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

**2022 November UPDATE DRAFT**

**December 14, 2022**

# CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

## Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in November– at least **47** (17 cases pending testing)

24 - City of Cleveland Residents

17 - Suburban Residents- Euclid (4), Fairview Park (2), Maple Hts. (2), Mayfield Hts., Middleburgh Hts., Newburgh Hts., Parma (4), Seven Hills, Strongsville, and

5- Out of County – North Ridgeville & Sheffield Lake (Lorain Co), Canton (Stark Co), Cuyahoga Falls (Summit Co) and Dover (Tuscarawas Co), and

1- Unknown

## VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 17 - 68

28 Male victims; 19 Female victims

17 African American victims; 30 Caucasian victims (1 Hispanic victim)

## TRENDS

At least **456** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through November 2022. 2022 total is at least **531** 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 36% of all victims in 2022, a rate higher than all preceding years. As many as 35 cocaine related deaths occurred in November 2022 with as many as 22 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

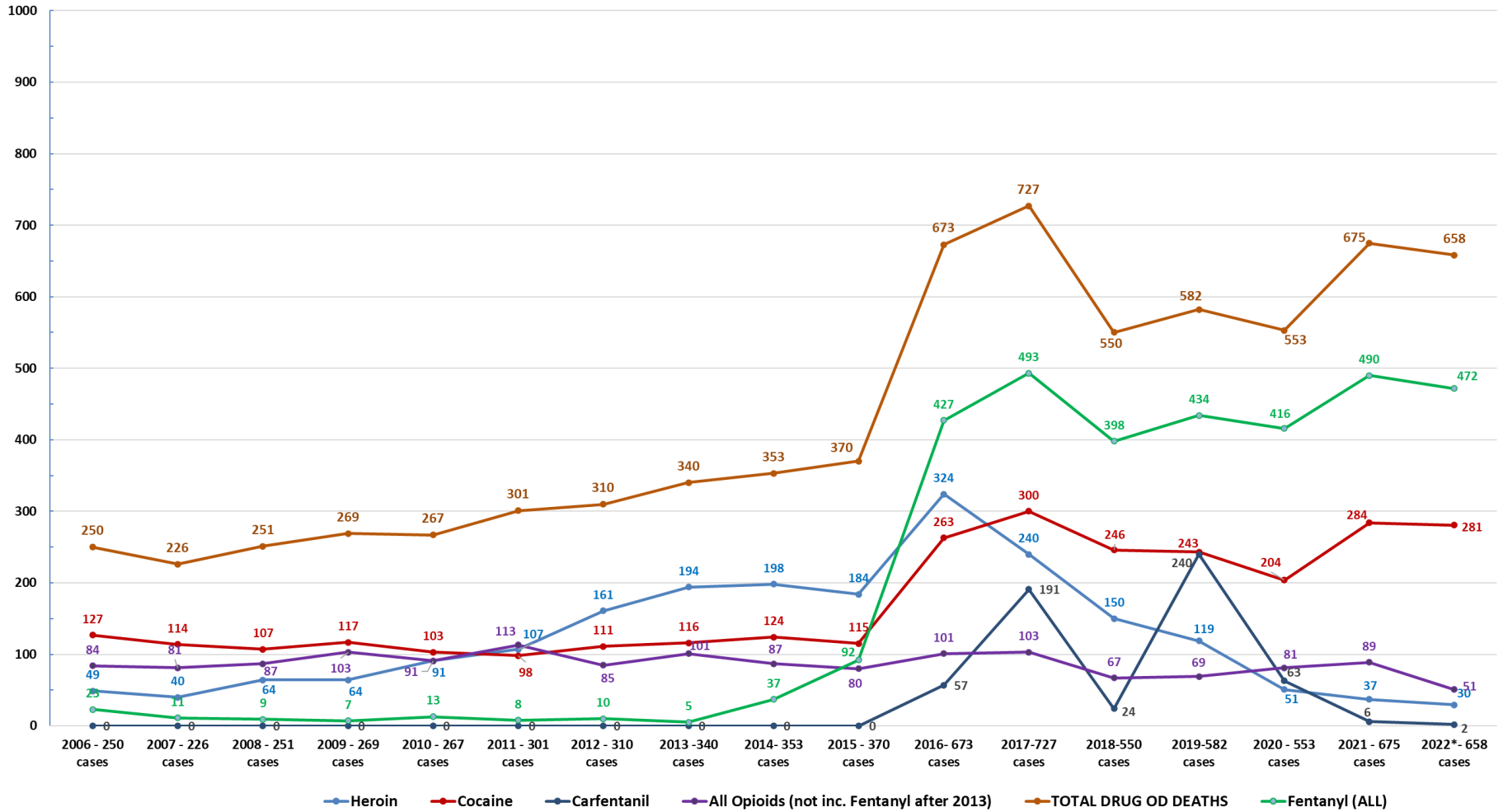
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### Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2022\*

