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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

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

2021 November UPDATE

December 16, 2021

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in October– at least 60 (16 cases pending testing)

33 - City of Cleveland Residents

19 - Suburban Residents- Brook Park, Cleveland Hts., Euclid, Garfield Hts., Lakewood (4), Maple Hts., North Olmsted (3), Olmsted Falls, Parma Hts. (4), South Euclid, Warrensville Hts. and

6– Out of County – Amherst and Sheffield Lake (Lorain Co.), Willoughby and Wickliffe (Lake Co.), Hudson (Summit Co.) and Medina (Medina Co.) and 2 UNKNOWN

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 17 - 81

38 Male victims; 22 Female victims

11 African American victims; 47 Caucasian victims (5 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **454** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through November 2021. This compares to 382 in 2020; 399 in 2019; 379 in 2018 and 507 in 2017. 2021 total is at least **575** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 191 cases in 2017; 24 cases in 2018; 220 in 2019; 63 confirmed in 2020; 6 as of 11/30/21

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 31.26% 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 48 cocaine related deaths occurred in November 2021 with as many as 33 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

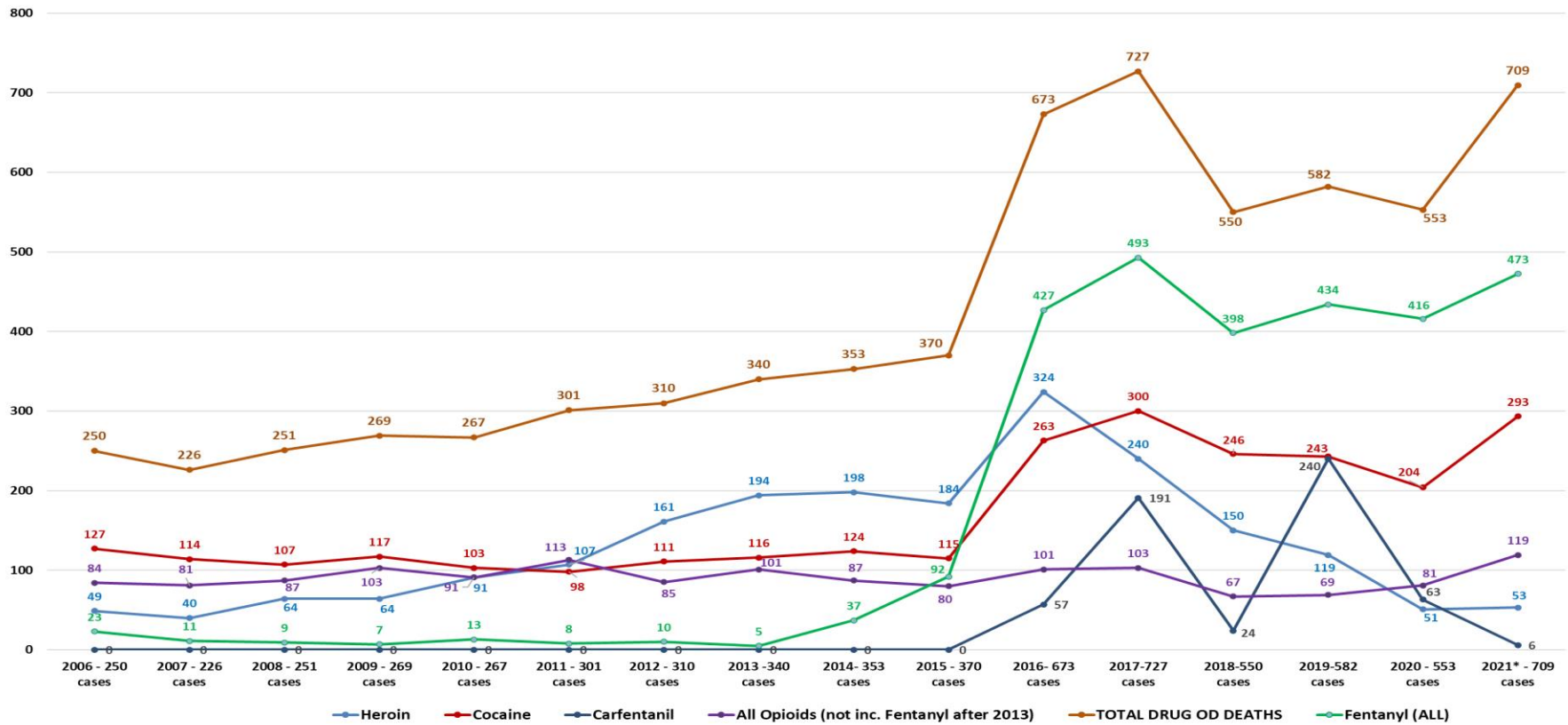
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021*

