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CUYAHOGA COUNTY

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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

2021 July UPDATE

August 15, 2021

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in JUNE– at least **37 (16 cases pending testing)**

18 - City of Cleveland Residents

16 - Suburban Residents- Bedford Hts., Brook Park, Euclid (3), Garfield Hts., Independence, North Royalton, Olmsted Falls, Parma (2), Parma Heights, Shaker Hts., Strongsville, Valley View, Warrensville Hts., and

3– Out of County – Chippewa Lake (Medina Co.), Los Angeles (CA) and Willoughby (Lake Co.)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 20 - 72

29 Male victims; 8 Female victims

12 African American victims and 25 Caucasian victims (1 Hispanic victim)

TRENDS

At least **322** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through July 2021. This compares to 237 in 2020; 247 in 2019; 220 in 2018 and 345 in 2017. 2021 total is at least **397** 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 8/15/21

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 30.26% 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 27 cocaine related deaths occurred in July 2021 with as many as 19 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

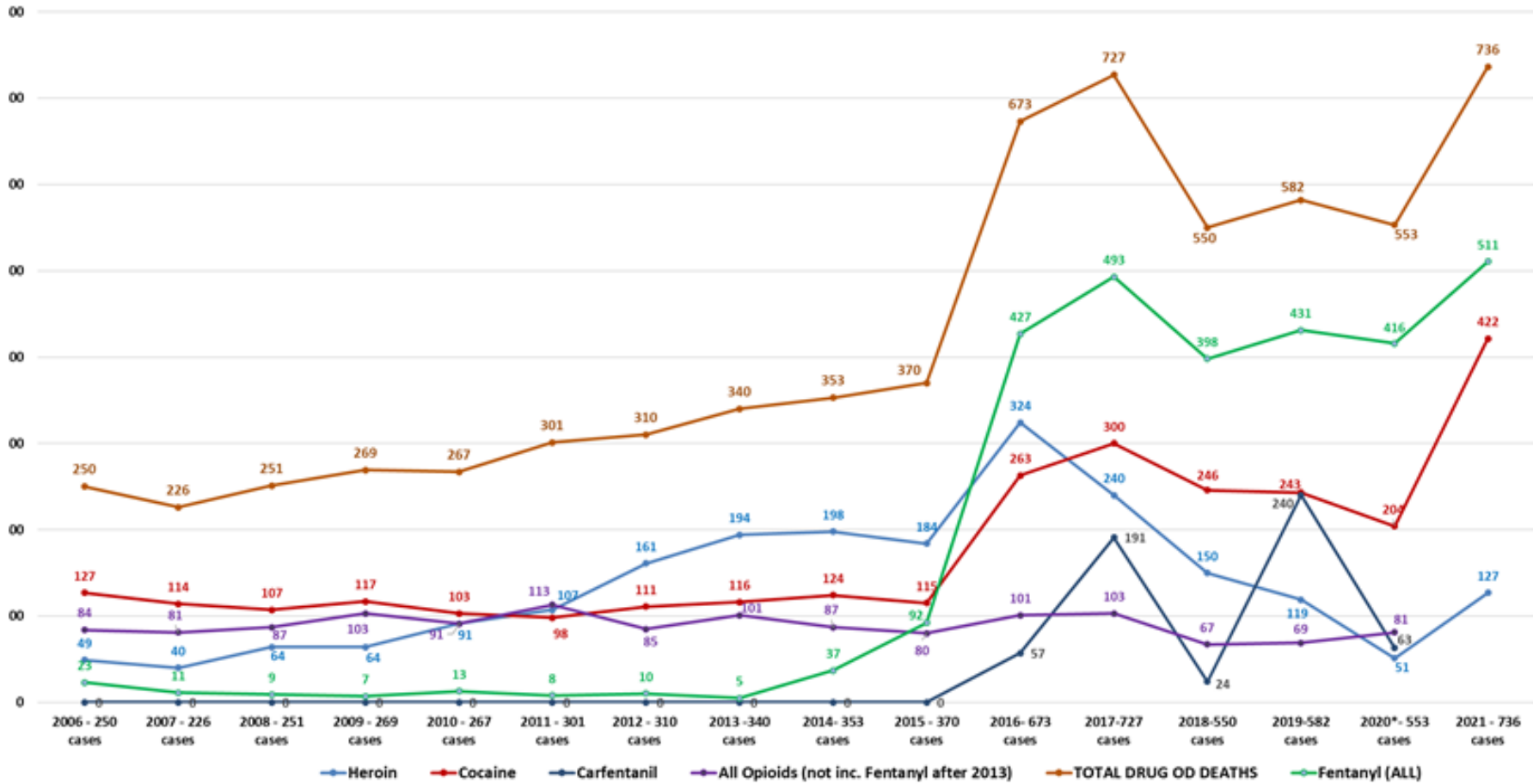
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021*

