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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

**Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine
Related Deaths in
Cuyahoga County**

2021 August UPDATE

September 15, 2021

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in JUNE– at least **43 (6 cases pending testing)**

20 - City of Cleveland Residents

16 - Suburban Residents- Bedford, Berea, Brook Park, Euclid (2), Garfield Hts., Lakewood (2), Mayfield Hts., North Olmsted, North Royalton (2), Parma (3), Westlake, and

5– Out of County – Akron (Summit Co.), Concord and Painesville Twp. (Lake Co.), Lorain (Lorain Co.), Northfield (Summit Co.), and Rittman (Geauga Co.)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 23 - 72

31 Male victims; 12 Female victims

10 African American victims; 33 Caucasian victims (4 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **365** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through August 2021. This compares to 273 in 2020; 287 in 2019; 265 in 2018 and 381 in 2017. 2021 total is at least **446** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 191 cases in 2017; 24 cases in 2018; 220 in 2019; 63 confirmed in 2020; 5 as of 8/31/21

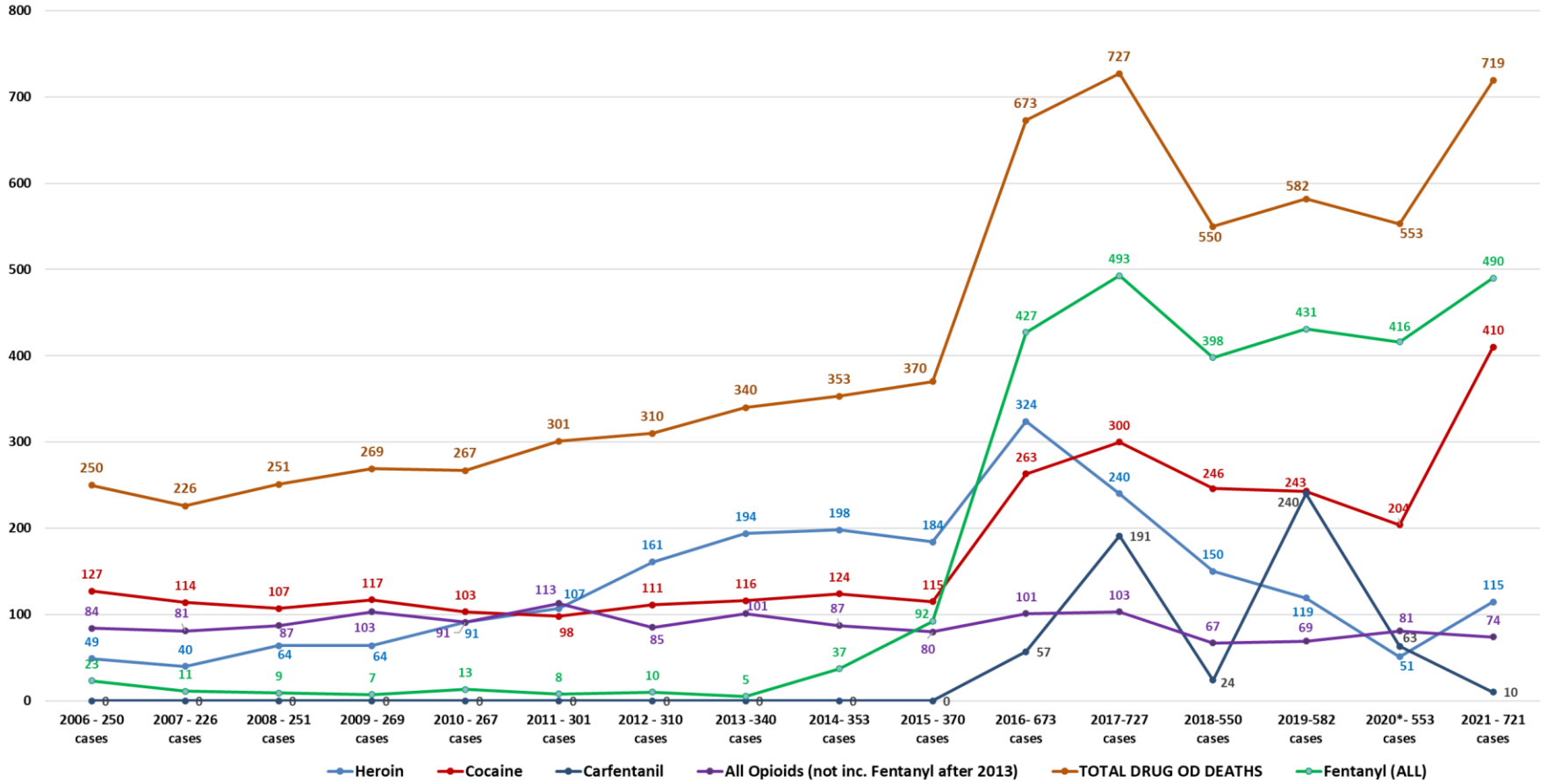
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 31.08% of all victims in 2021, higher than all previous years: 25.00% of all victims in 2020 and 27.80% in 2019, more than double the rate in 2016 (14.5%), and more than the 20.33% in 2017 and 21.61 in 2018. As many as 25 cocaine related deaths occurred in August 2021 with as many as 19 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical
Examiner's Office revised 9-15-21



Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021* Most Common Drugs

*(2021 projections based on data through August 31, 2021)



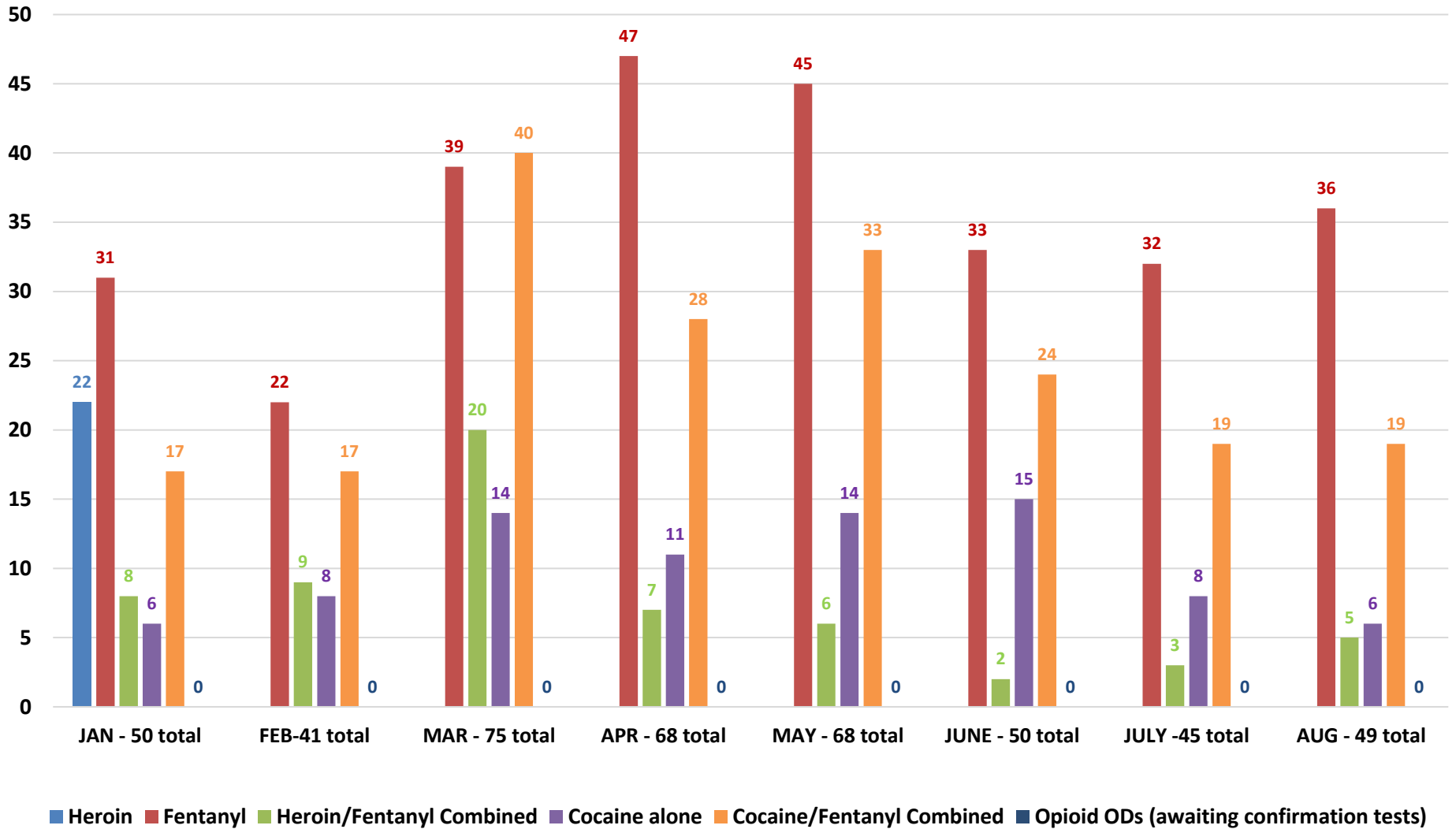
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2021 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved*(thru August 31, 2021)

