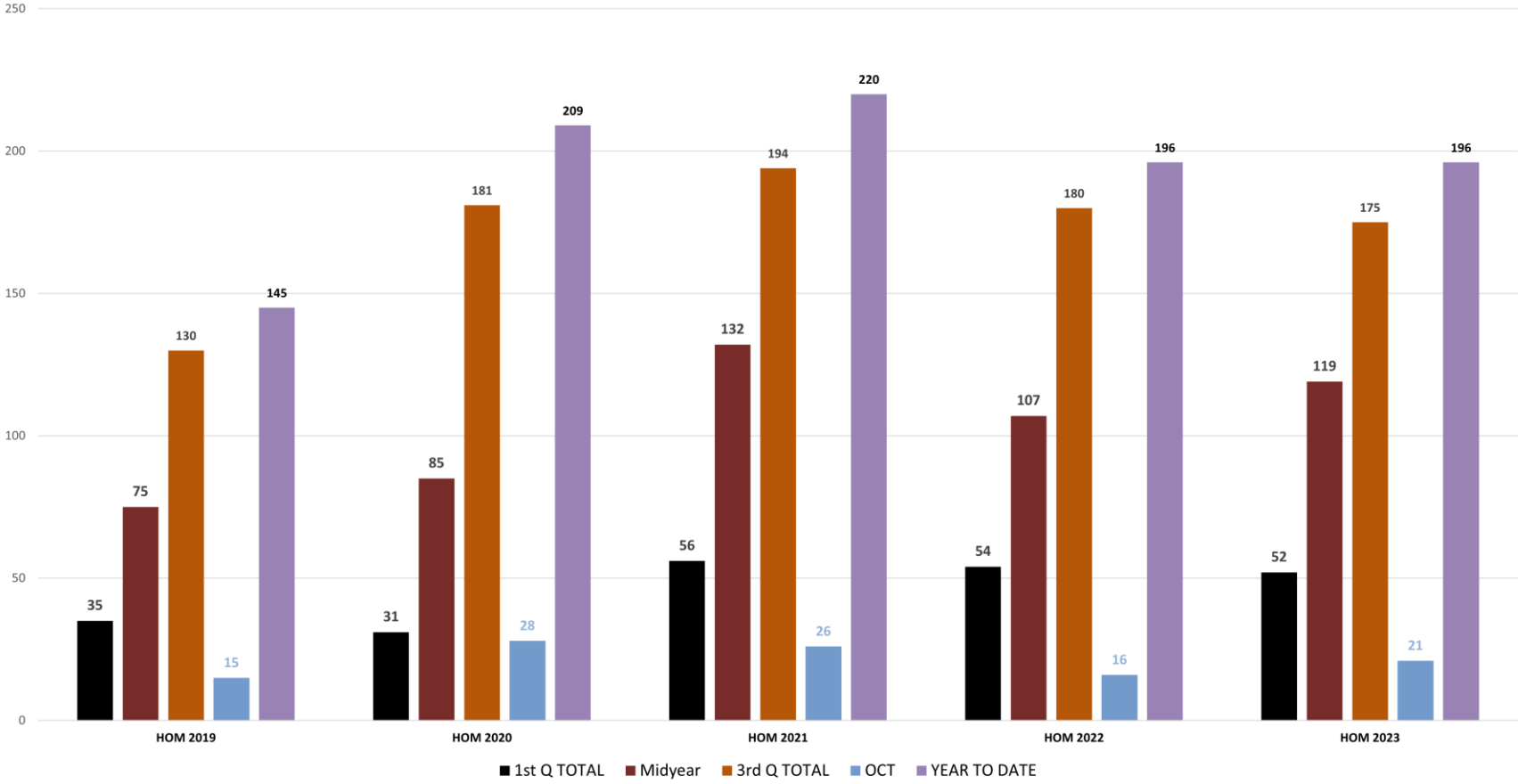
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3	Armstrong	Dolinak	Dolinak	Dolinak
4	Barr	Galita	Galita	Galita
5	Dolinak	Krywanczyk****	Krywanczyk****	Krywanczyk****
6	Galita	Mooney	Mooney	Mooney
7	McCollum	<i>Fellow</i>	Sullivan****	Sullivan
8	Mooney	VACANT**	<i>Fellow</i>	Weaver*****
9	<i>Fellow</i>	VACANT**	VACANT*****	<i>Fellow</i>
10	<i>Fellow</i>	VACANT**	VACANT*****	<i>Fellow</i>
11	VACANT*		VACANT*****	VACANT
12	VACANT*			VACANT

