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

2022 July UPDATE DRAFT

August 18, 2022

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in July– at least **48** (8 cases pending testing)

29 - City of Cleveland Residents

16 - Suburban Residents- Bedford, Brooklyn (2), East Cleveland, Euclid (4), Lakewood, Maple Hts., Middleburg Hts., Parma (3), Richmond Hts., Shaker Hts.,

2 - Out of County – Eastlake (Lake Co.), Akron (Summit Co.) and

1 - Unknown

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 24 - 73

30 Male victims; 18 Female victims

14 African American victims; 34 Caucasian victims (1 Hispanic victim)

TRENDS

At least **306** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through July 2022. 2022 total is at least **390** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

Carfentanil: 191 cases in 2017; 24 cases in 2018; 220 in 2019; 63 confirmed in 2020; 6 confirmed in 2021; 1 confirmed in 2022

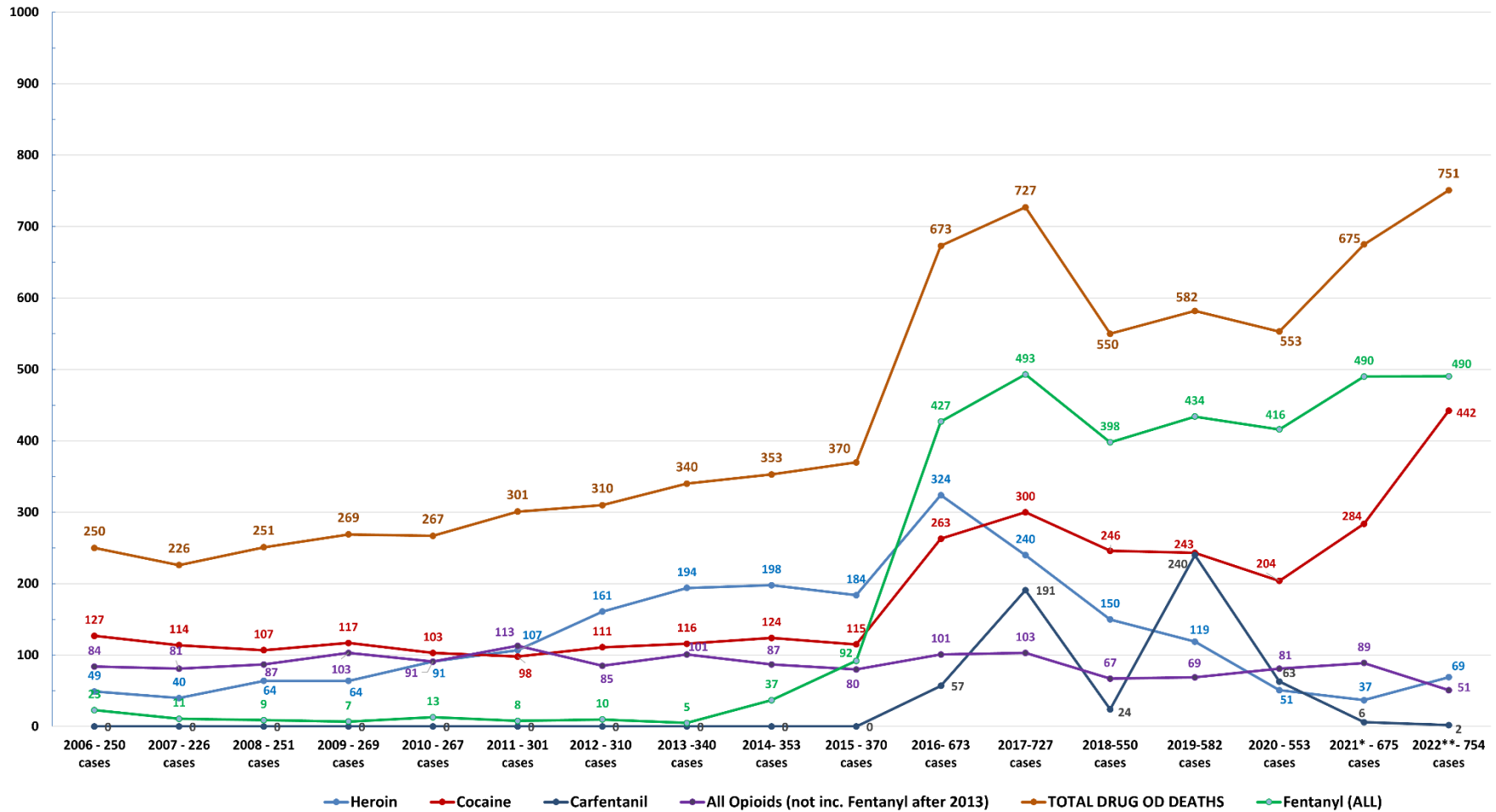
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is just below 30% of all victims in 2022, a rate higher than all preceding years. As many as 41 cocaine related deaths occurred in July 2022 with as many as 34 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.



Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2022*

Most Common Drugs

(*2022 projections based on data through August 15, 2022)

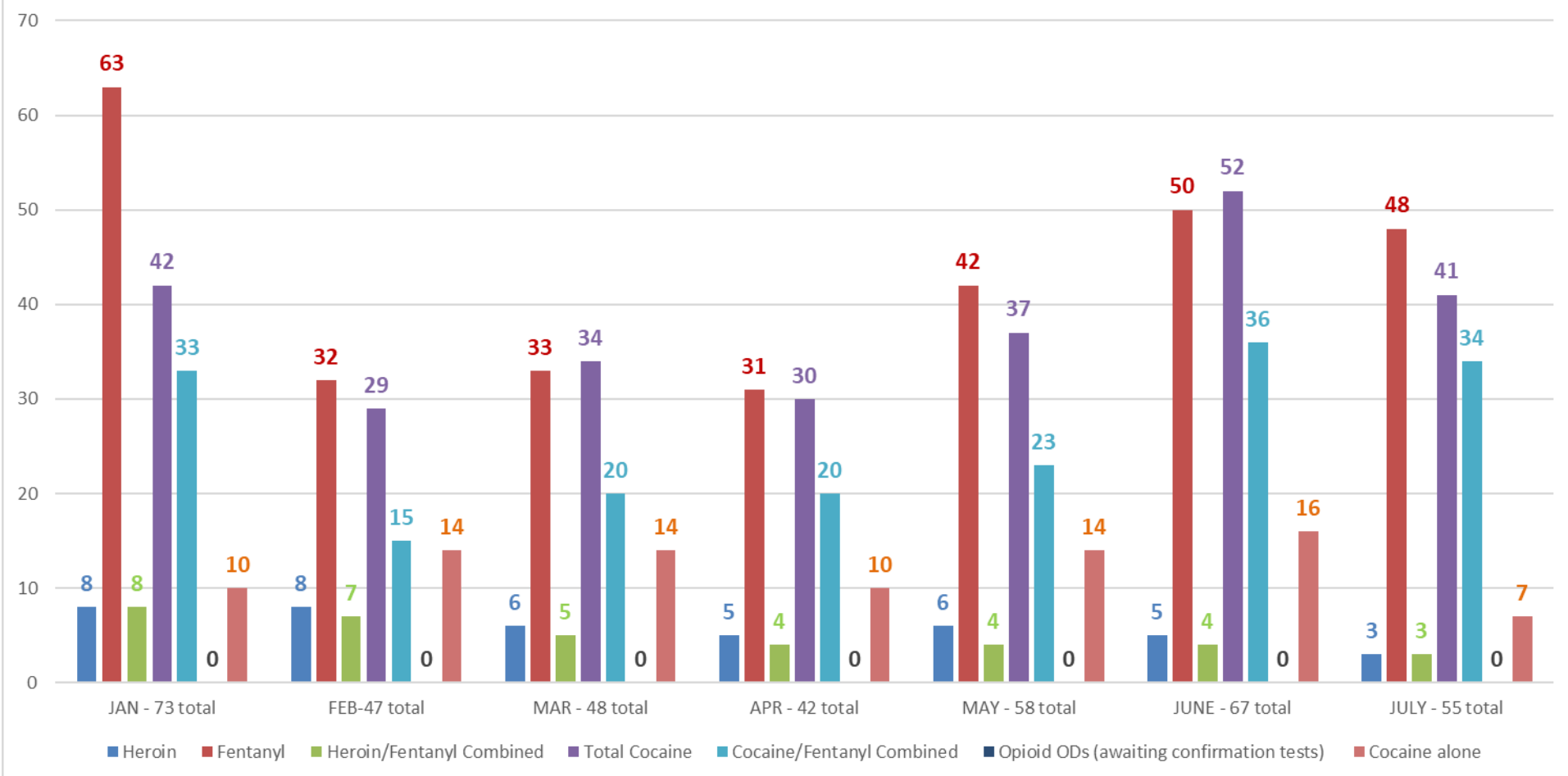


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2022 