Combined is heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination

(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)

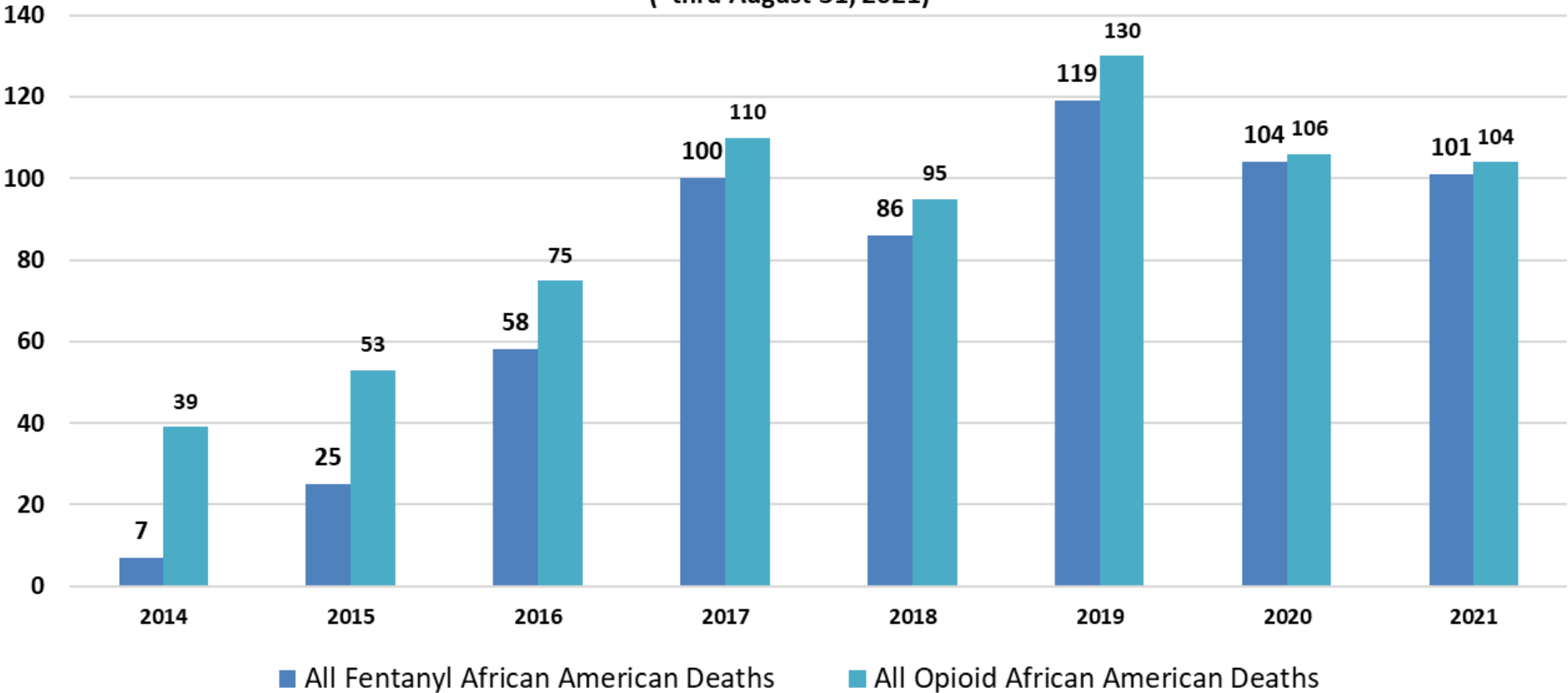


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2021*

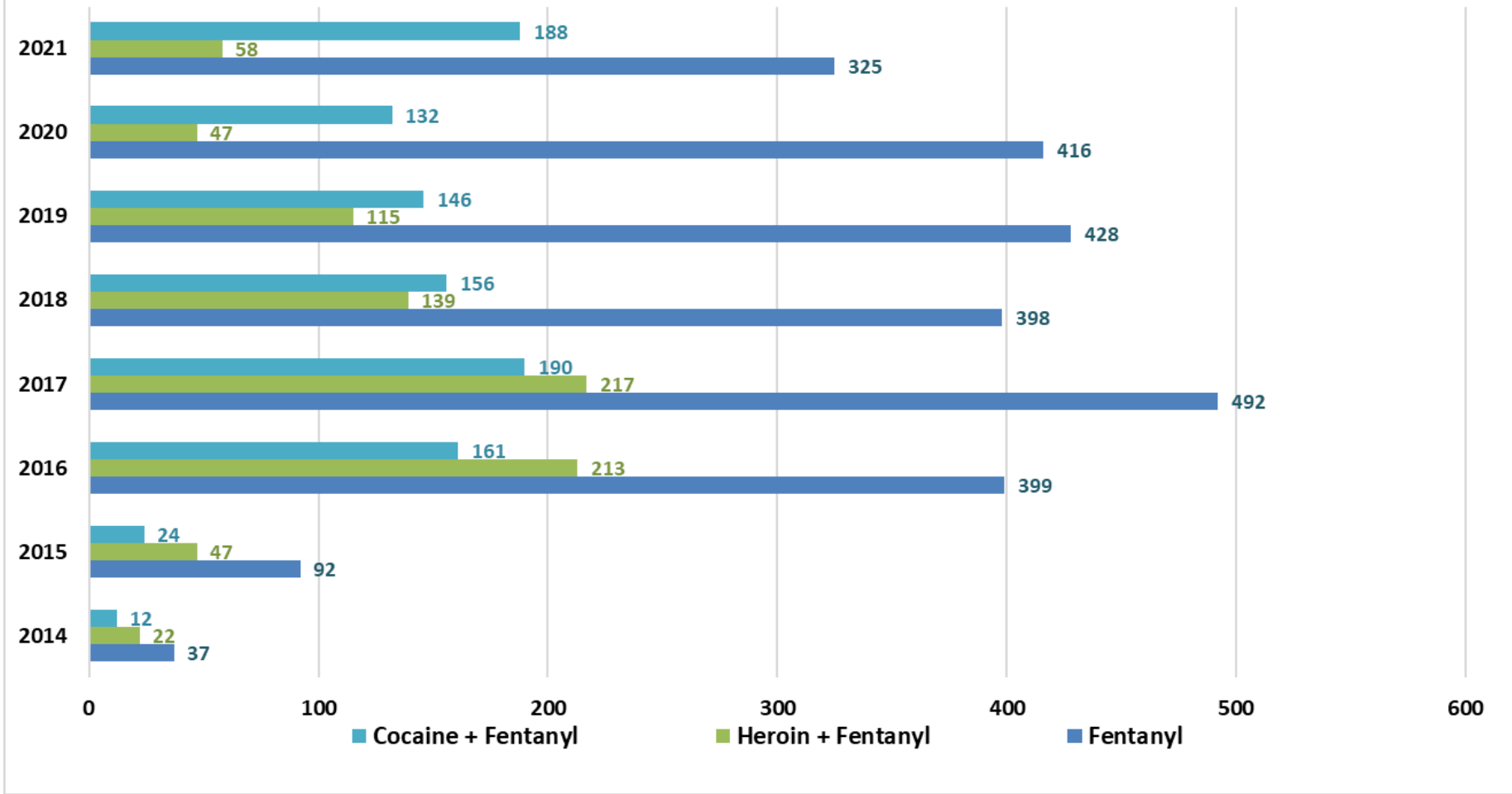
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