Notes

- *Approved for 2 additional pathologists at end of 2021
- **3 pathologist leave in Sept 2022 (salary)
- ***Autopsy adjustments made after loss of 3 pathologists (Operational impact - 2023 artificially low autopsy count; not best practice)
- ****2 additional pathologist positions filled.
- *****3 vacancy replacements still open
- *****Current fellow accepted vacant position starting 2024

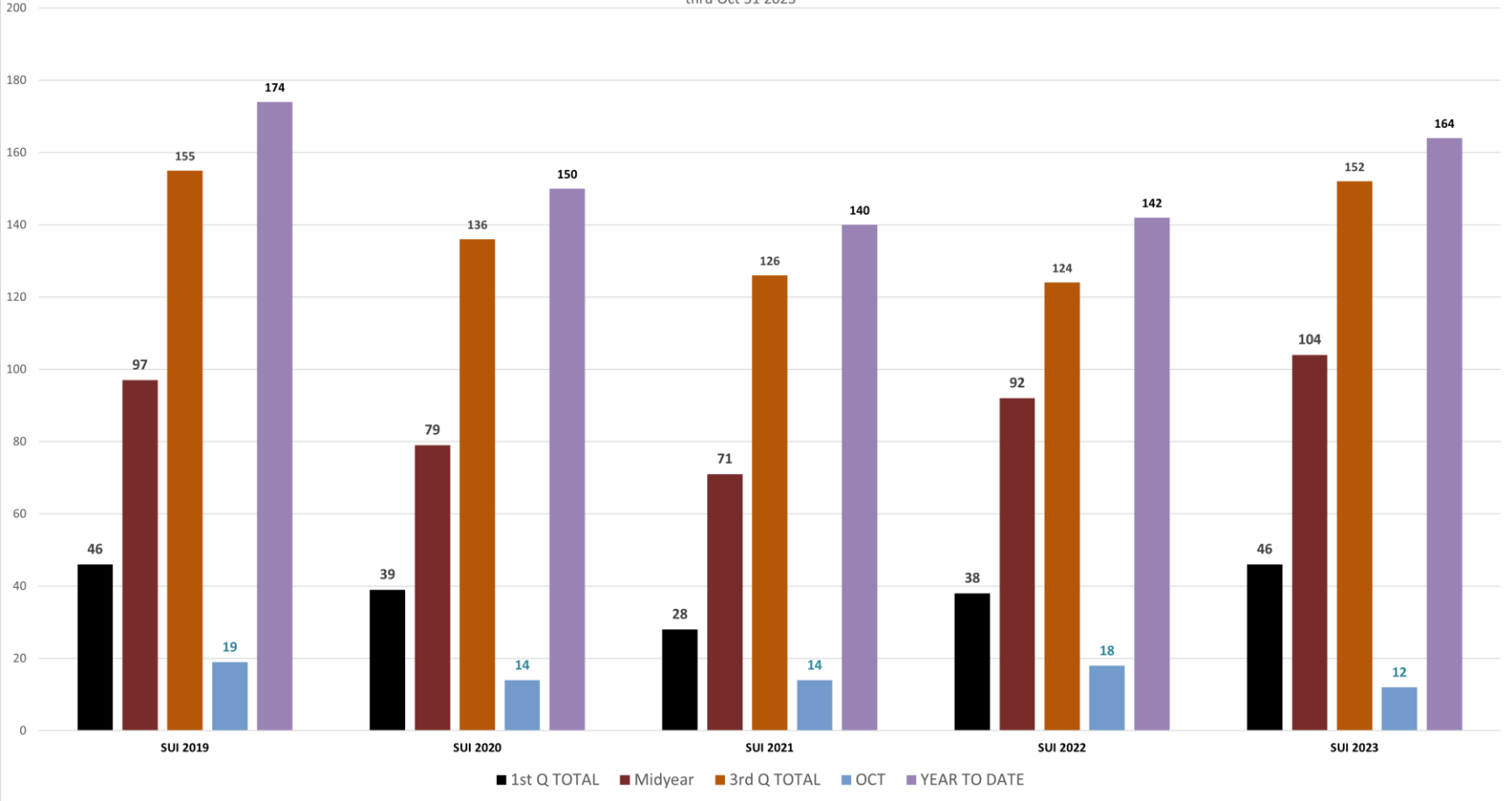
CCMEO 2019-2023 OCT HOMICIDE Comparison

*thru Oct 31 2023