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru July 31, 2022)

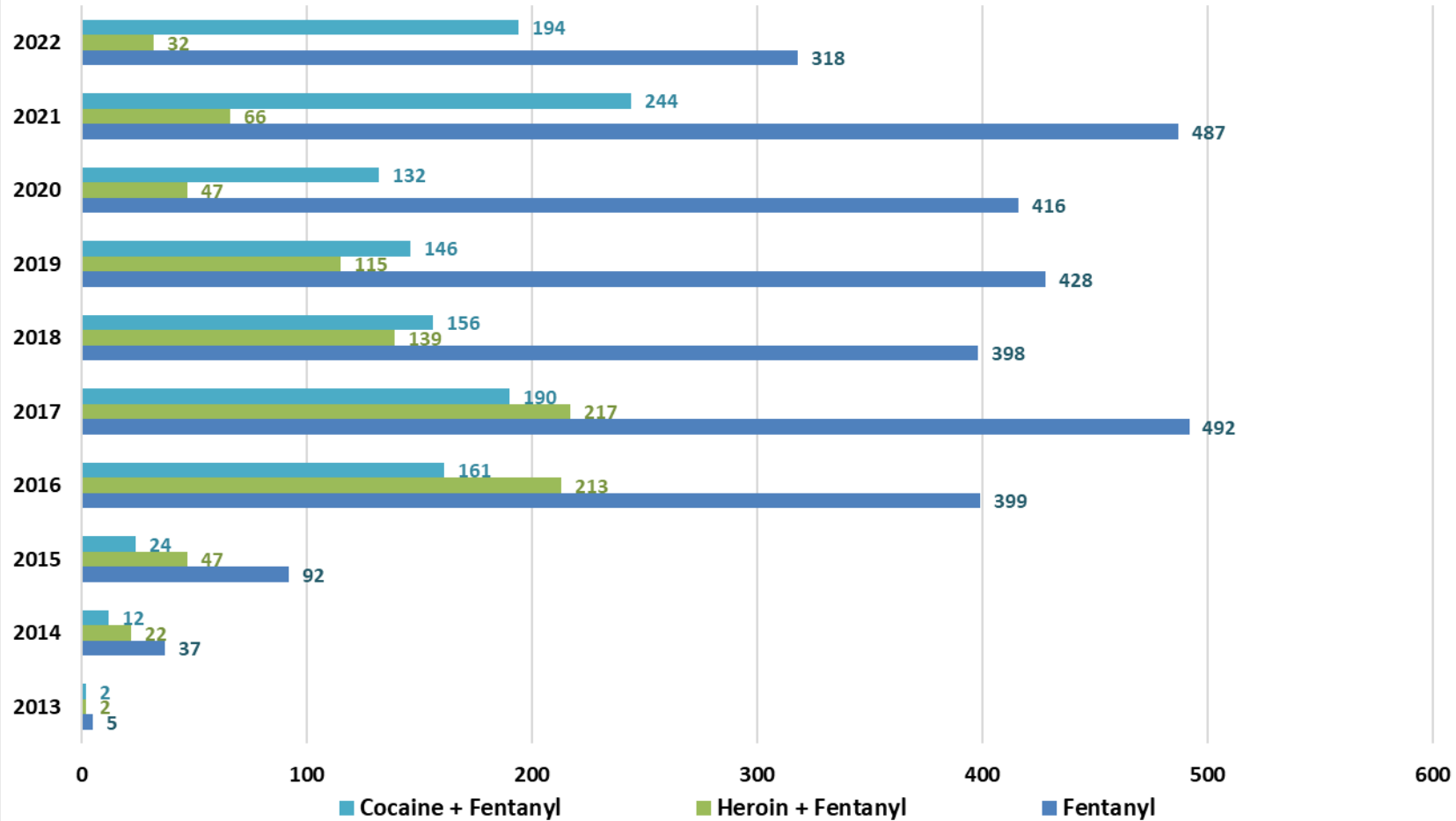
Combined is heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination
(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)