Most Common Drugs

*(2021 projections based on data through December 3, 2021)

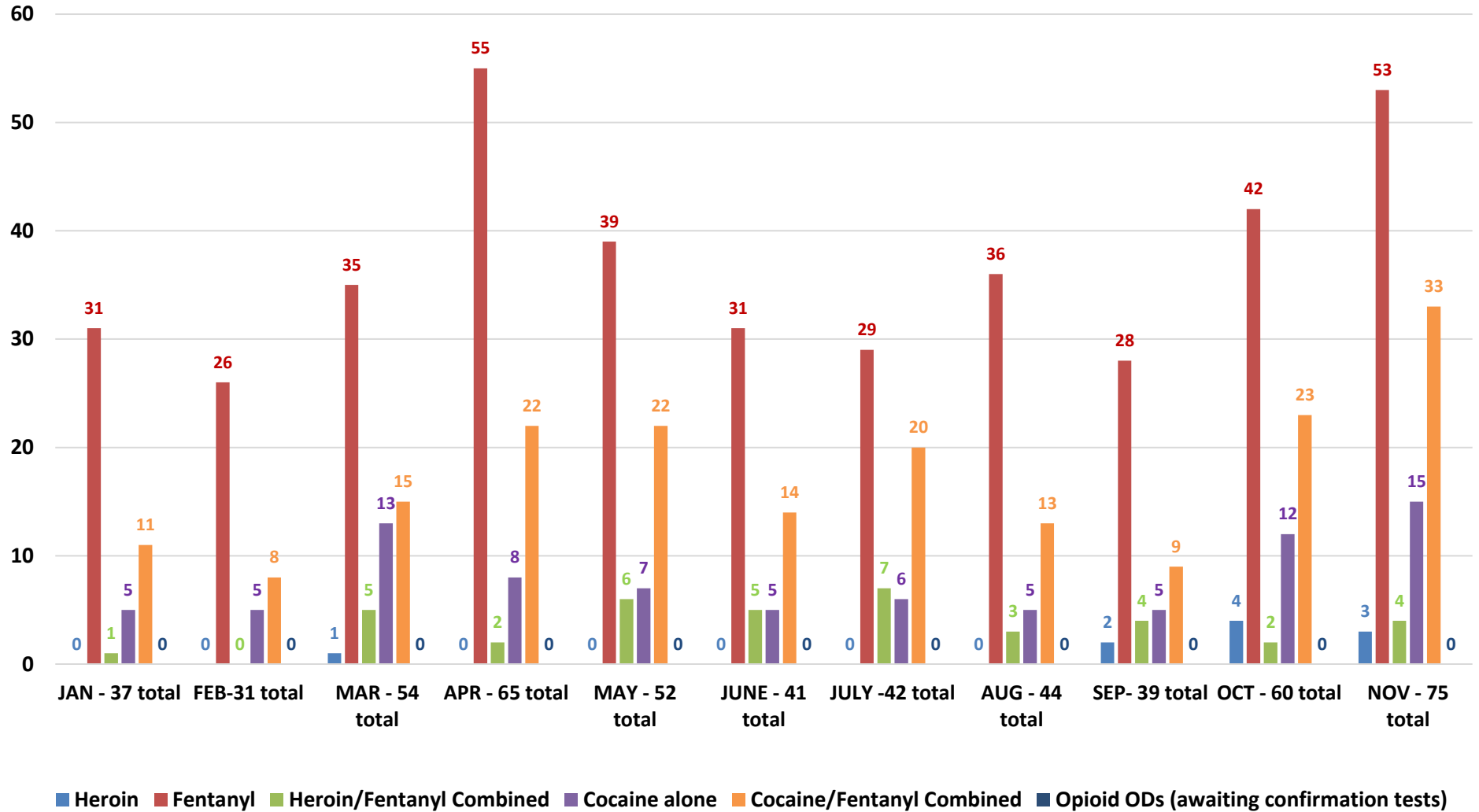


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2021 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru November 30, 2021)