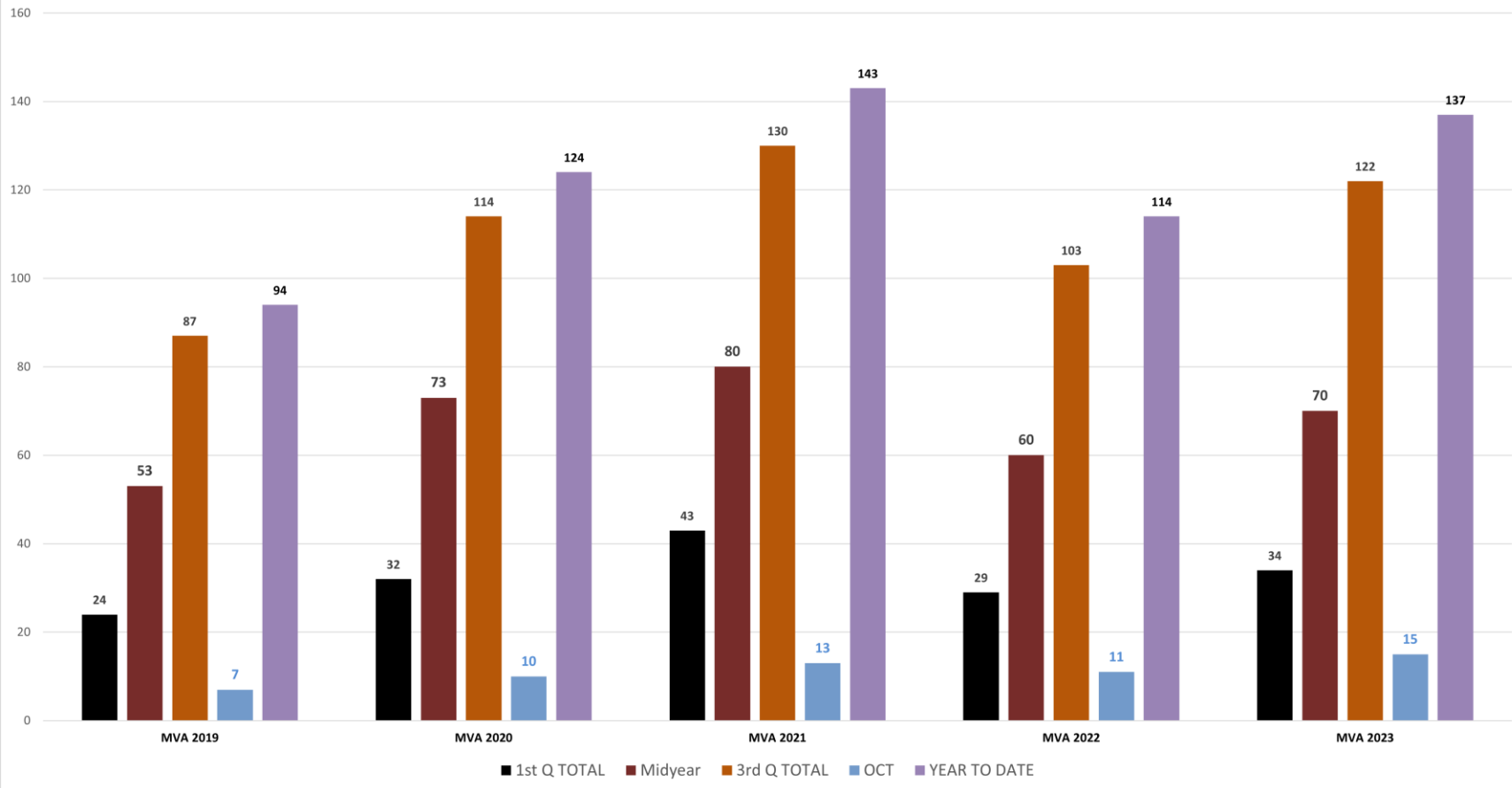


CCMEO 2019-2023 OCT SUICIDE Comparison*

*thru Oct 31 2023



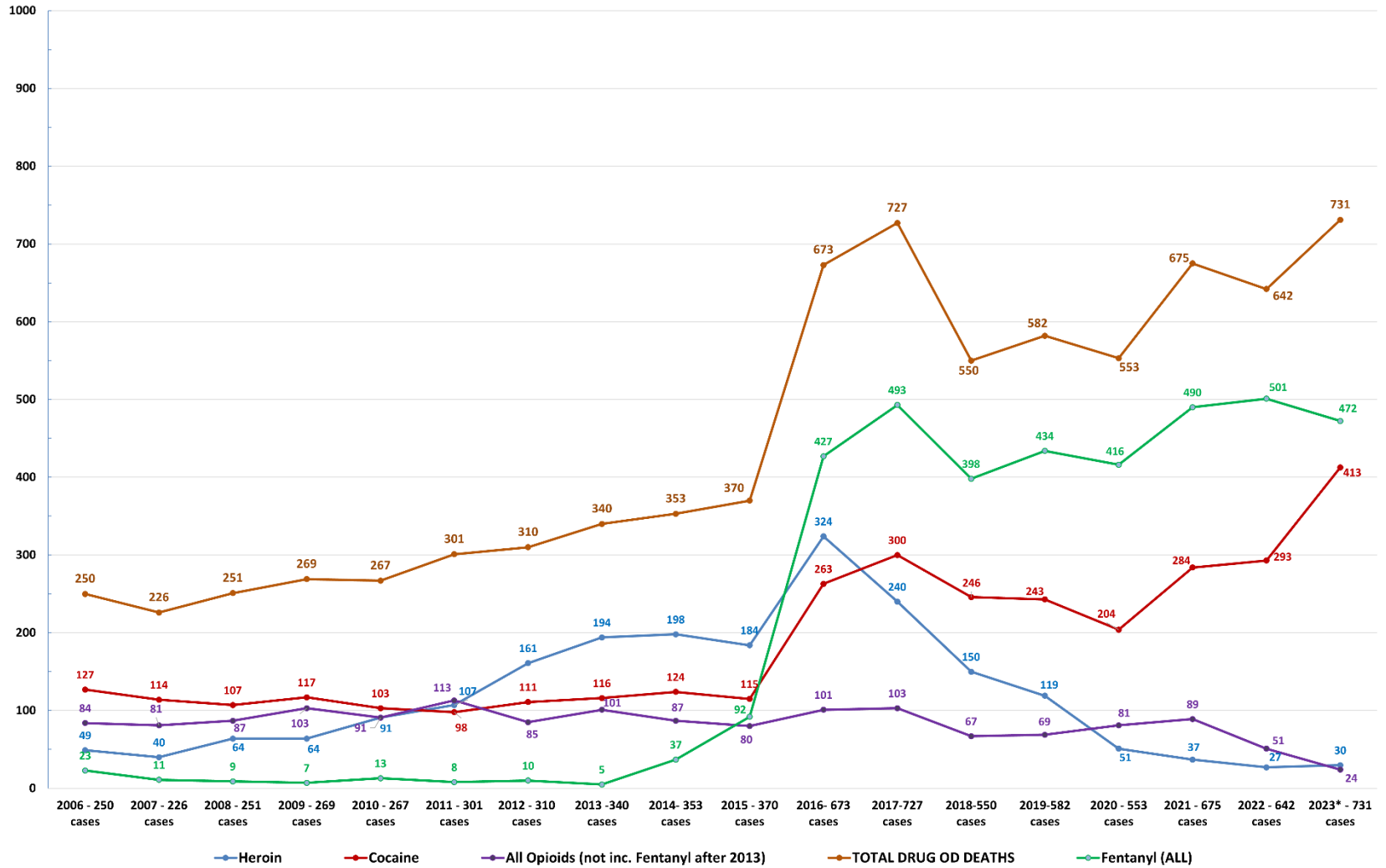
CCMEO 2019-2023 OCT MVA Comparison
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023*