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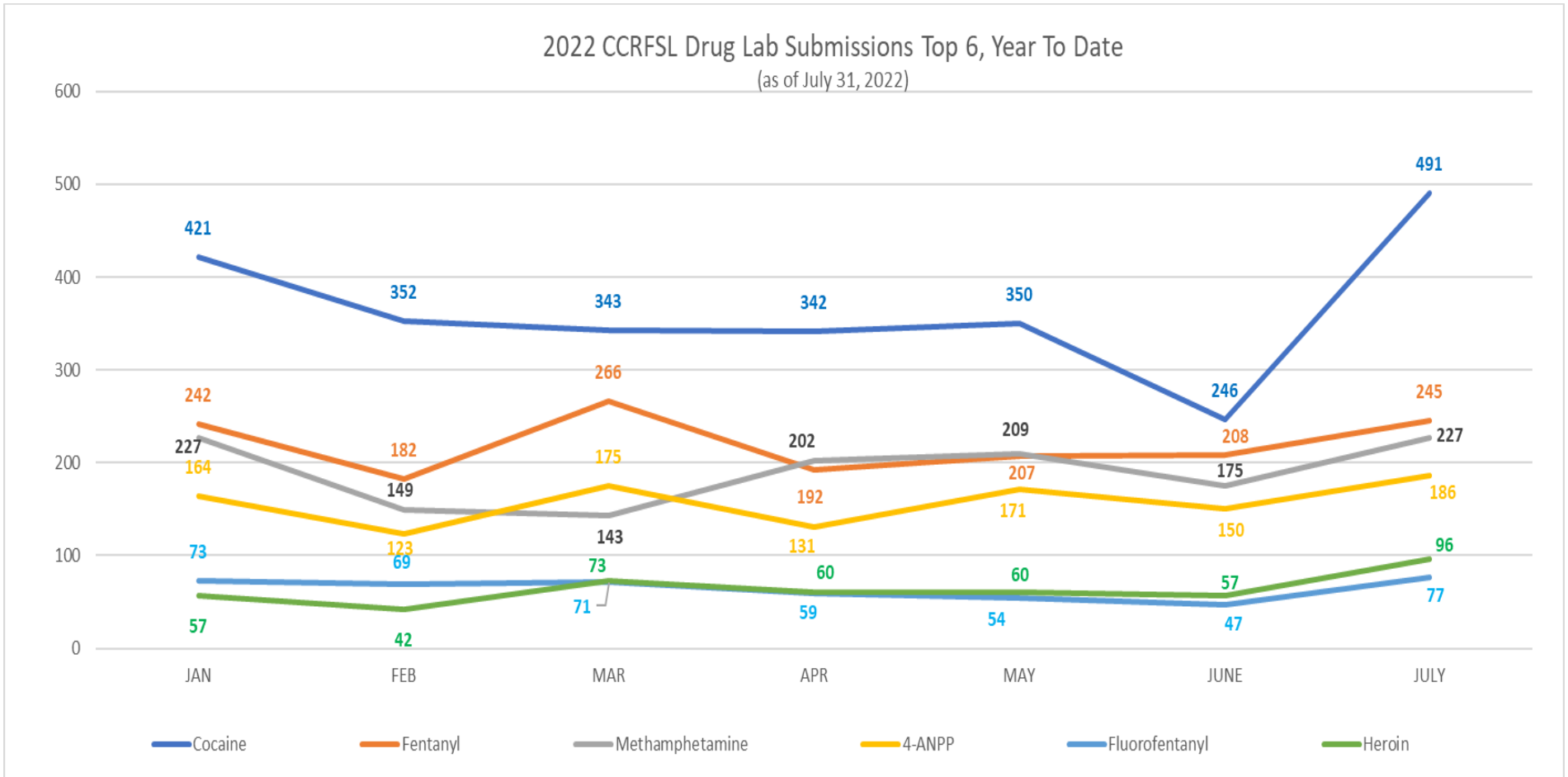
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2022* (* thru July 31, 2022)



