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

2021 October UPDATE

November 15, 2021

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in October– at least 48 (11 cases pending testing)

34 - City of Cleveland Residents

11 - Suburban Residents- Beachwood, Brecksville (2), Broadview Hts., East Cleveland, Maple Hts., Parma (2), Parma Hts., South Euclid, Strongsville and

3– Out of County – Hamilton (Butler Co.), Painesville and Willoughby (Lake Co.)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 20 - 77

33 Male victims; 15 Female victims

16 African American victims; 32 Caucasian victims (3 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **447** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through October 2021. This compares to 345 in 2020; 325 in 2019; 337 in 2018 and 463 in 2017. 2021 total is at least **553** 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 10/31/21

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 29.27% 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 35 cocaine related deaths occurred in October 2021 with as many as 23 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

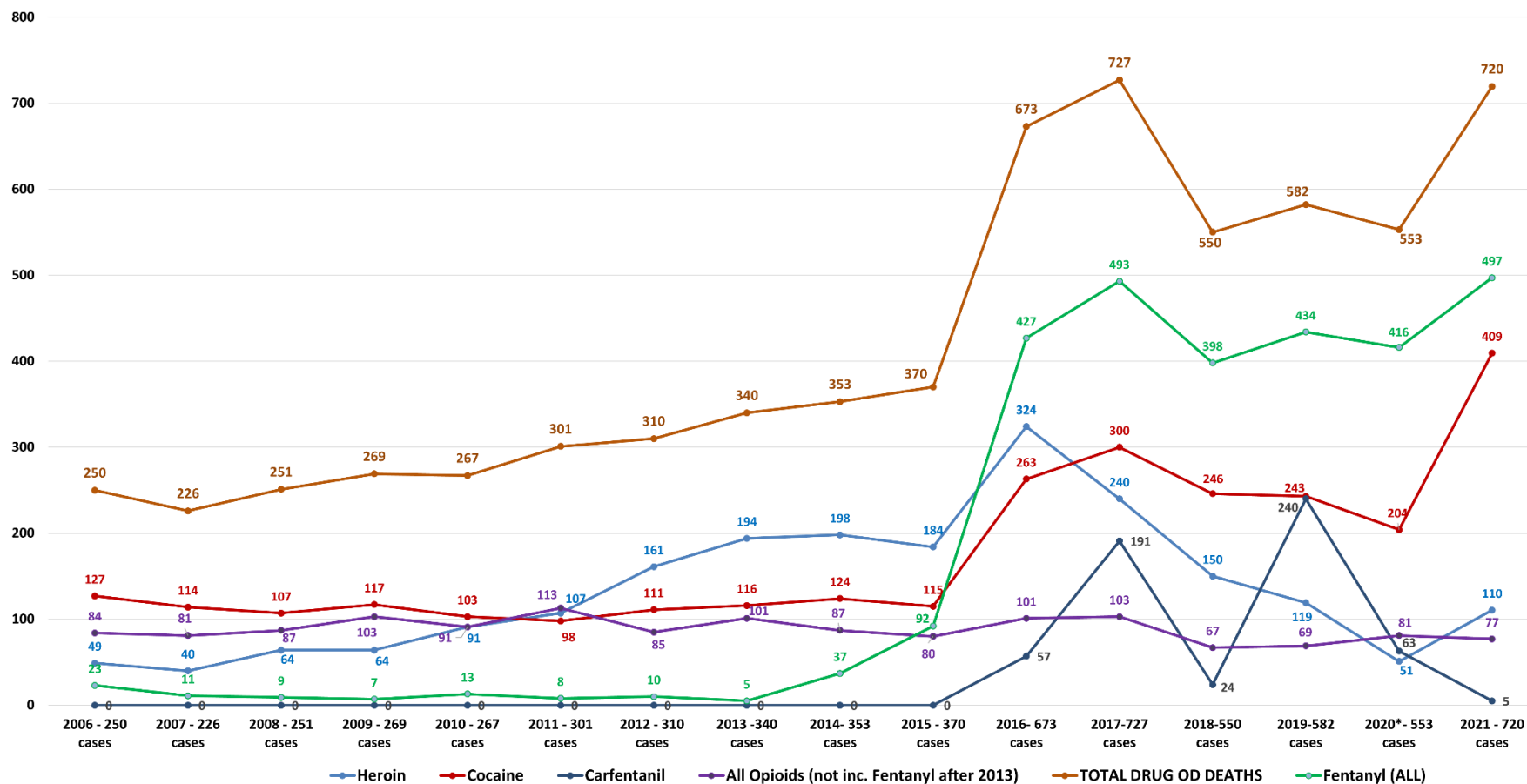
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021*