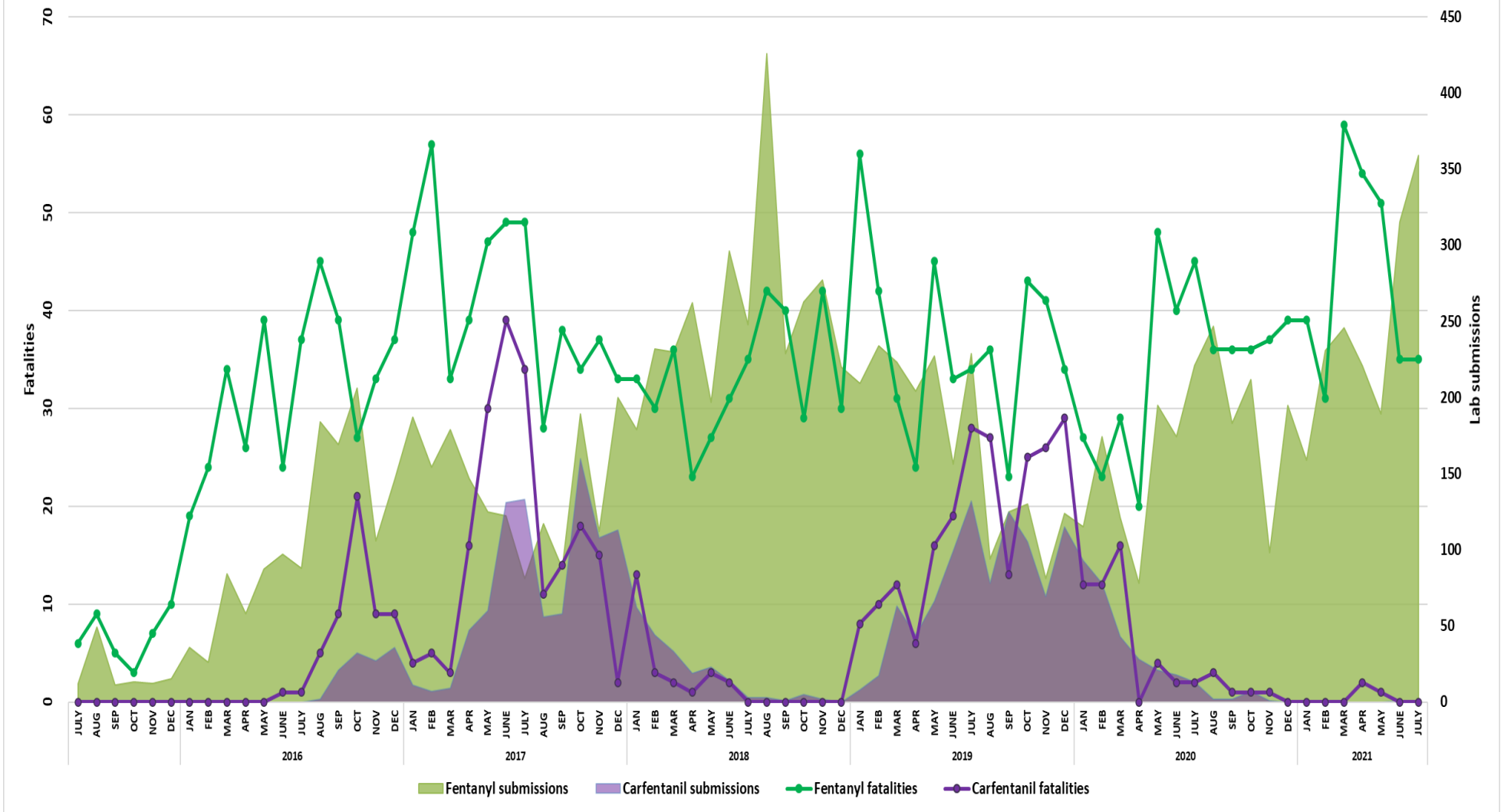
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2021* (* thru August 31, 2021)