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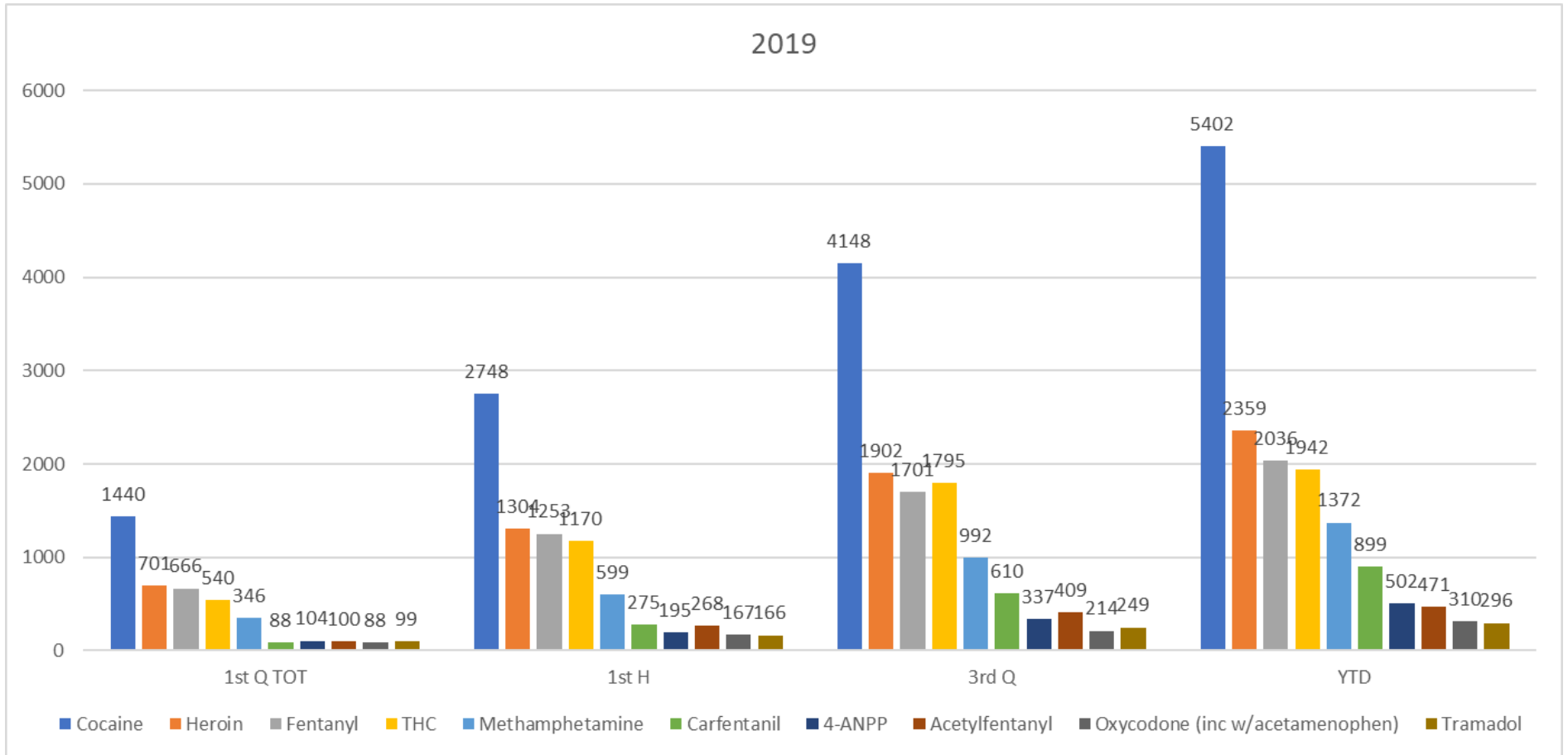
2022 CCRFSL Drug Lab Submissions Top 6, Year To Date
 (as of July 31, 2022)



