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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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

2021 May UPDATE

June 5, 2021

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in APRIL– at least **53 (22 cases pending testing)**

28 - City of Cleveland Residents

22 - Suburban Residents- Berea, East Cleveland, Euclid (5), Fairview Park (3), Garfield Hts., Lakewood (2), Maple Hts., Middleburgh Hts., Parma (4), Parma Heights, Rocky River, South Euclid, and

2– Out of County –Medina (Medina Co.) and Norwalk (Huron Co.)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 24 - 71

37 Male victims; 15 Female victims

18 African American victims; and 34 Caucasian victims (62 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **248** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through May 2021. This compares to 152 in 2020; 184 in 2019; 154 in 2018 and 239 in 2017. 2021 total is at least **299** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 191 cases in 2017; 24 cases in 2018; 220 in 2019; 63 confirmed in 2020; 2 as of 5/15/21

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 32.31% 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 45 cocaine related deaths occurred in April 2021 with as many as 32 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

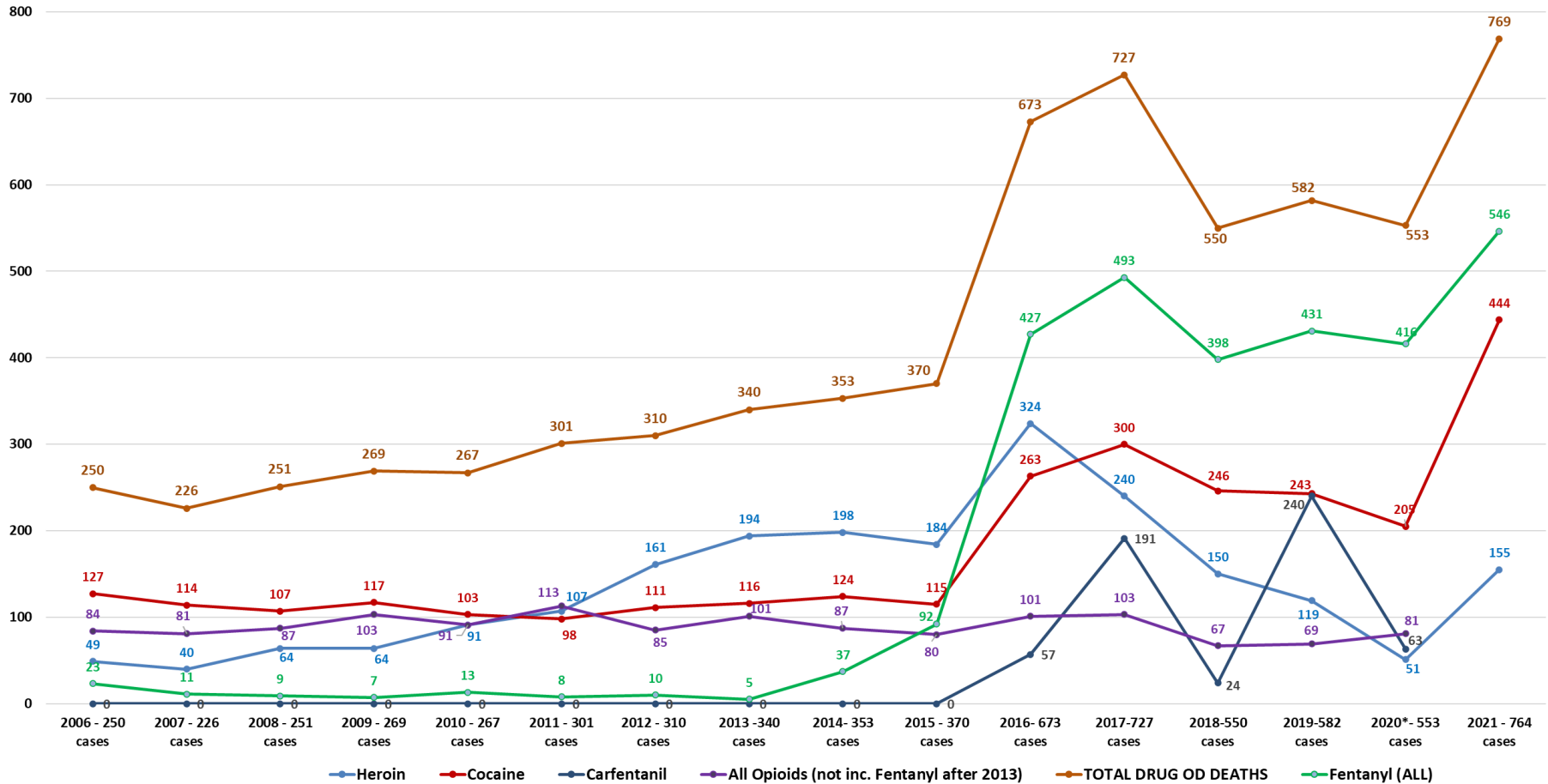
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021*