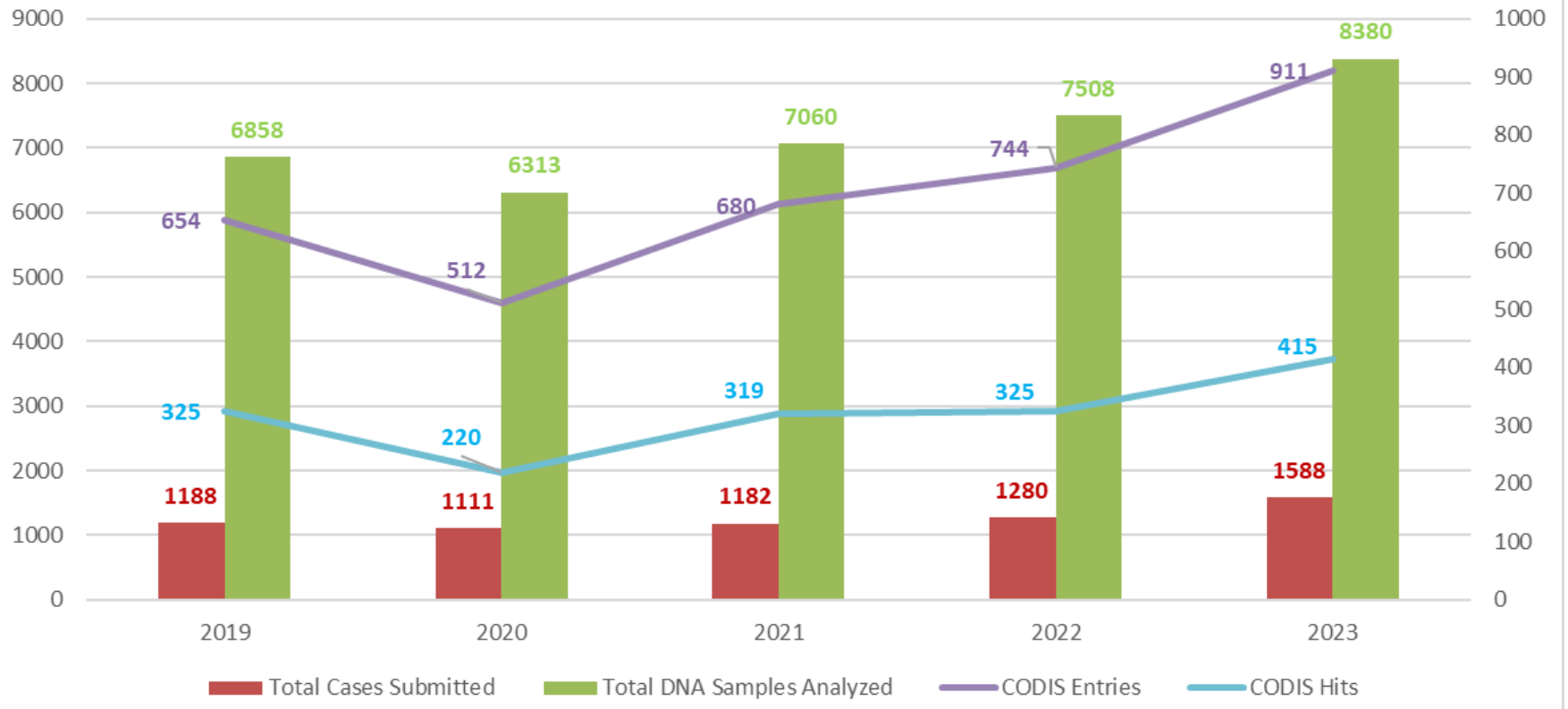
Most Common Drugs

(*2023 projections based on data through November 2, 2023)