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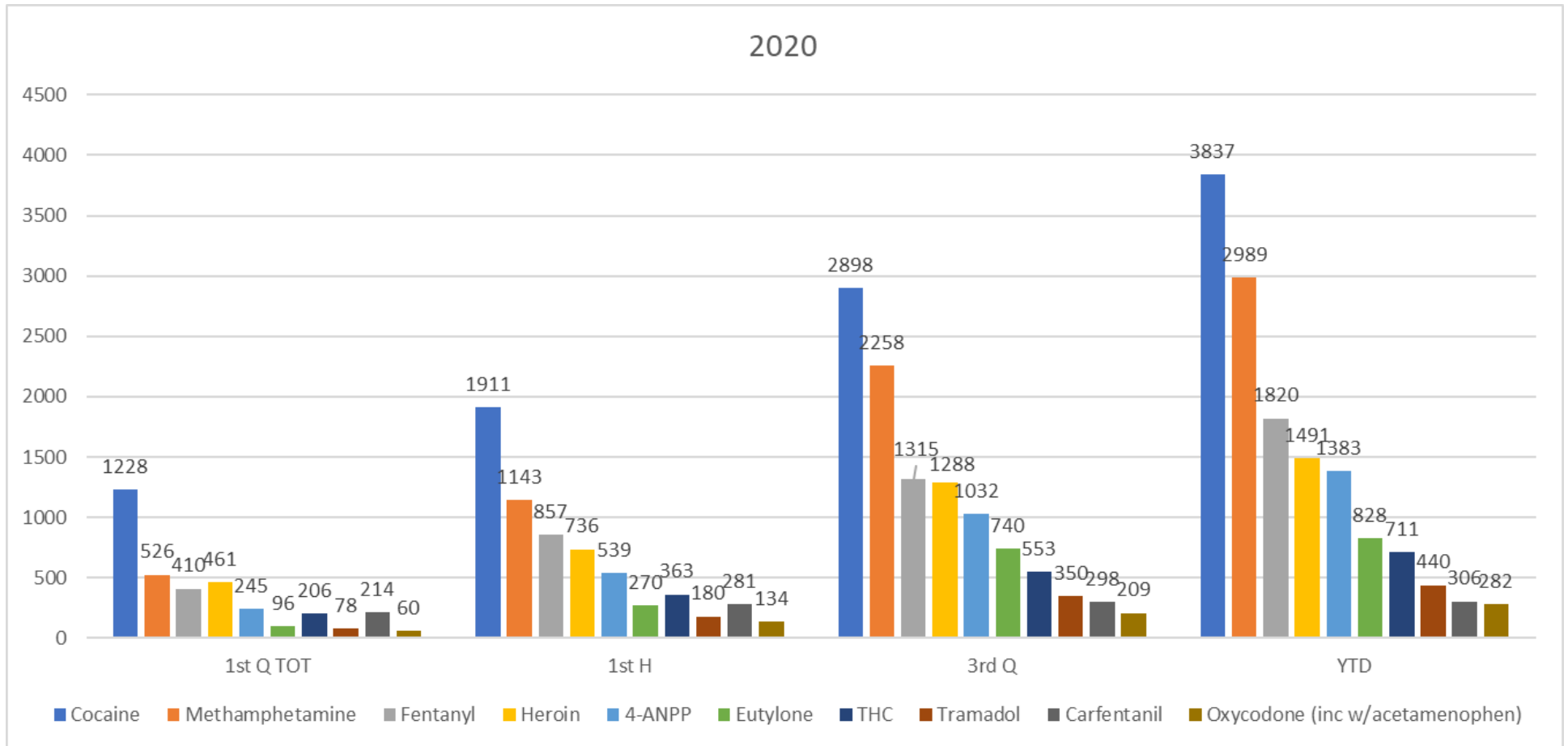
TOP TEN SUBMISSIONS TO DRUG CHEMISTRY LAB BY YEAR:



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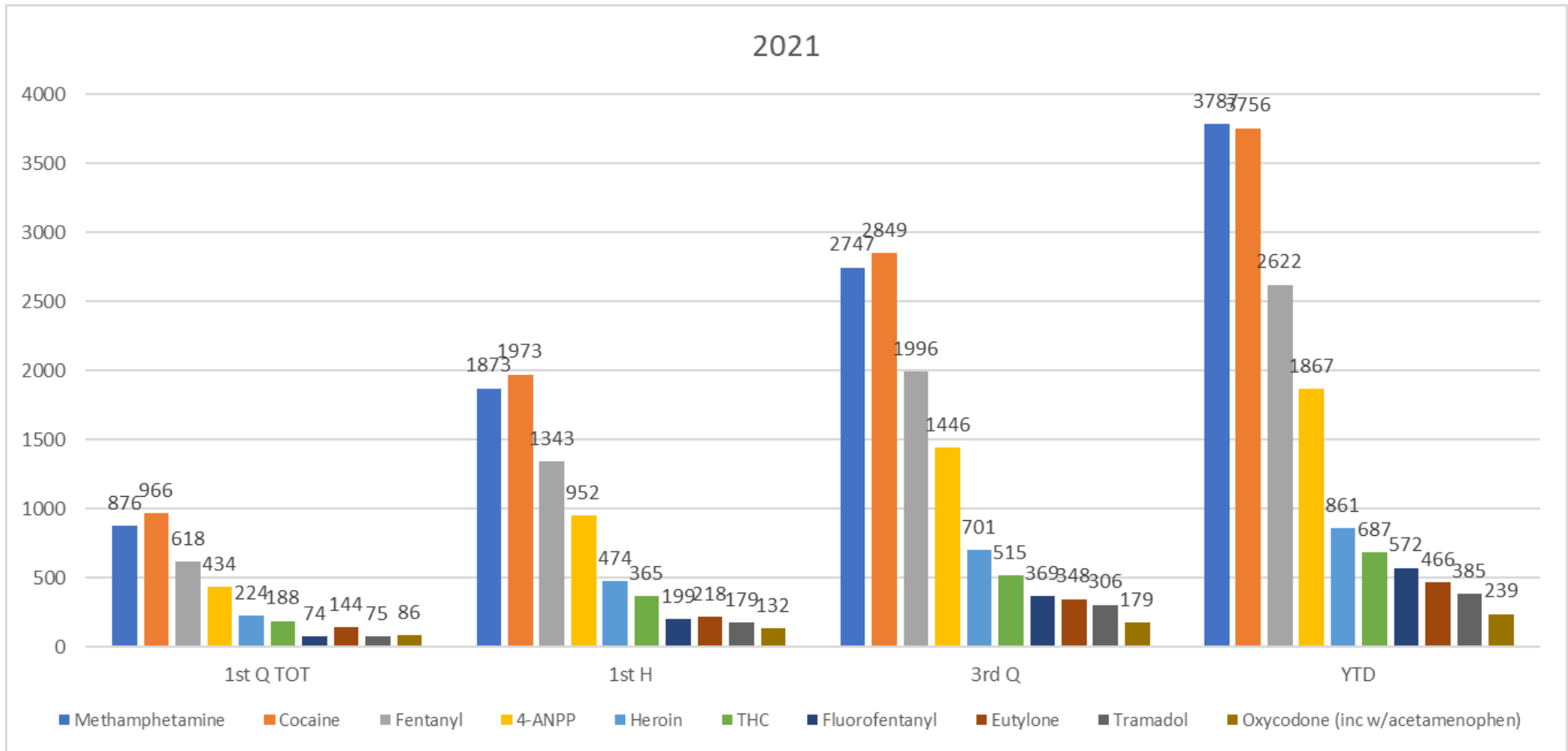
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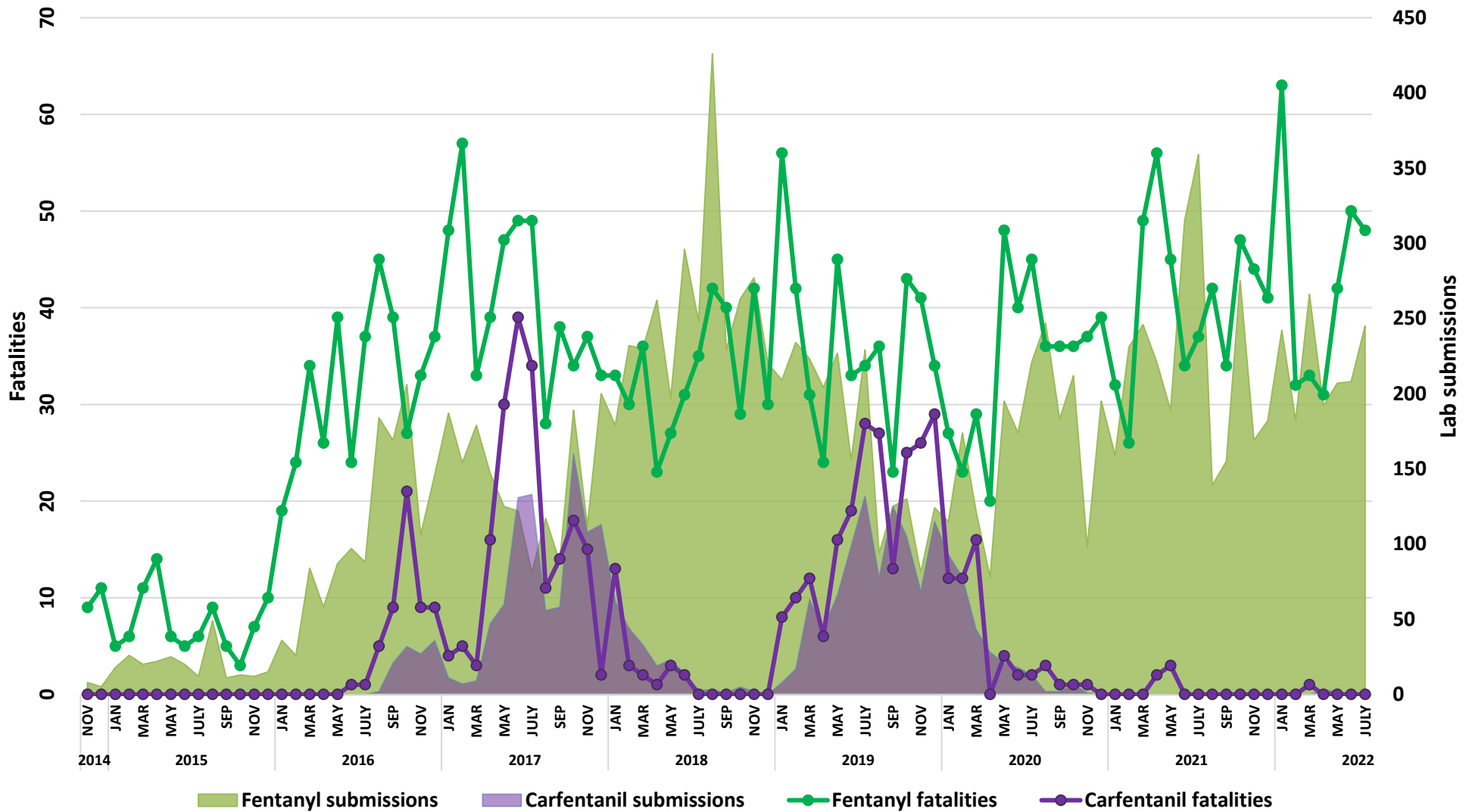
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CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2022)



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