Most Common Drugs

*(2021 projections based on data through August 2, 2021)



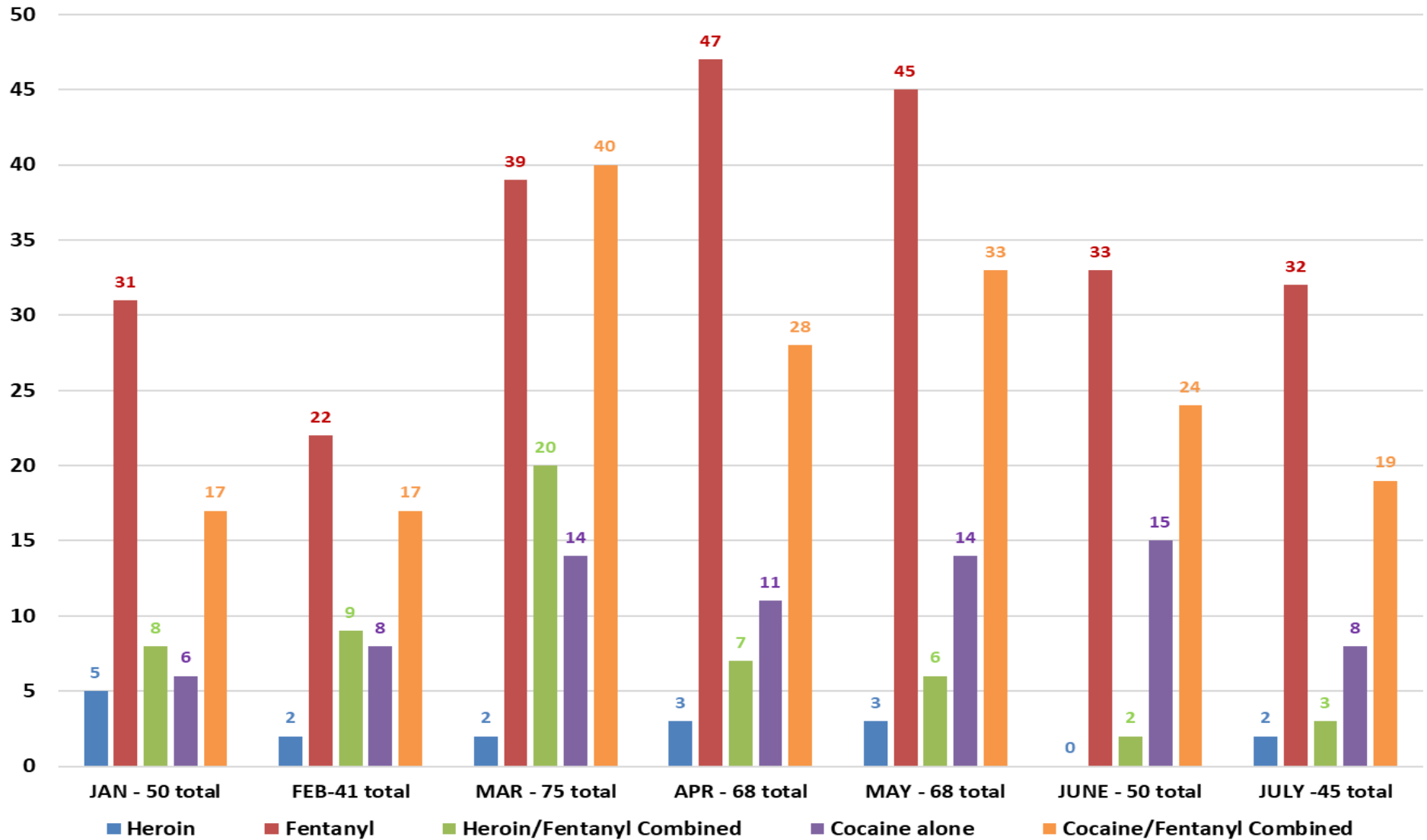
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2021 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved*(thru July 30, 2021)