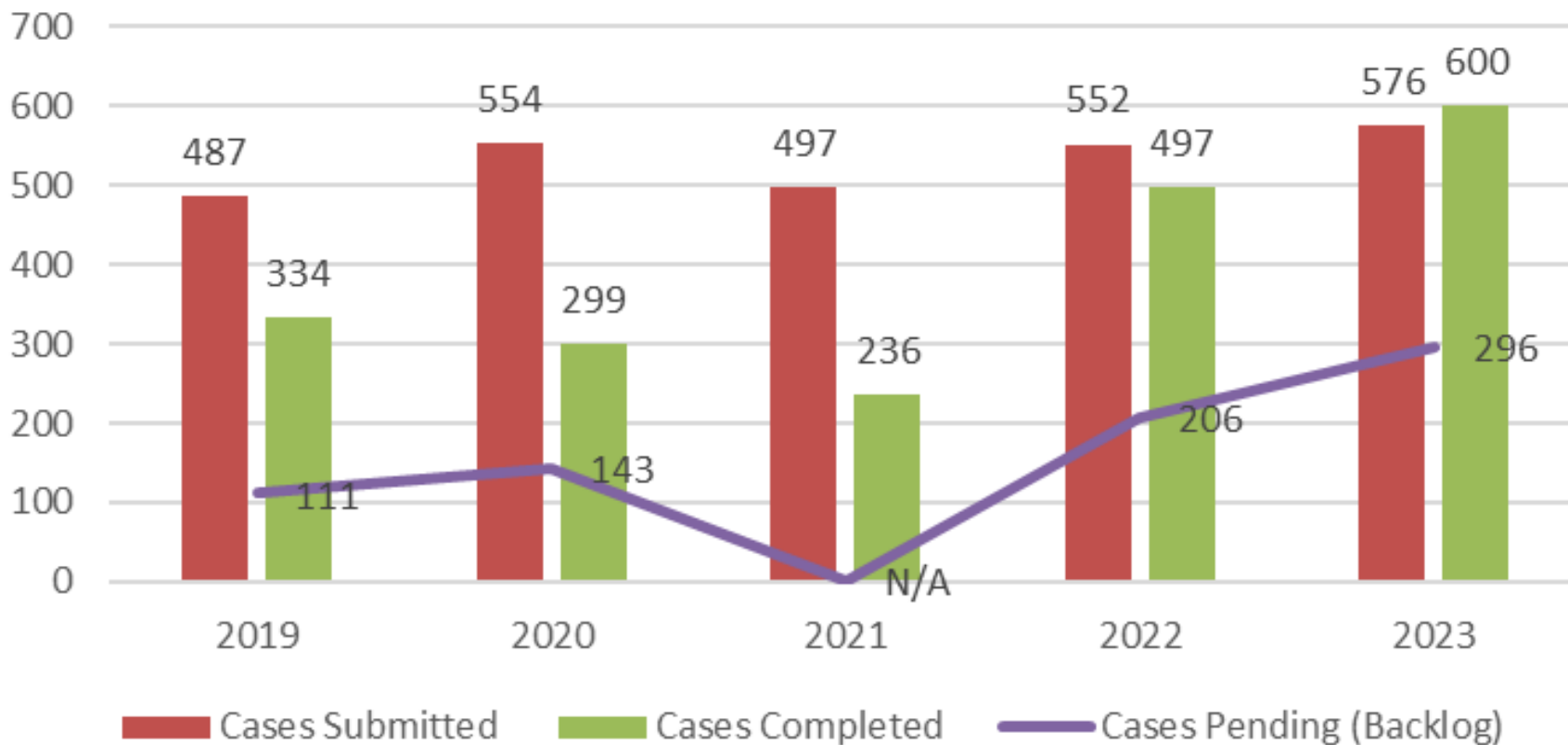
DNA 2019-2023*

*projected after 3rd Q



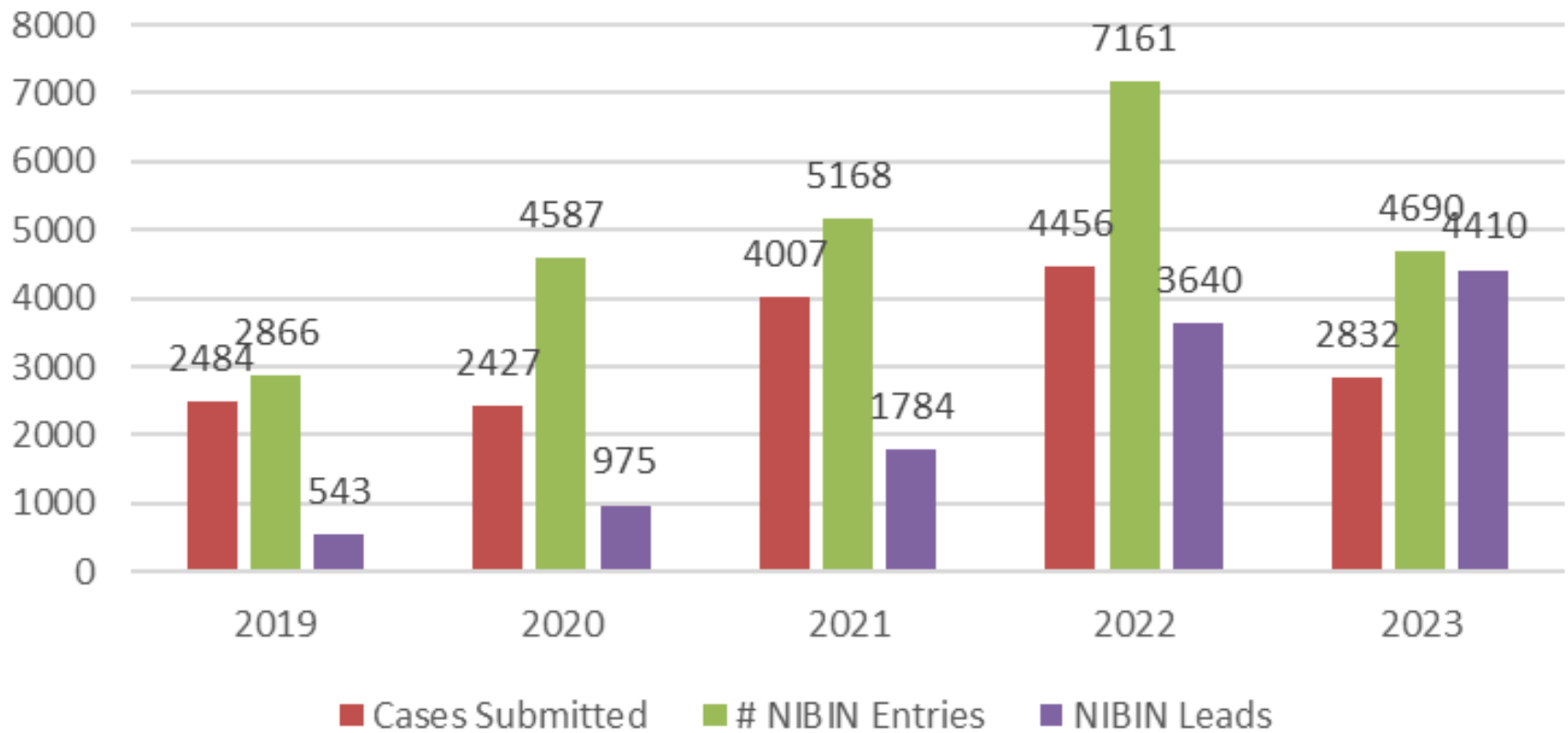