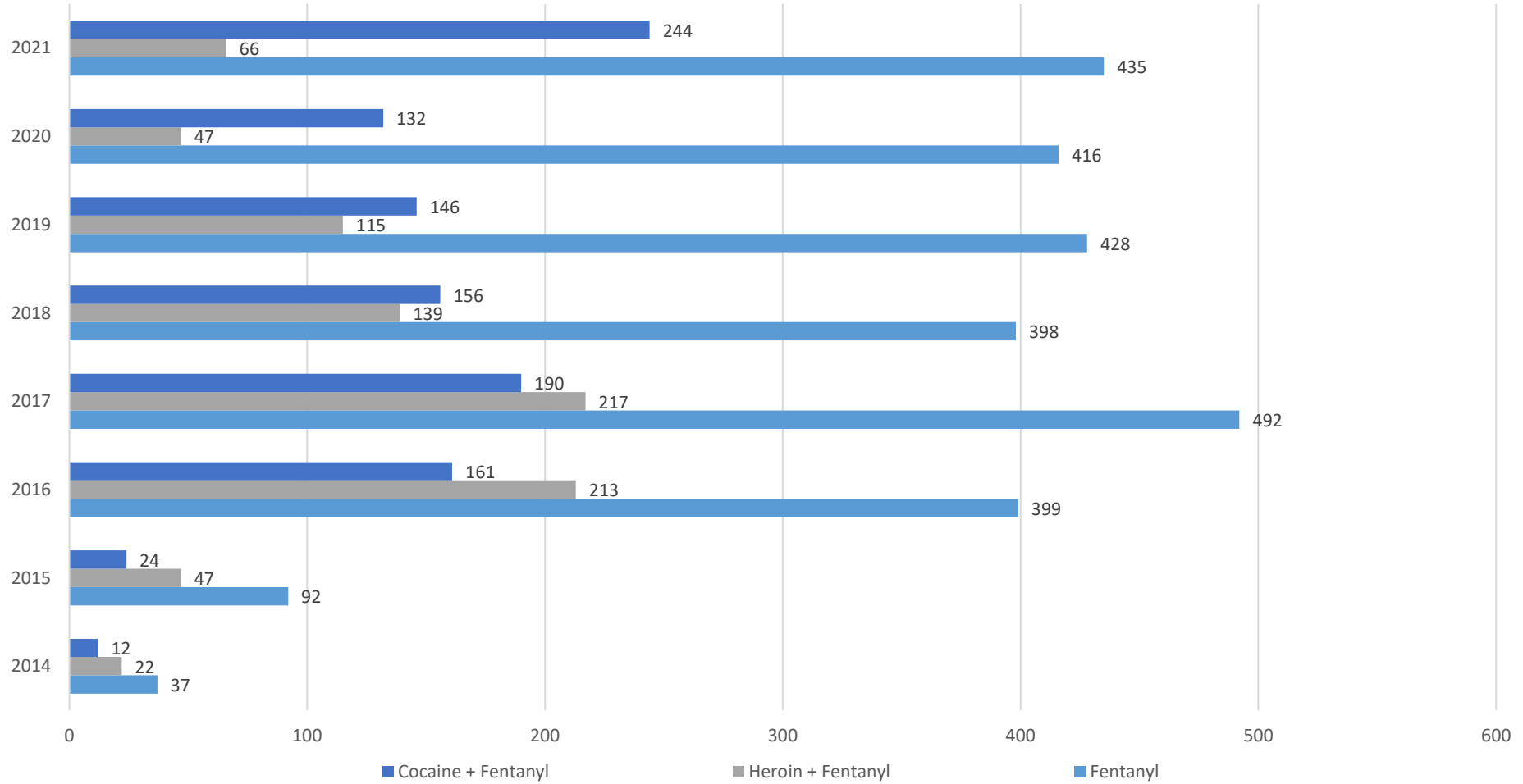
Combined is heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination
(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)