Most Common Drugs

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

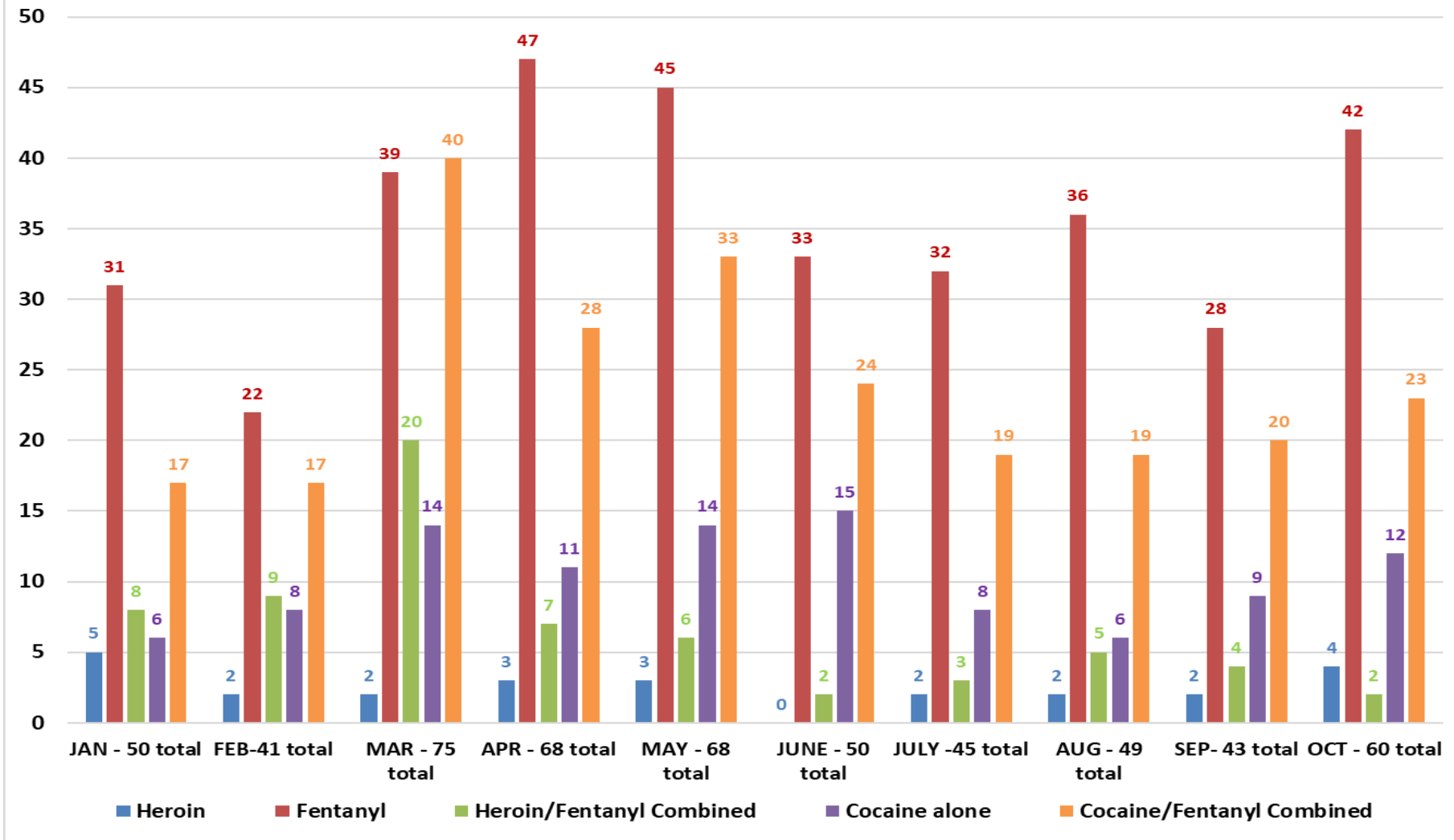


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2021 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru October 31, 2021)