Most Common Drugs

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



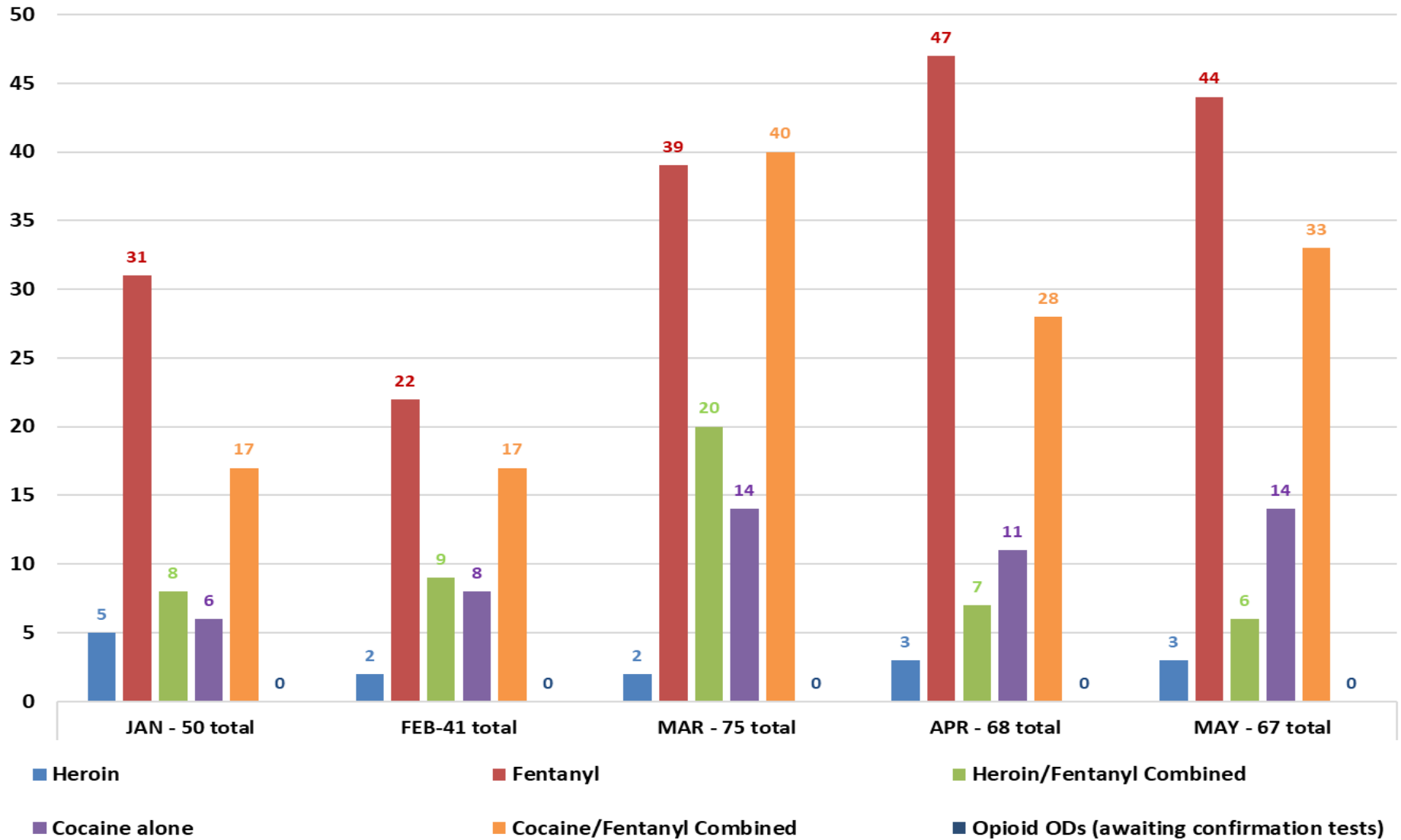
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2021 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved*(thru May 31, 2021)