Trace Evidence 2019-2023*

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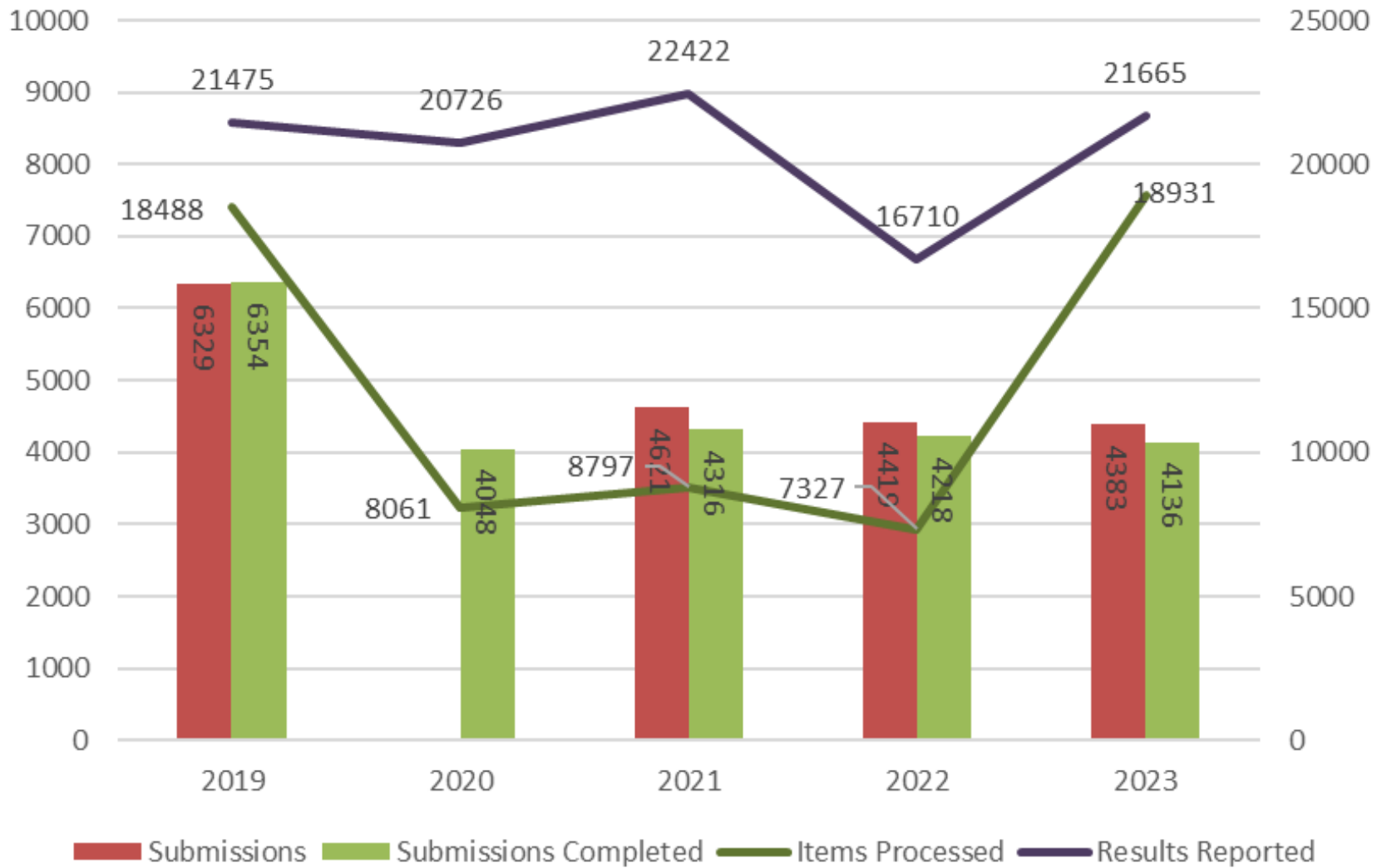
Firearms 2019-2023*