#### Most Common Drugs

(\*2022 projections based on data through December 13, 2022)

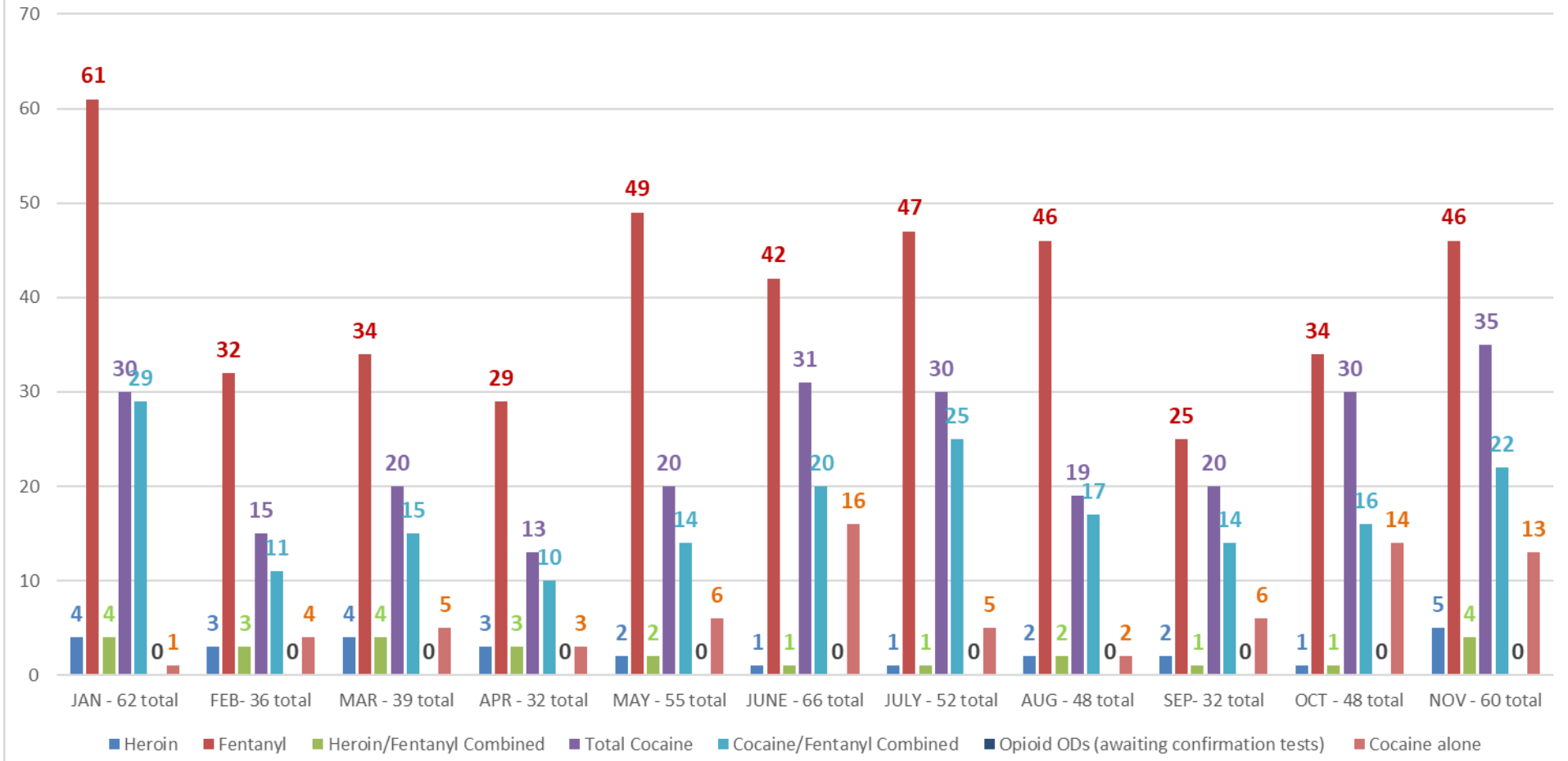


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## 2022 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved \*(thru November 30, 2022)