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

(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)

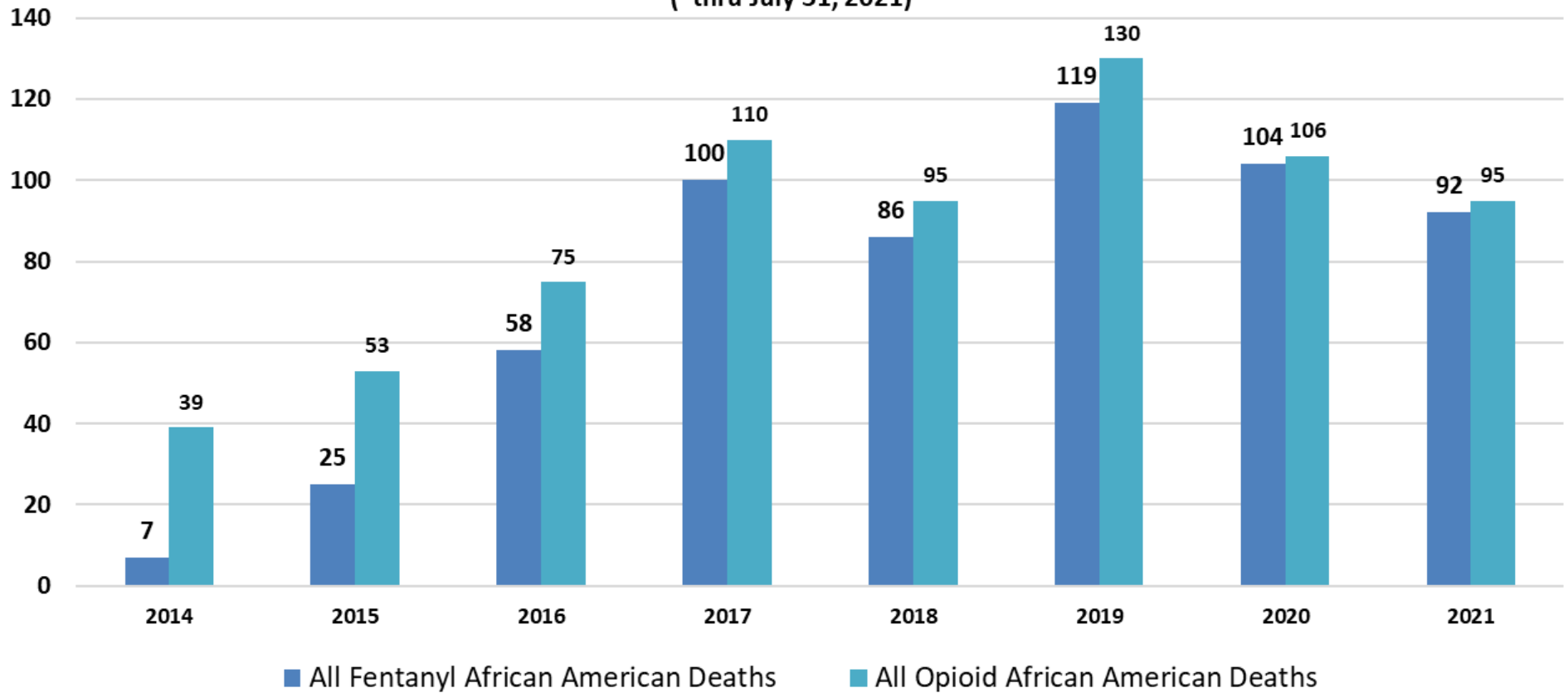