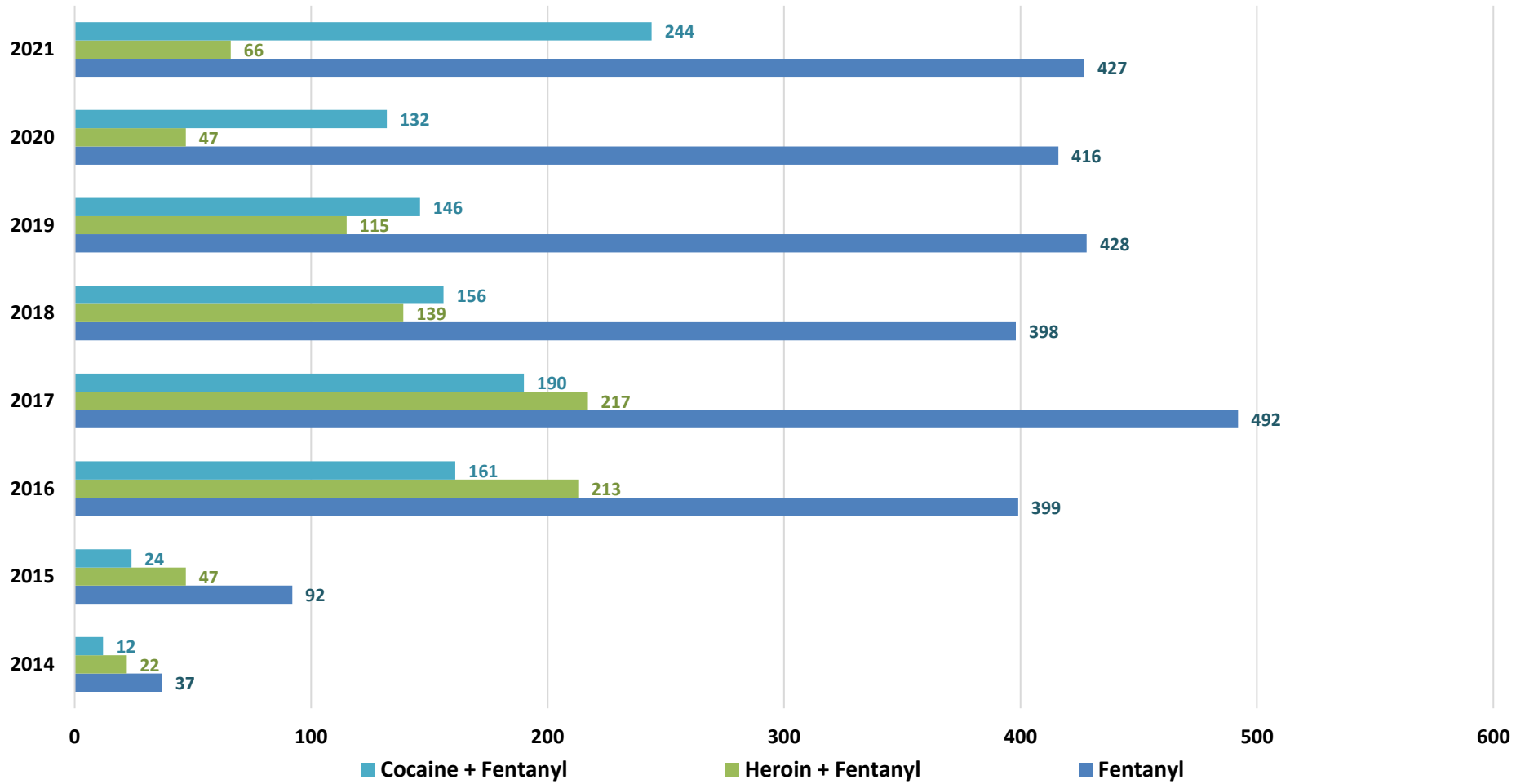
Combined is heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination
(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)