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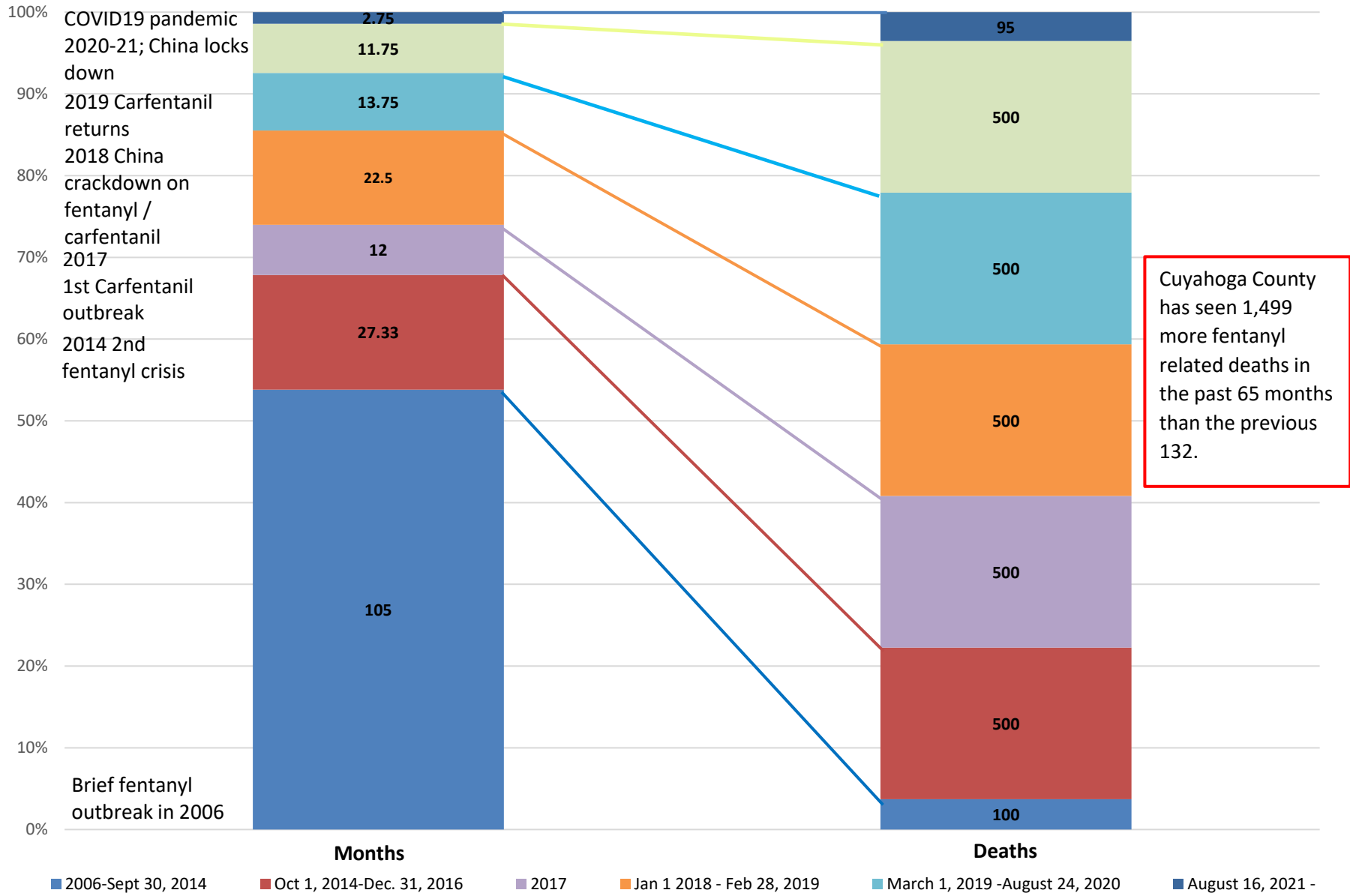
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2021* (* thru November 30, 2021)