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

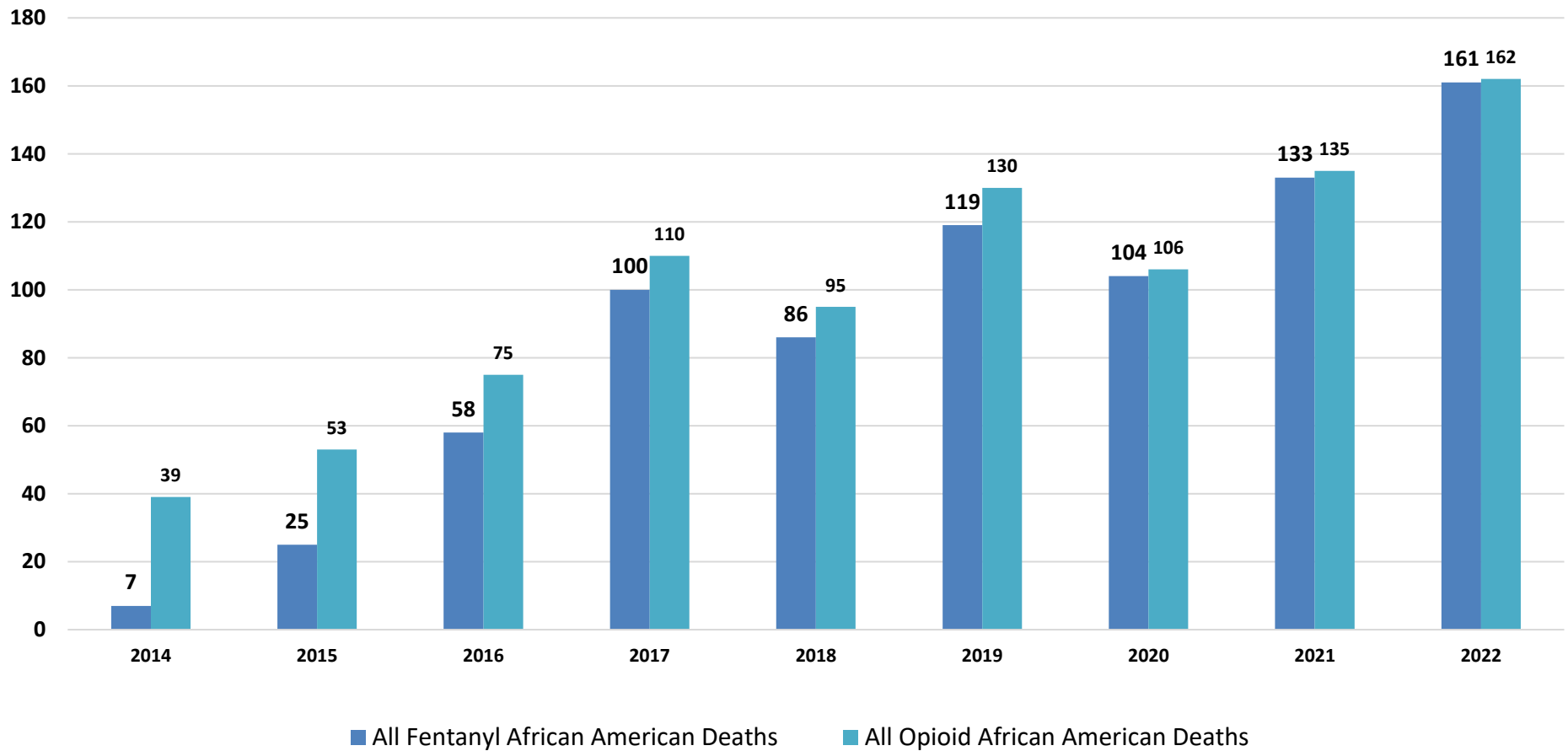


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## CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2022\*