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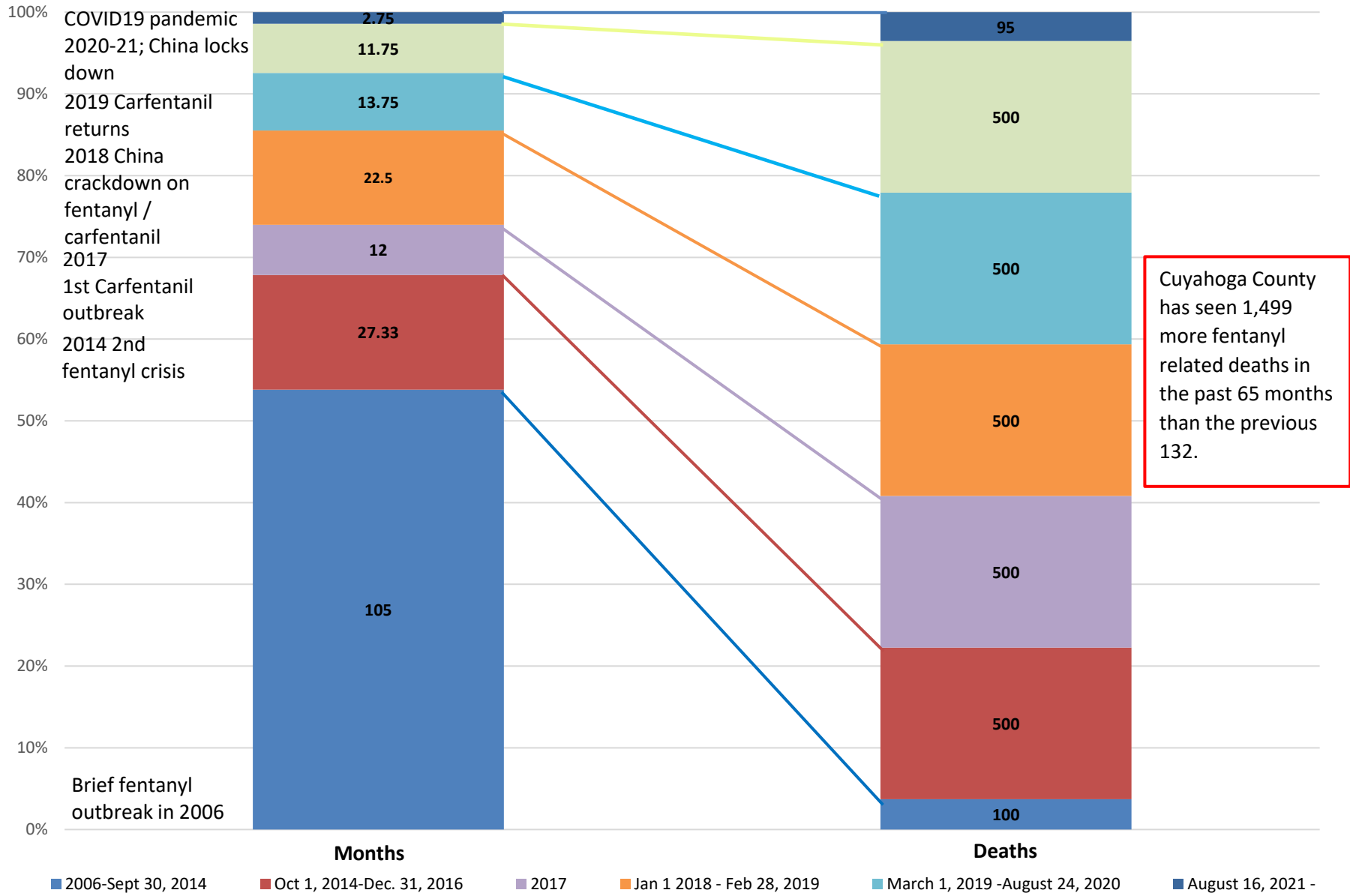
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2021* (* thru October 31, 2021)