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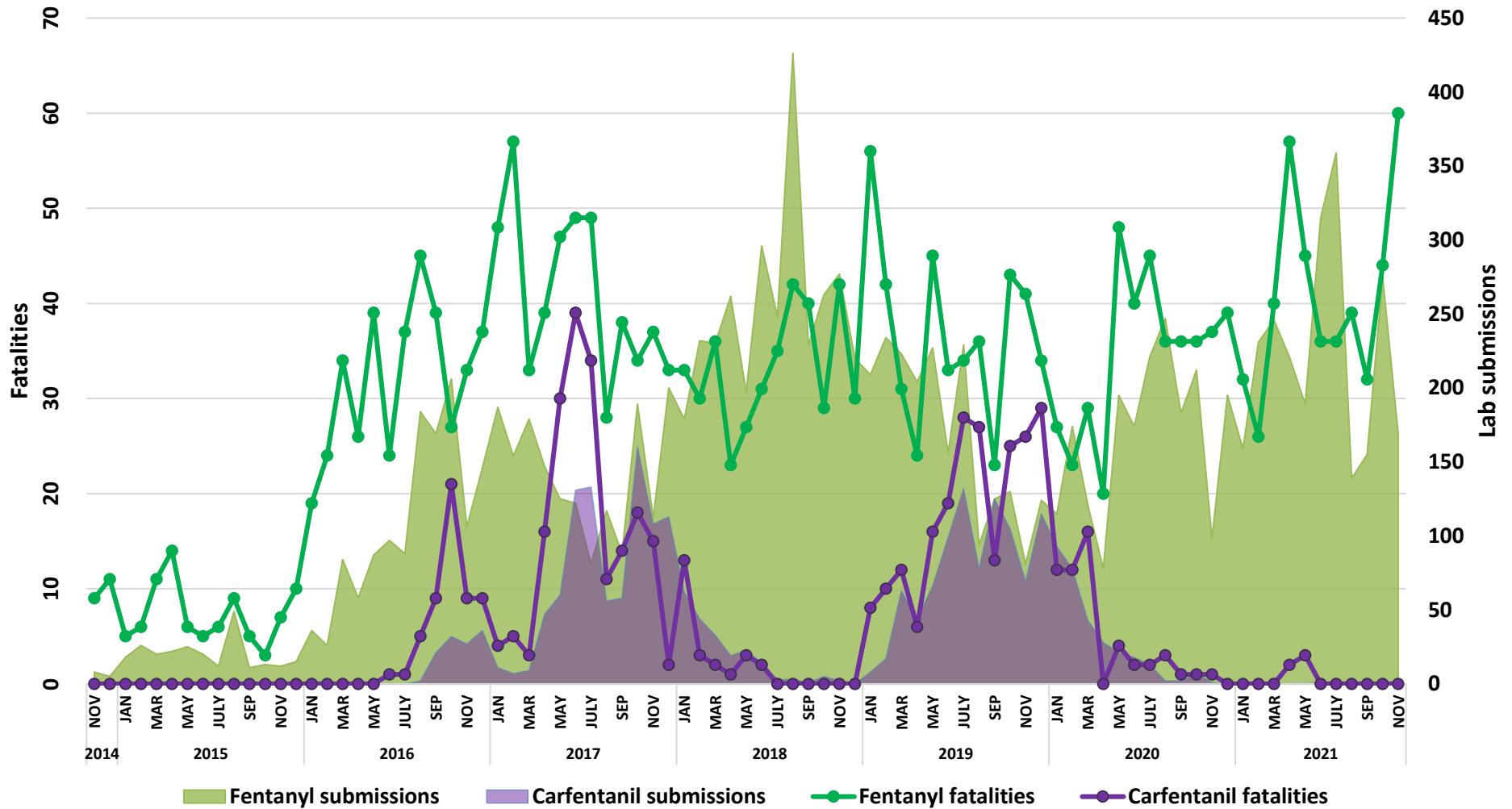
Cuyahoga County Fentanyl Deaths 2006-2021