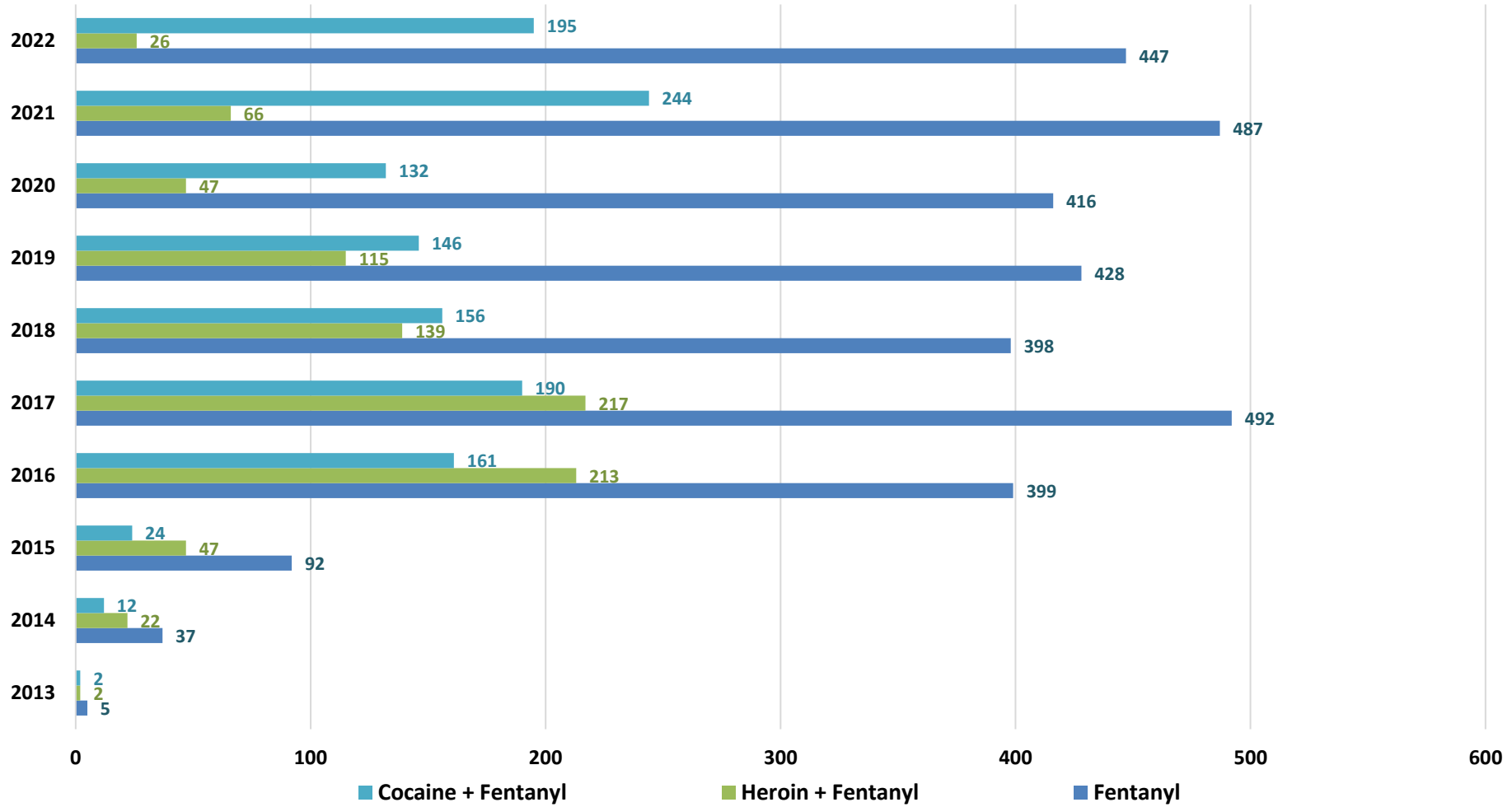
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