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

(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)

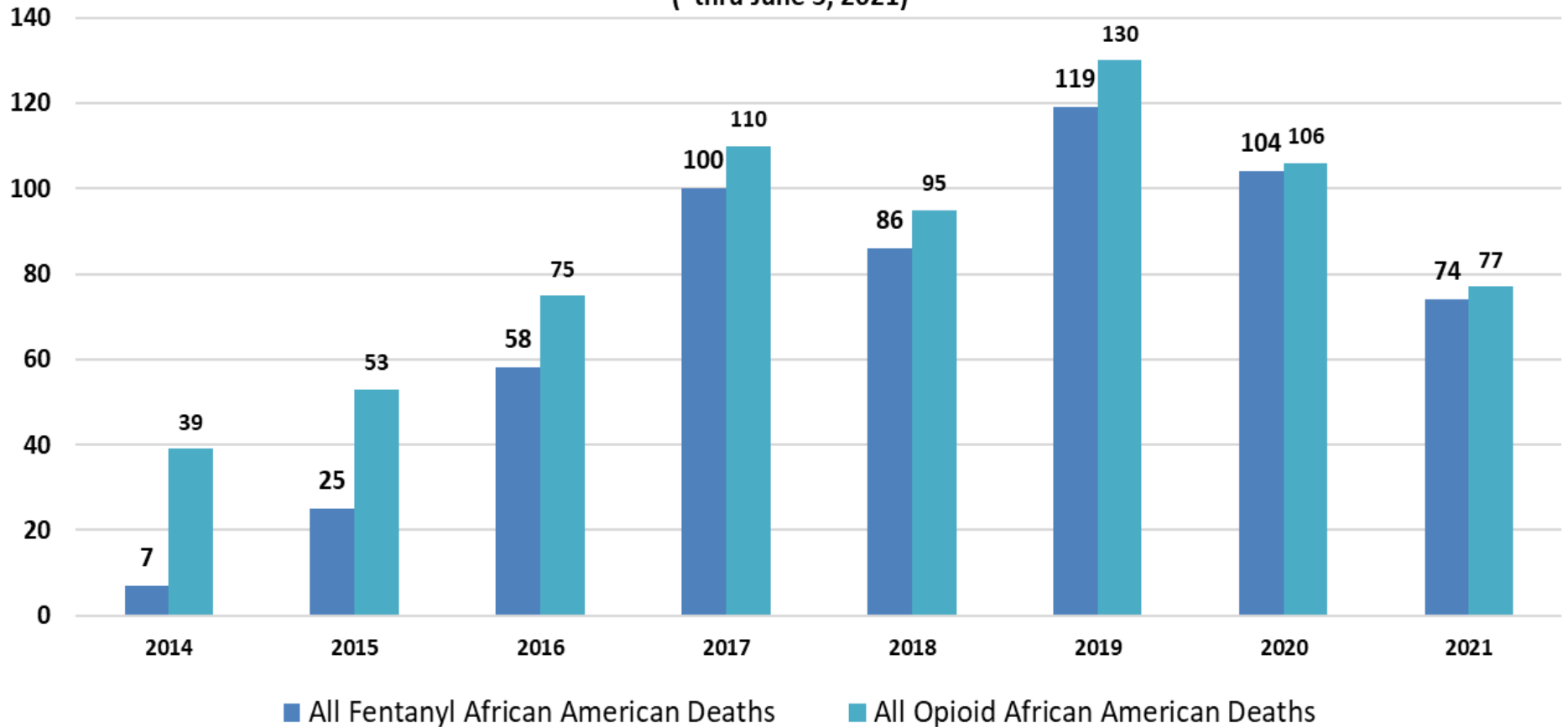