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2021*

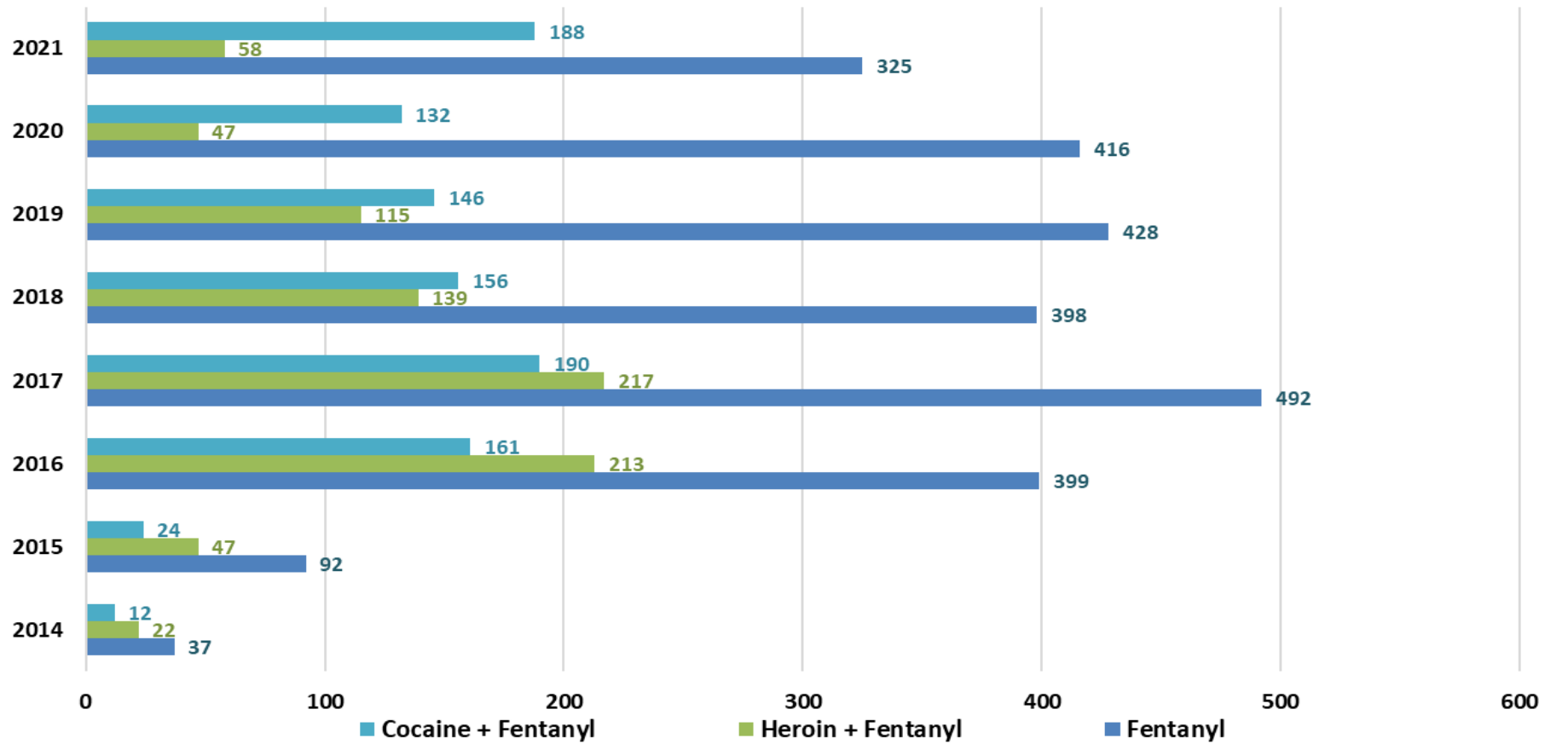
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