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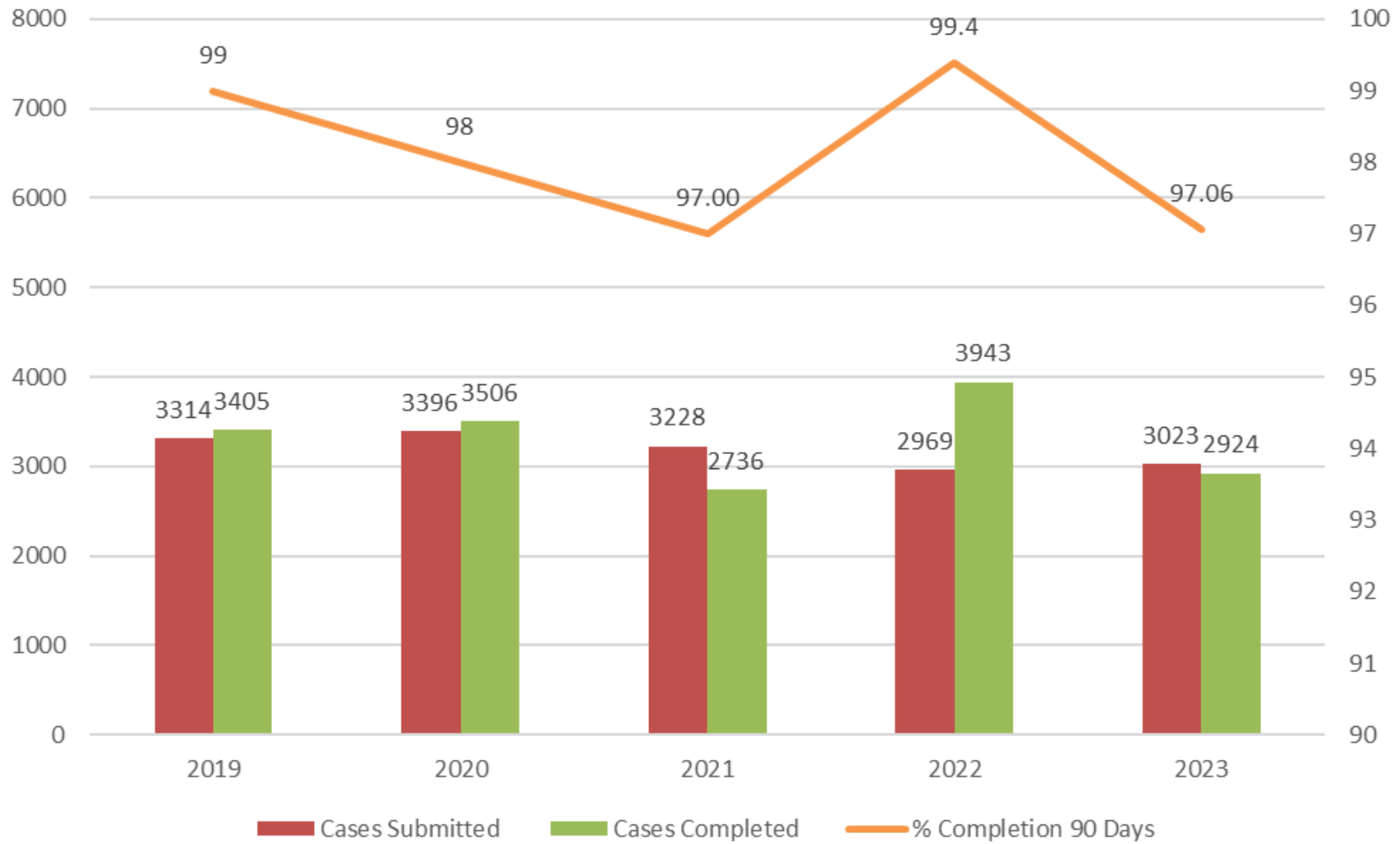
Drug Chemistry 2019-2023*

*projected after 3rd Q



Toxicology 2019-2023*

*projected after 3rd Q



Fingerprints 2019-2023*

*projected after 3rdQ