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2021*

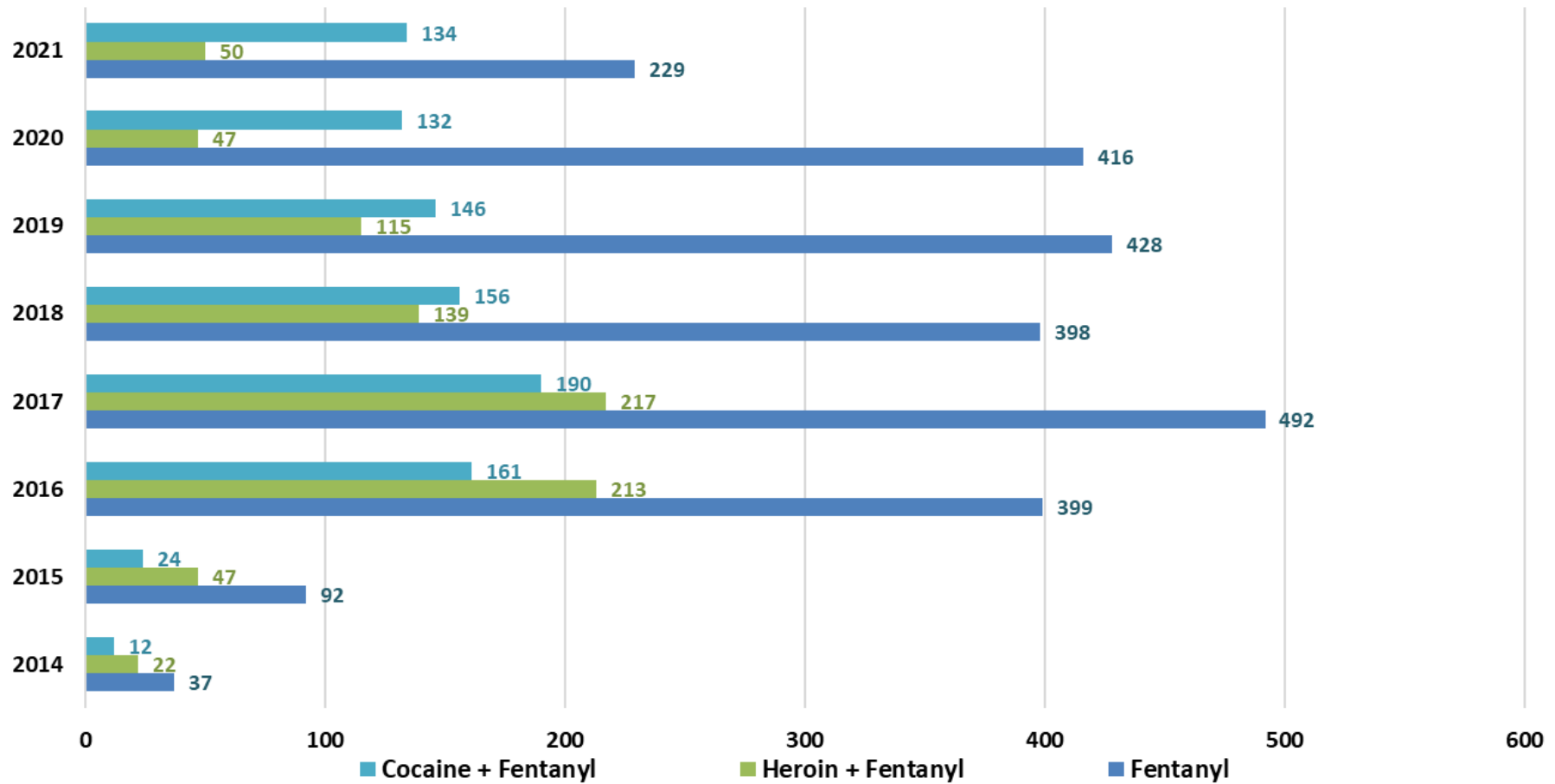
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