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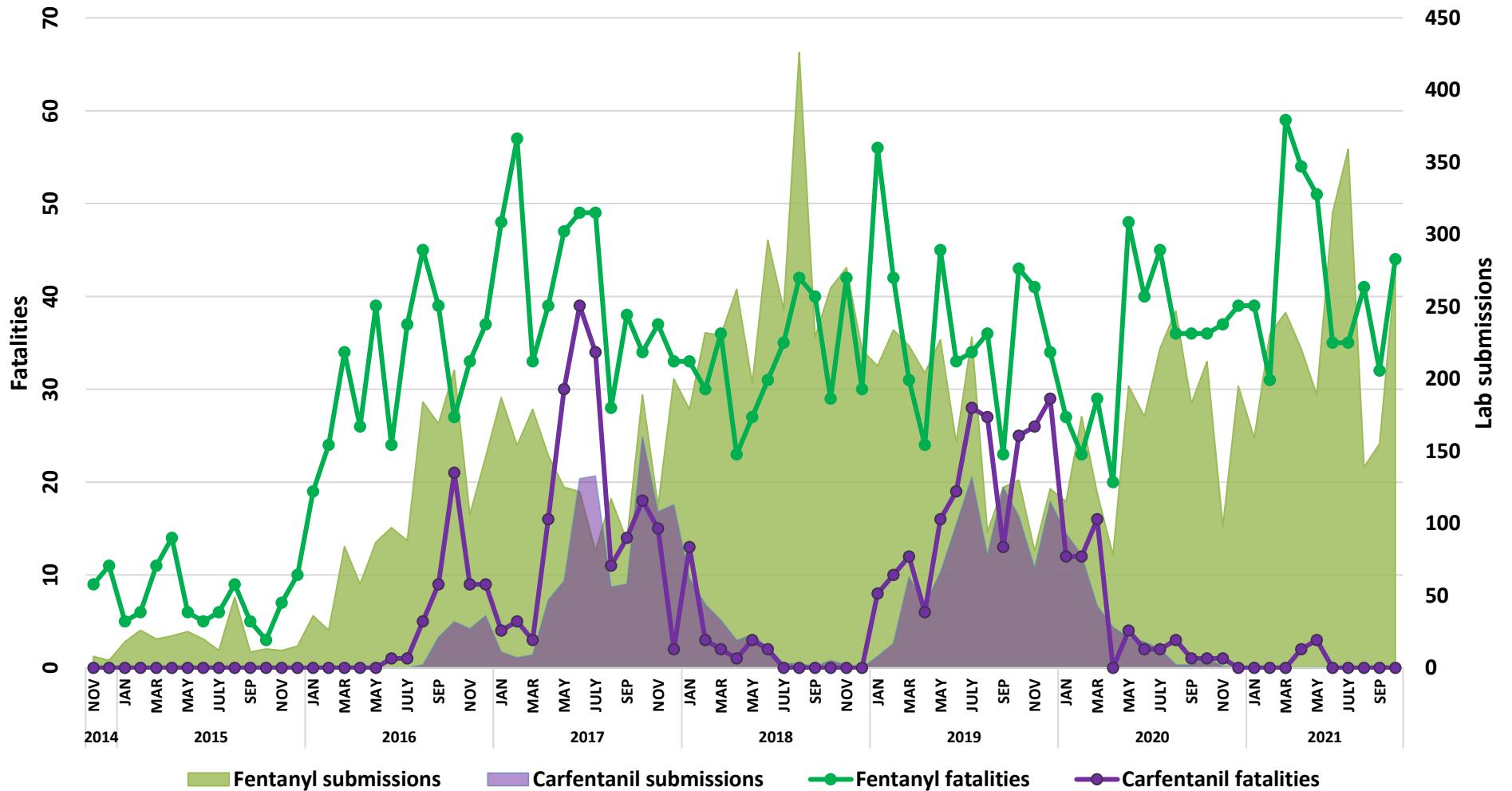
Cuyahoga County Fentanyl Deaths 2006-2021