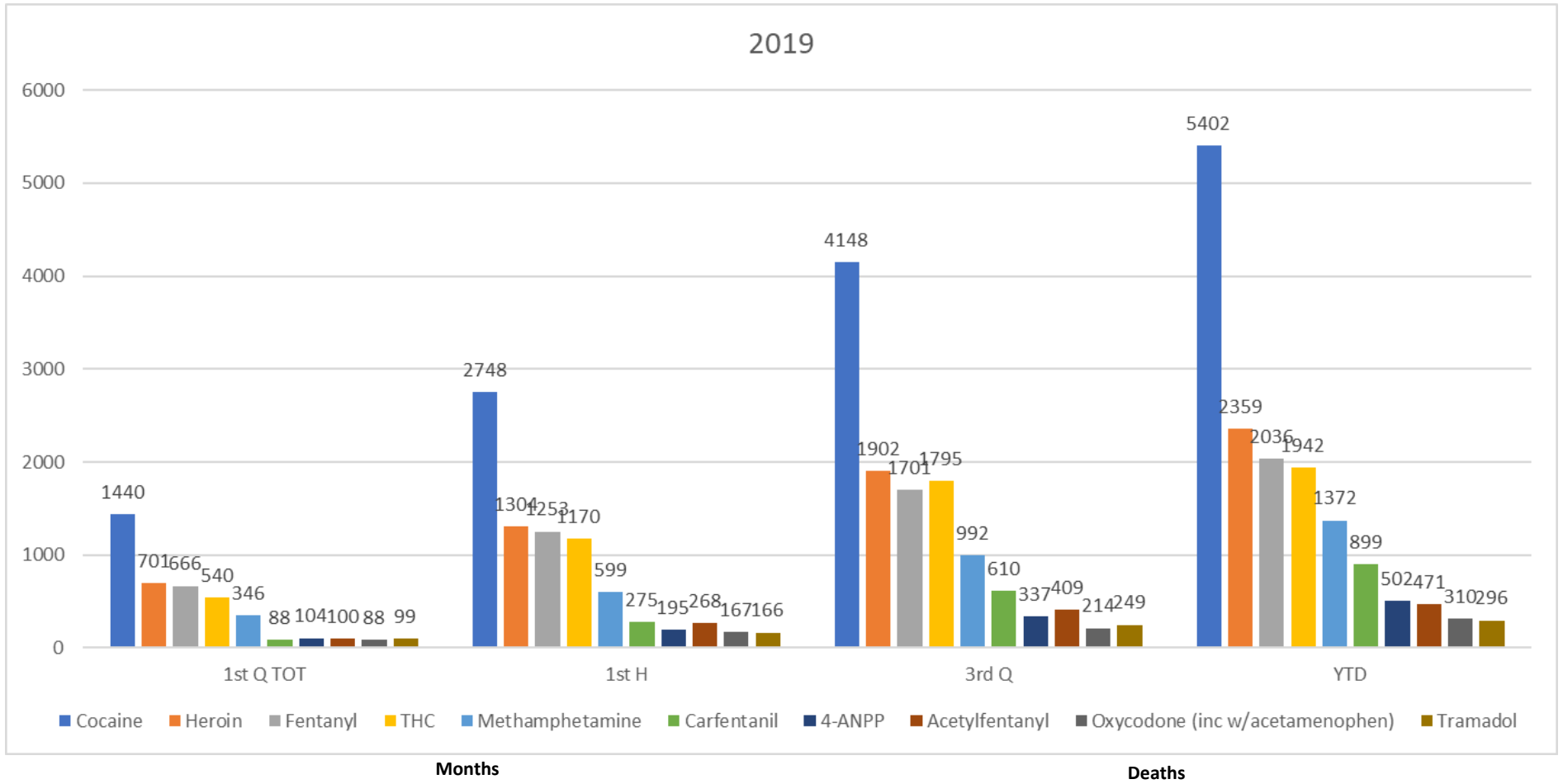
### CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2022\* (\* thru Nov 30, 2022)