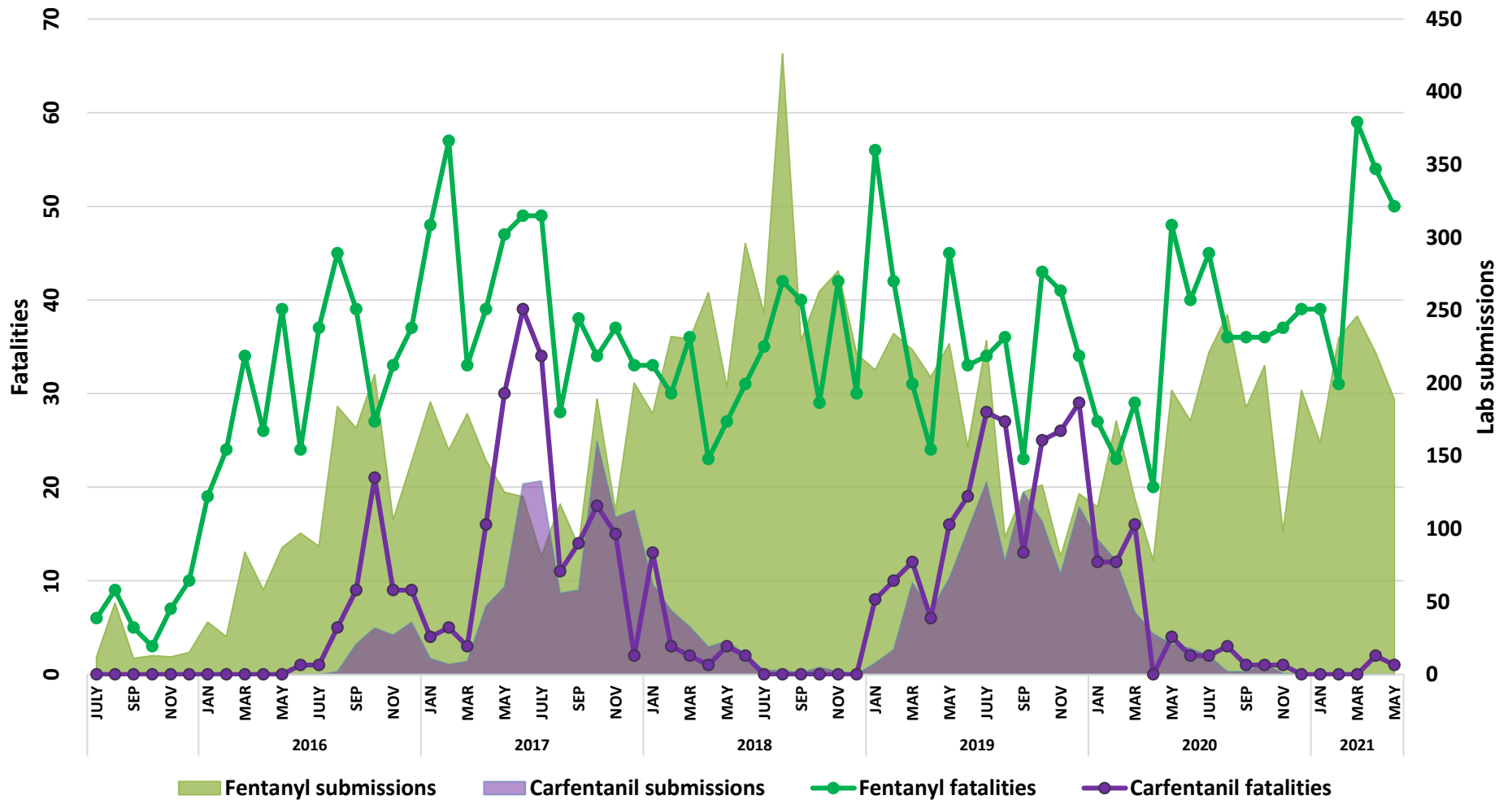
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2021* (* thru June 5, 2021)