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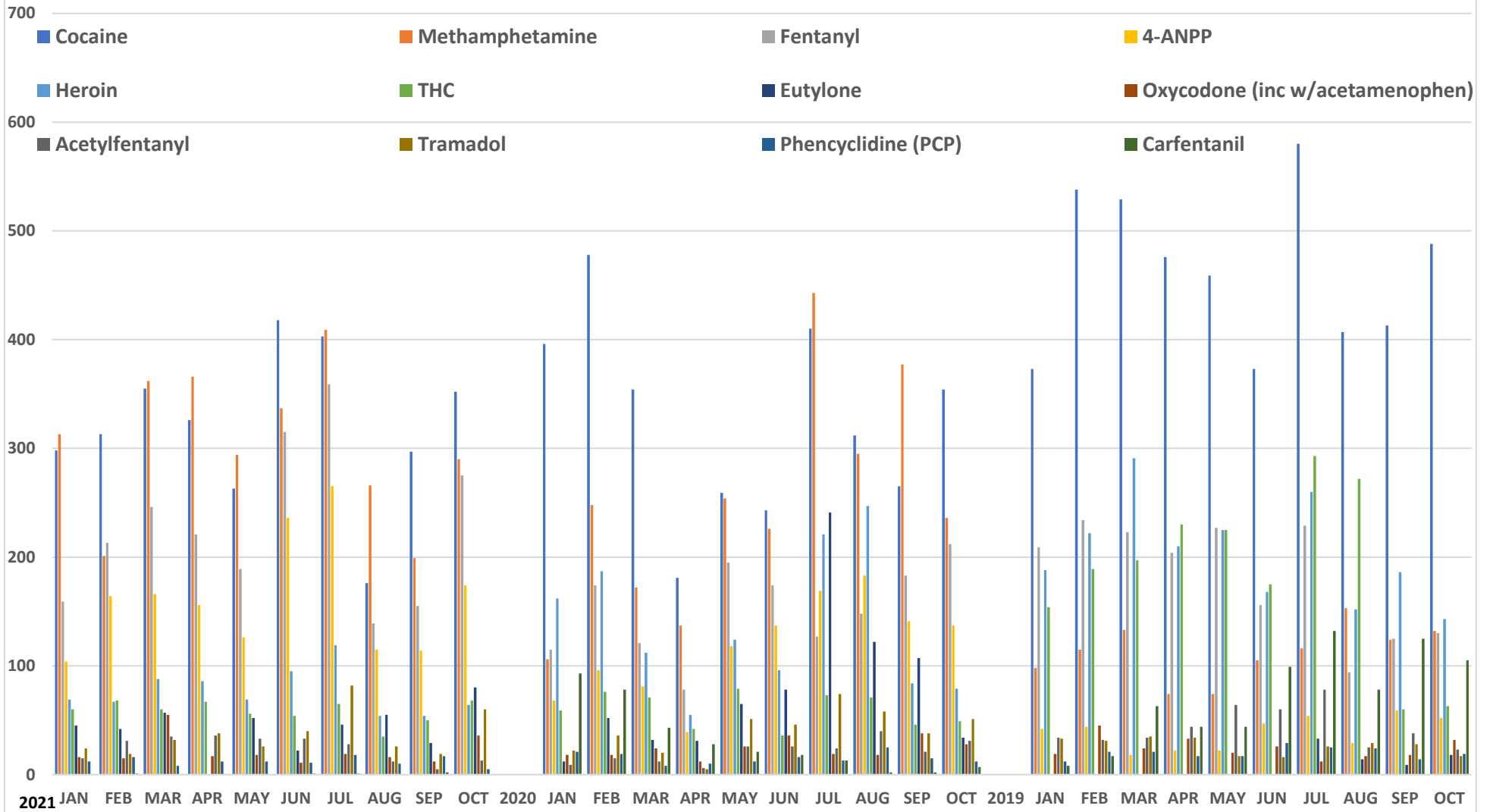
CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2021)