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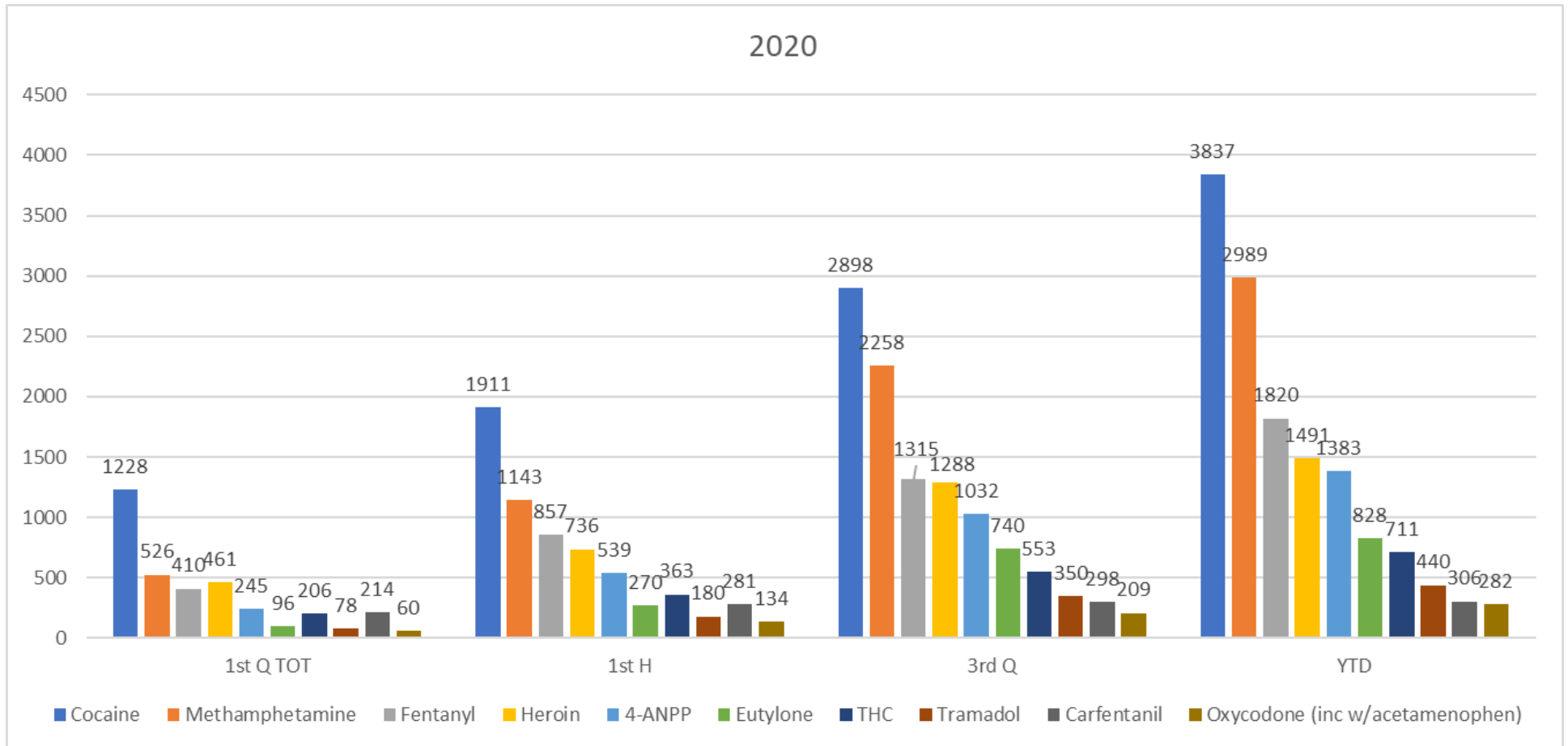
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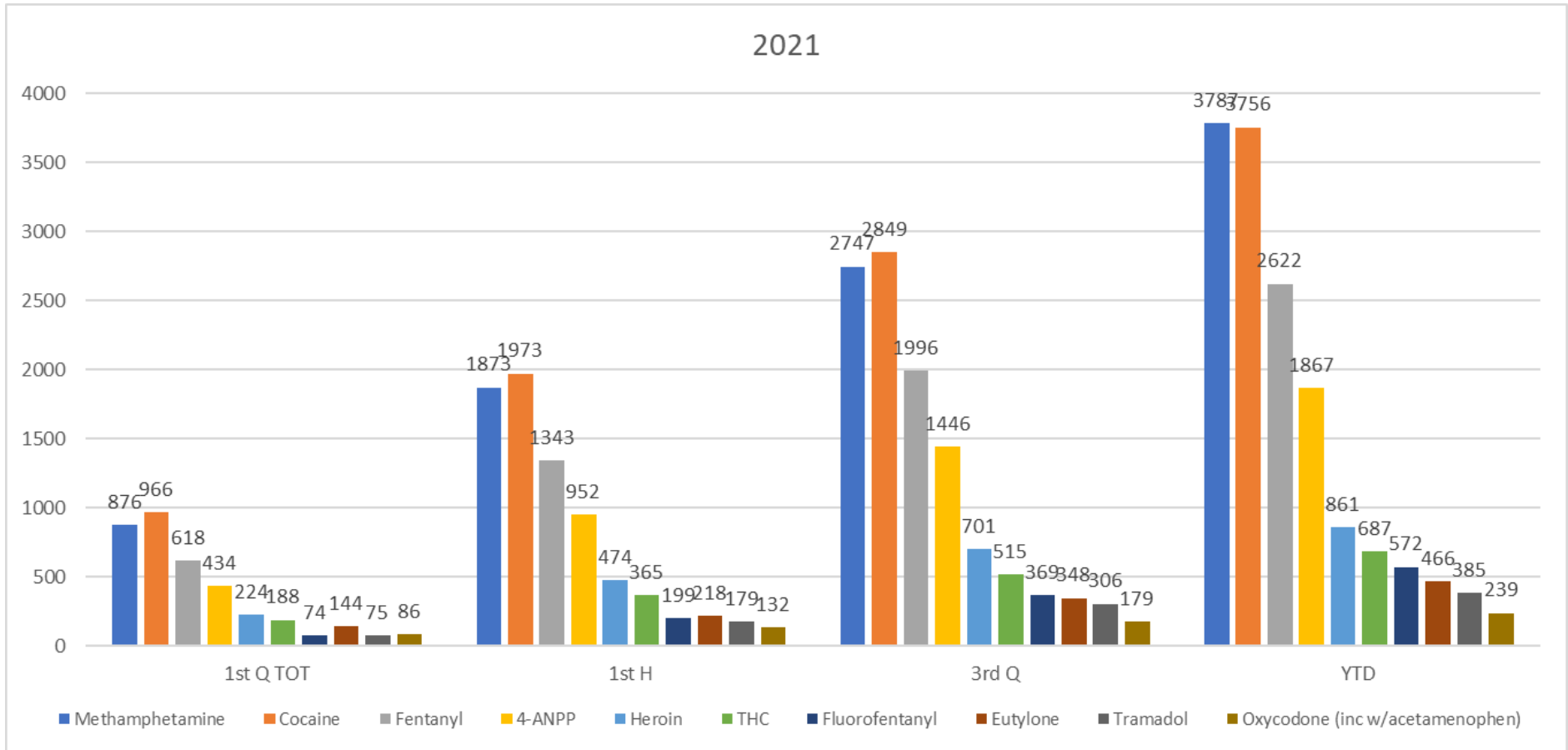