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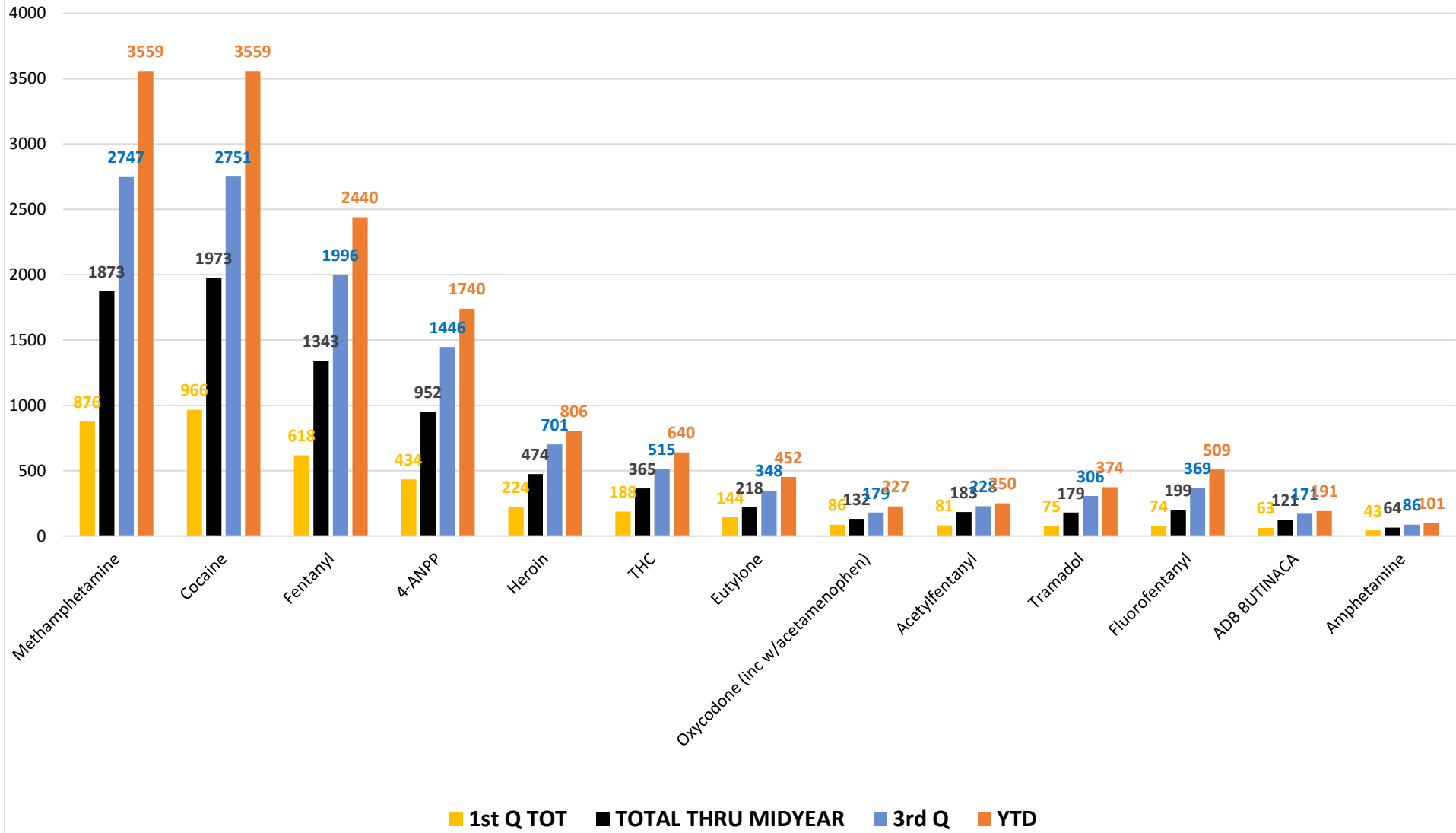
CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2021)



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CCRFSL 2021 TOP 12 Drug Submissions Through November



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