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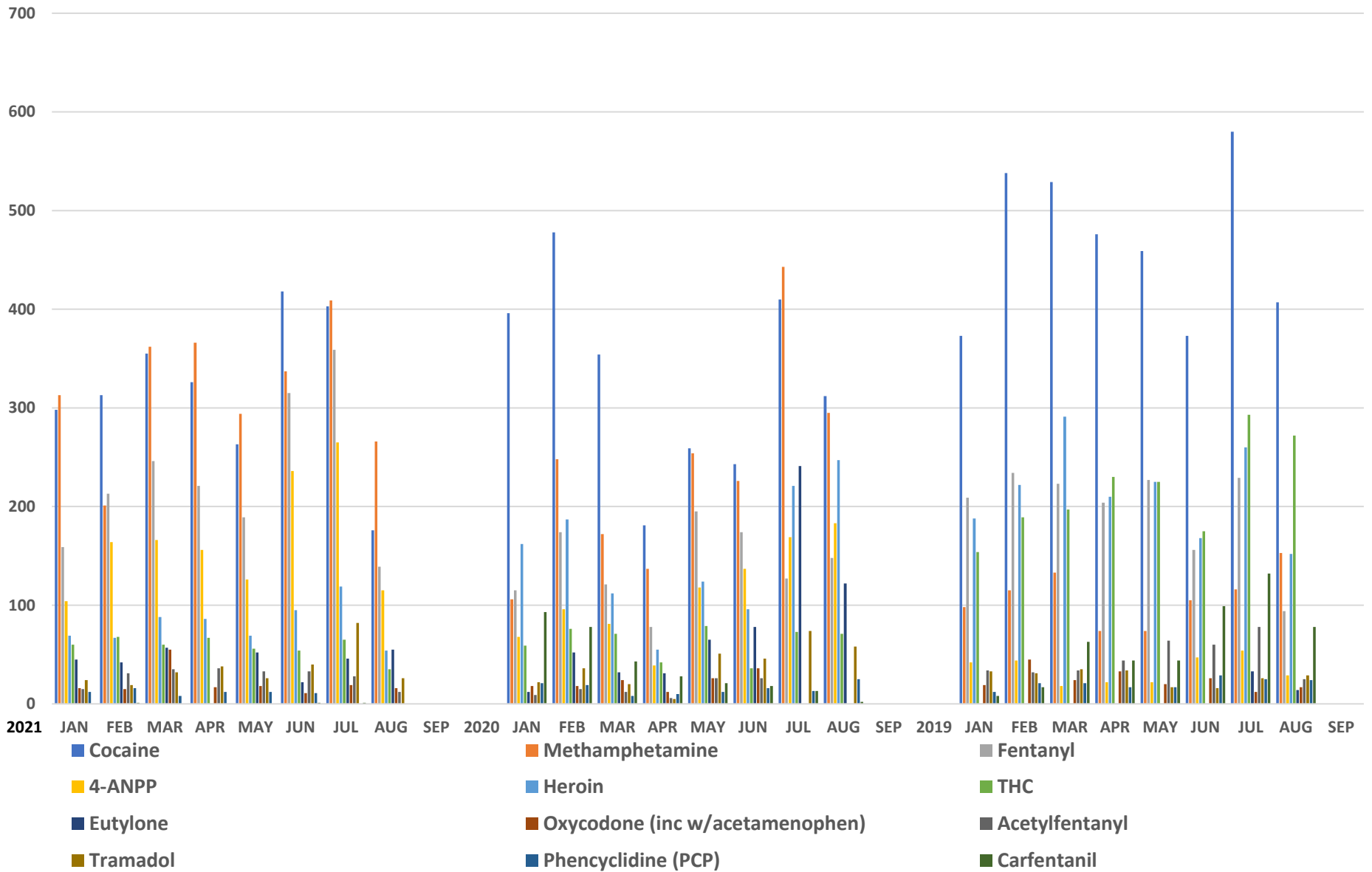
CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2021)



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CCMEO/CCRFSL 2019-2021 Top Drug Lab Submissions Thru August



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