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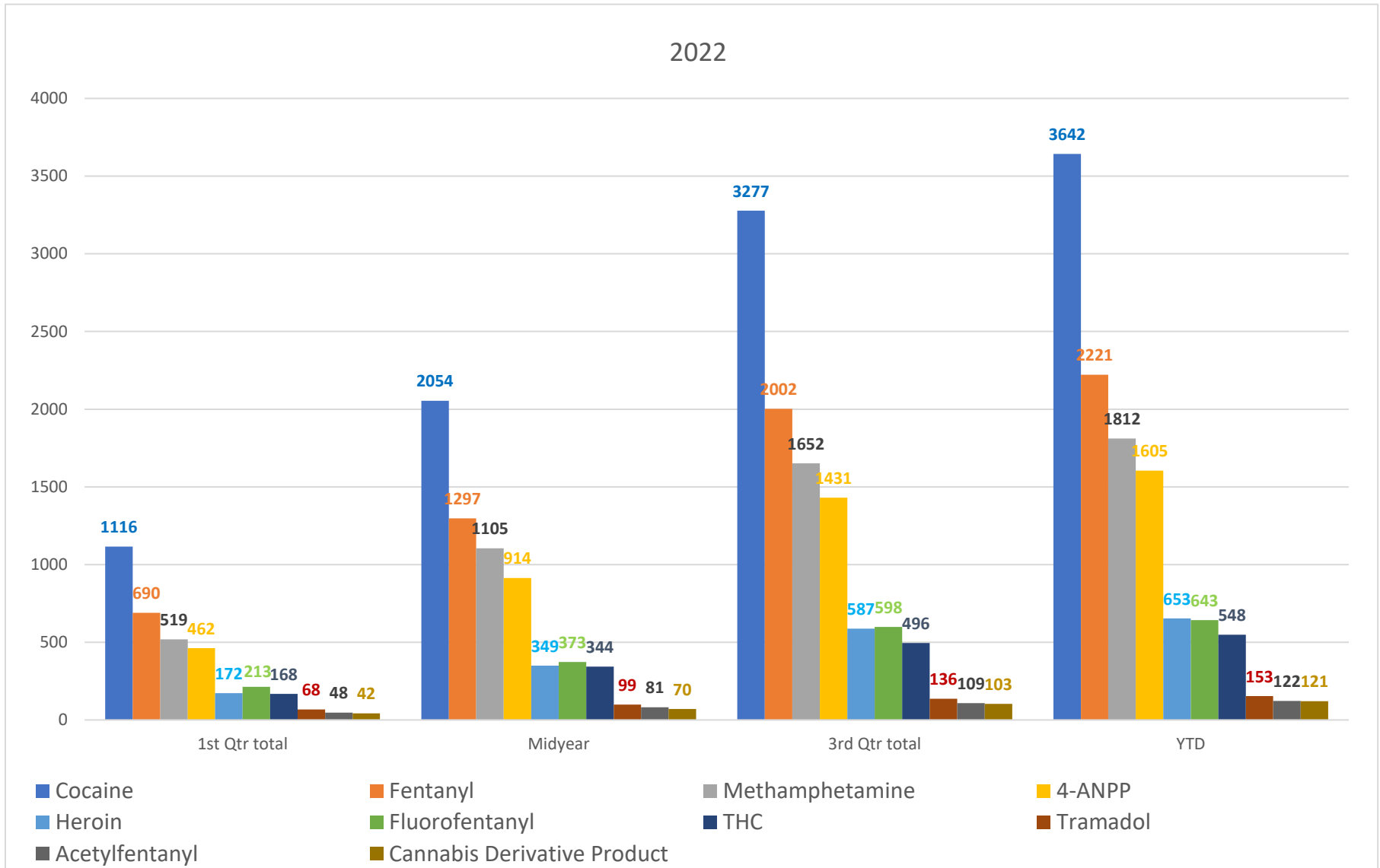
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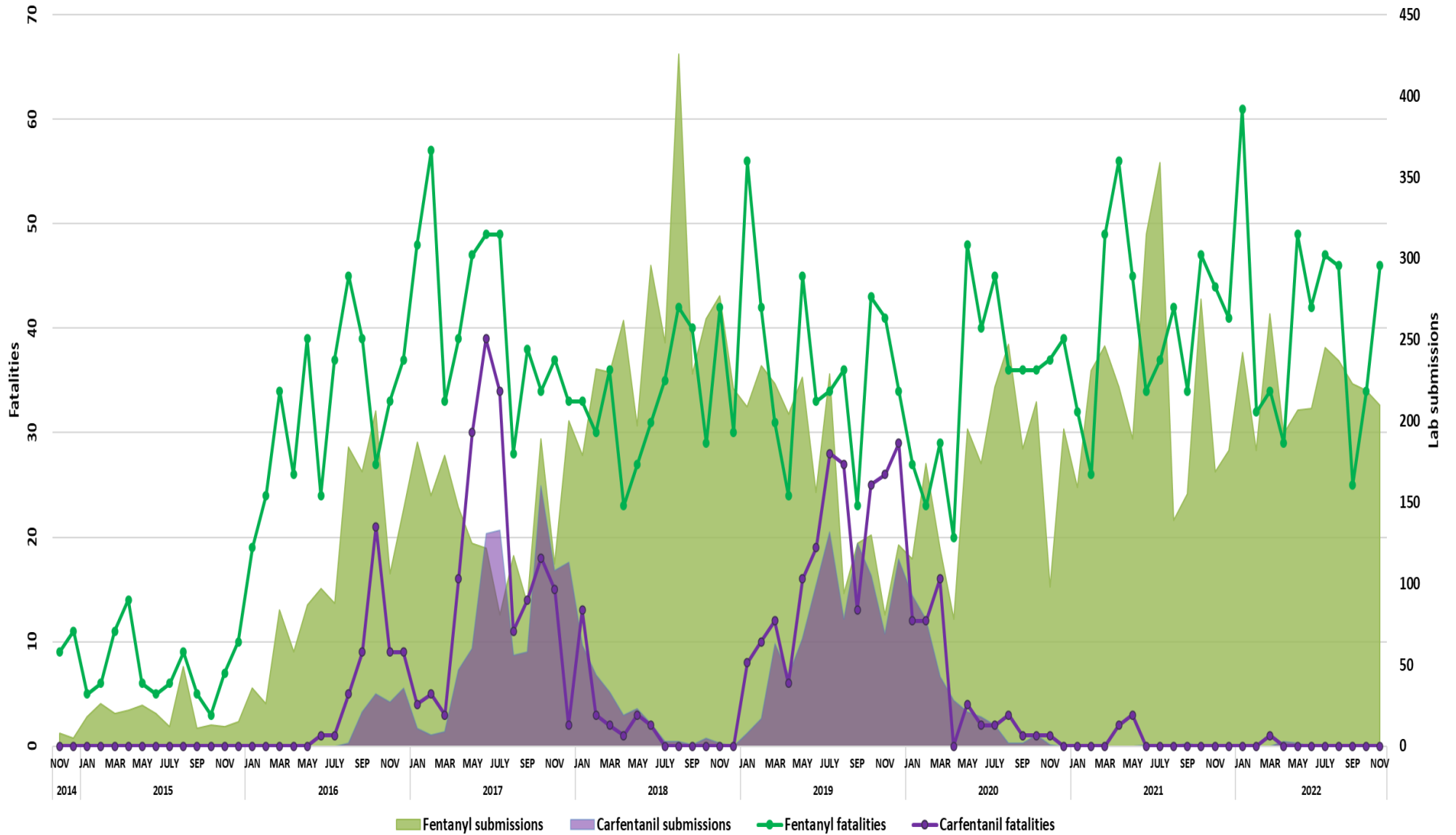
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CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2022)



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