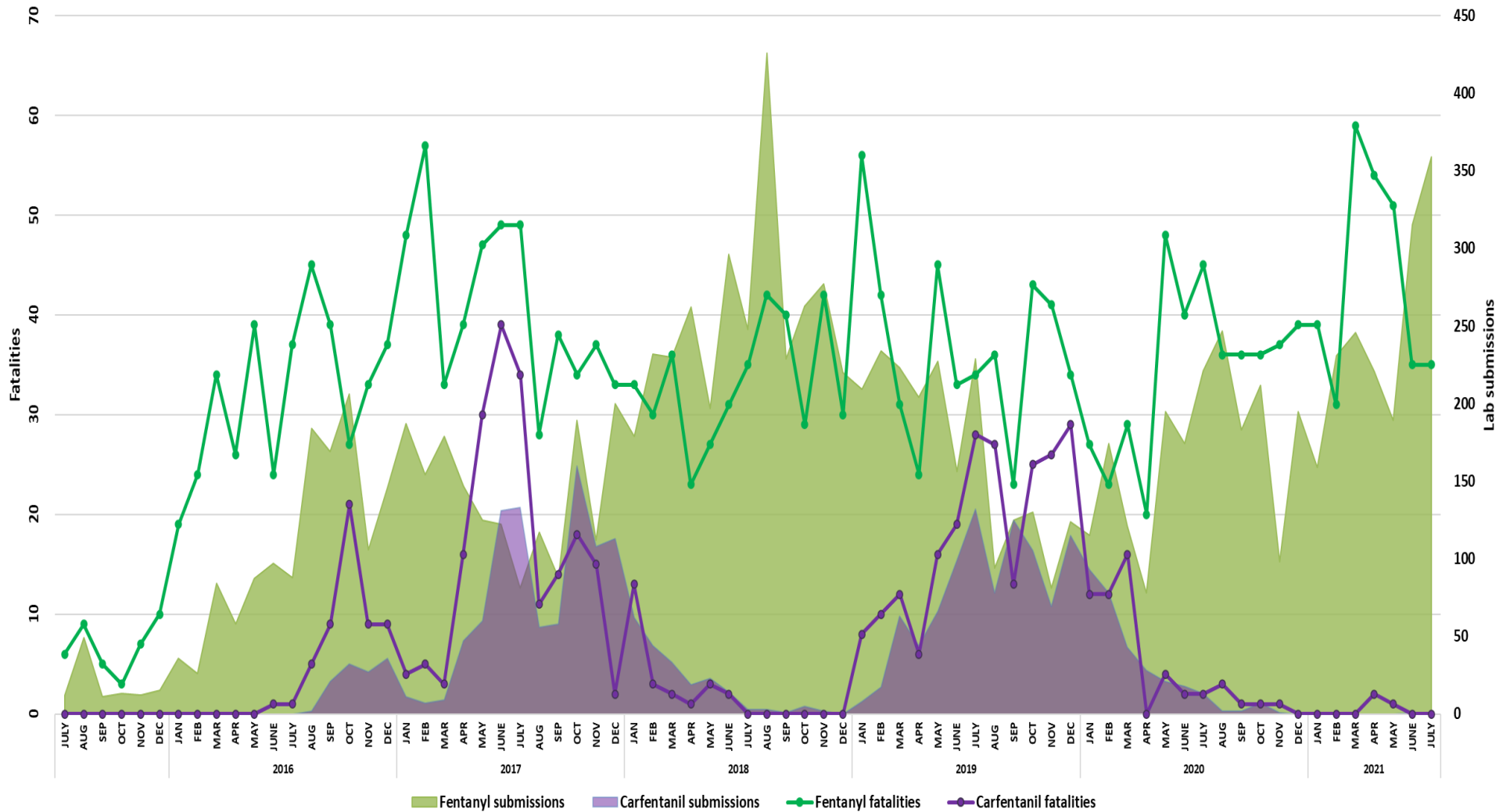
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2021* (* thru August 5, 2021)