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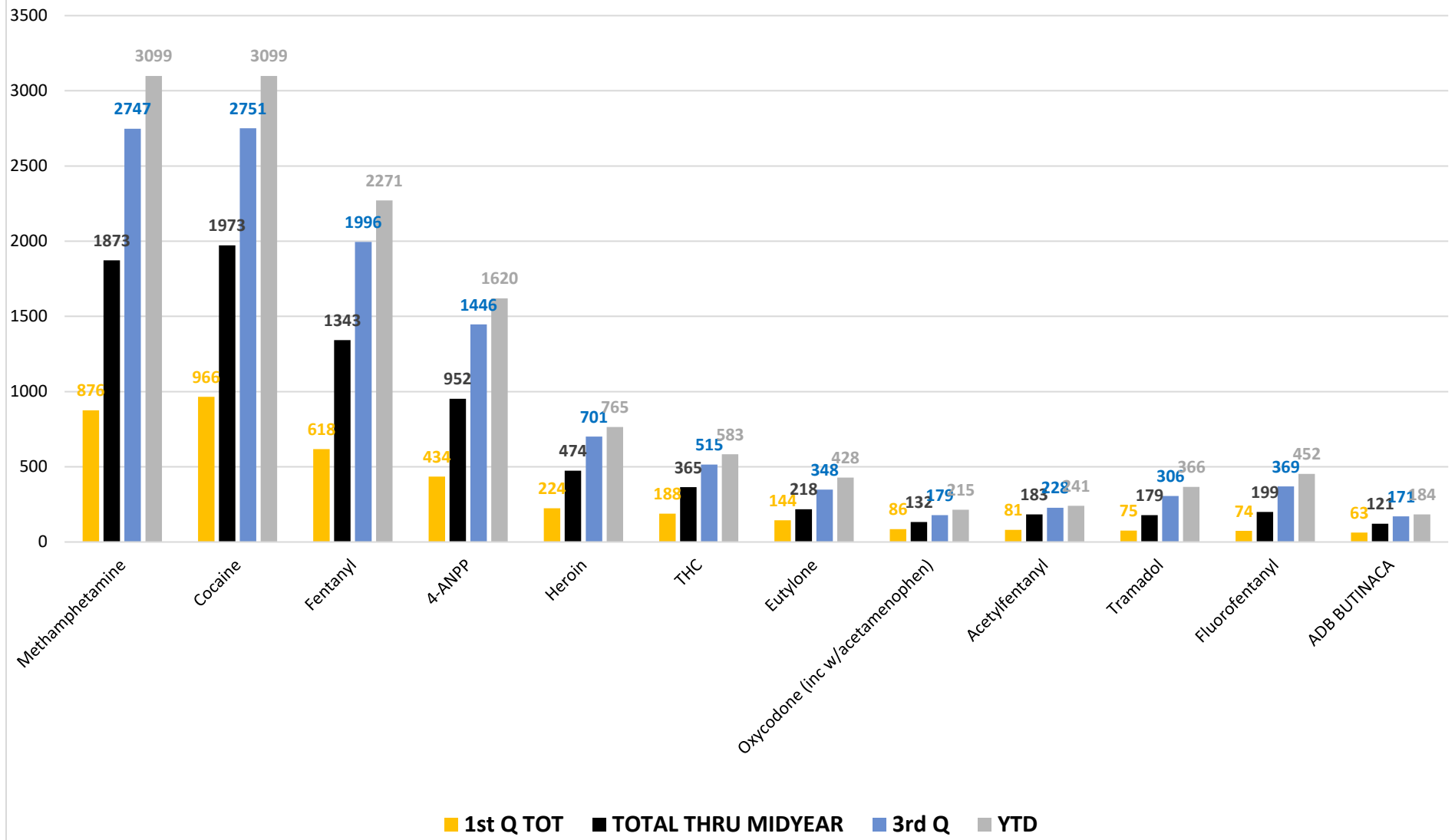
CCMEO/CCRFSL 2019-2021 Drug Lab Submissions Thru October



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CCRFSL 2021 TOP 12 Drug Submissions Through October



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