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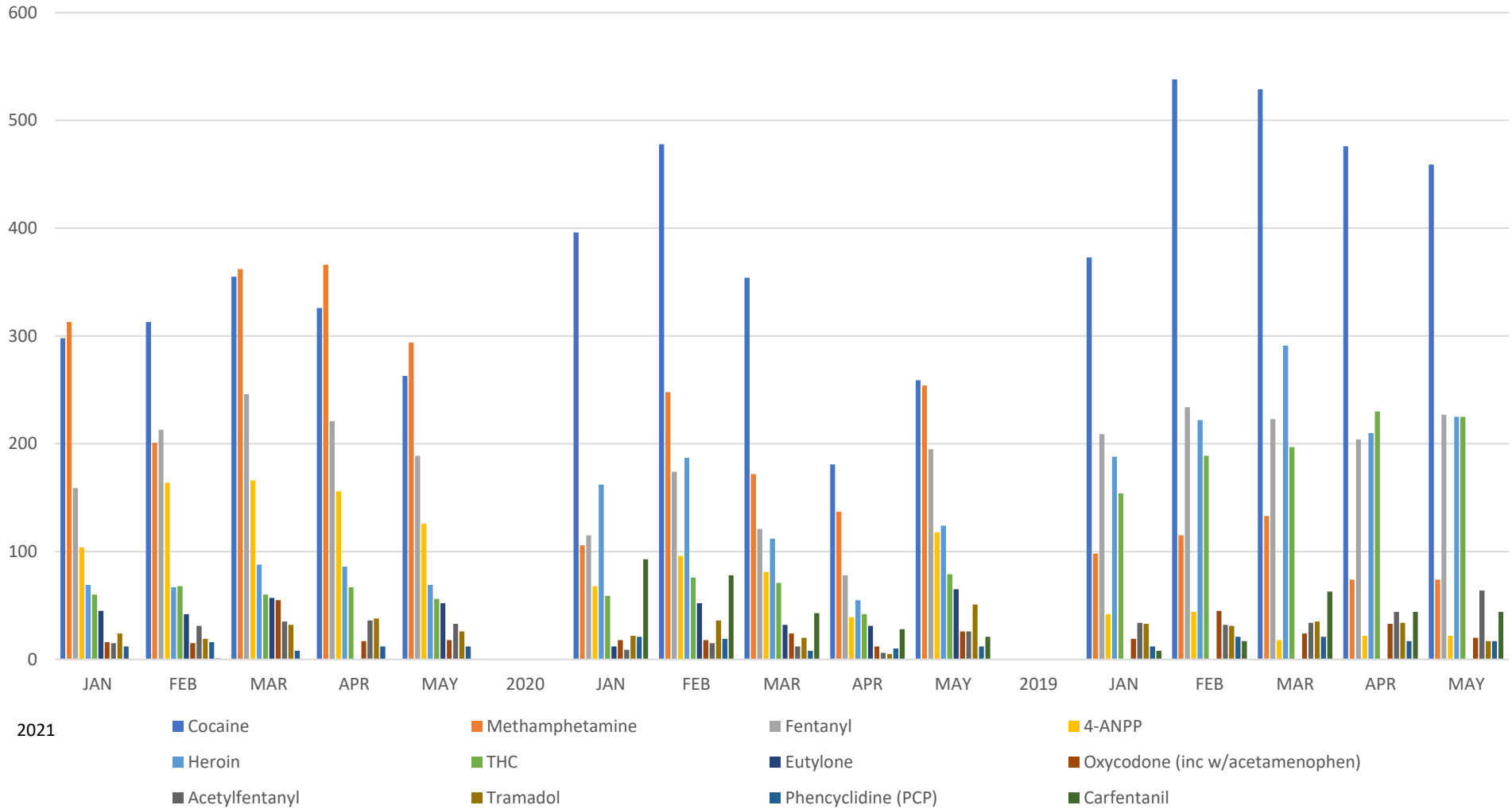
CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2021)



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CCMEO/CCRFSL 2019-2021 Jan - May Drug Lab Submissions



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