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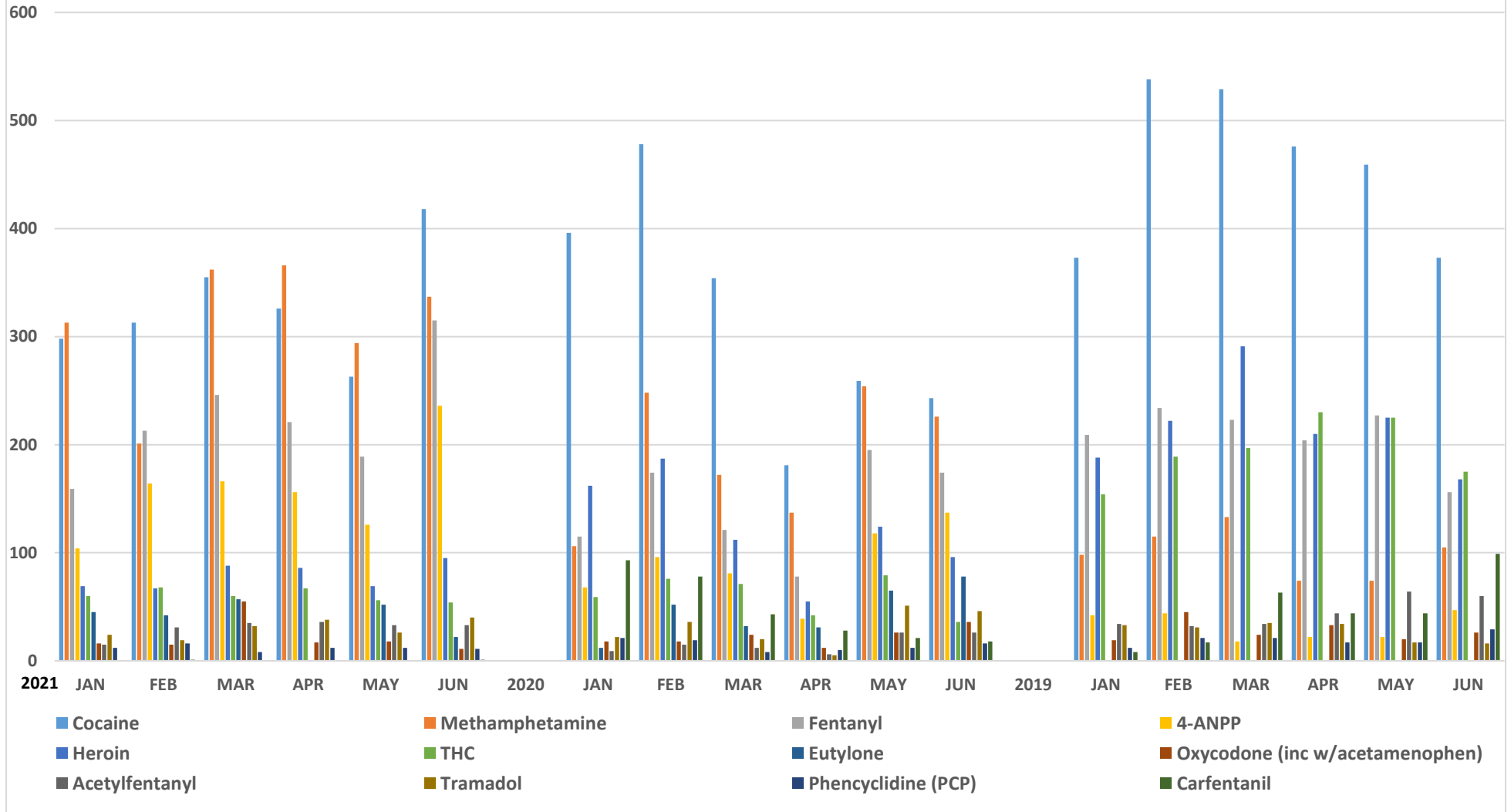
CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2021)



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CCMEO/CCRFSL 2019-2021 MidYear Drug Lab Submissions



Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office revised 7-15-21

