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

2022 September UPDATE DRAFT

October 20, 2022

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in September– at least **26** (9 cases pending testing)

16 - City of Cleveland Residents

10 - Suburban Residents- Berea, Brook Park, Cuyahoga Hts., East Cleveland (2), Lakewood (2), Mayfield, Mayfield Hts., Parma,

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 21 - 67

19 Male victims; 7 Female victims

9 African American victims; 17 Caucasian victims (2 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **358** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through September 2022. 2022 total is at least **420** 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 over one-third (35%) of all victims in 2022, a rate higher than all preceding years. As many as 26 cocaine related deaths occurred in August 2022 with as many as 17 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

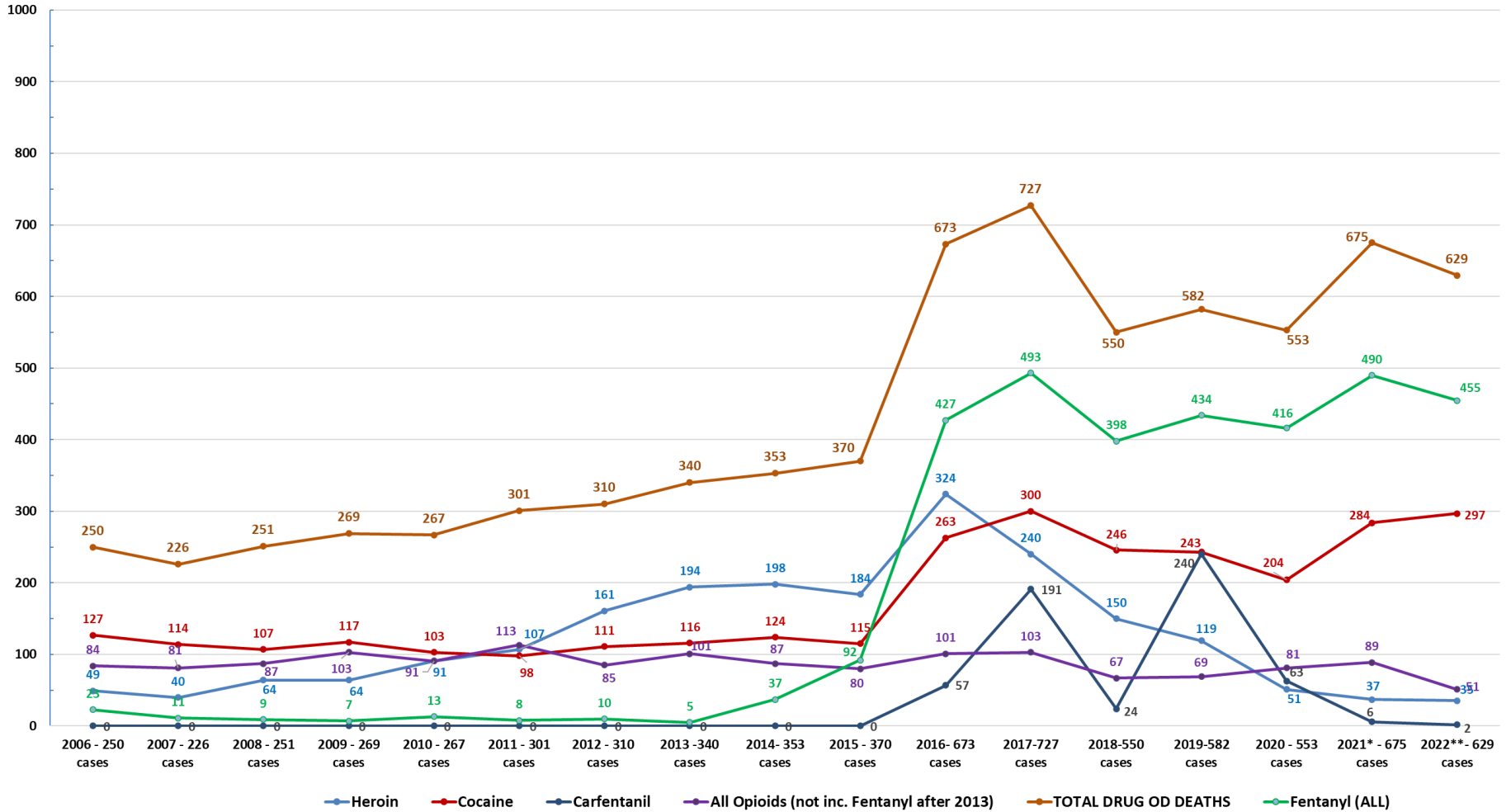
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2022*

Most Common Drugs

(*2022 projections based on data through October 17, 2022)

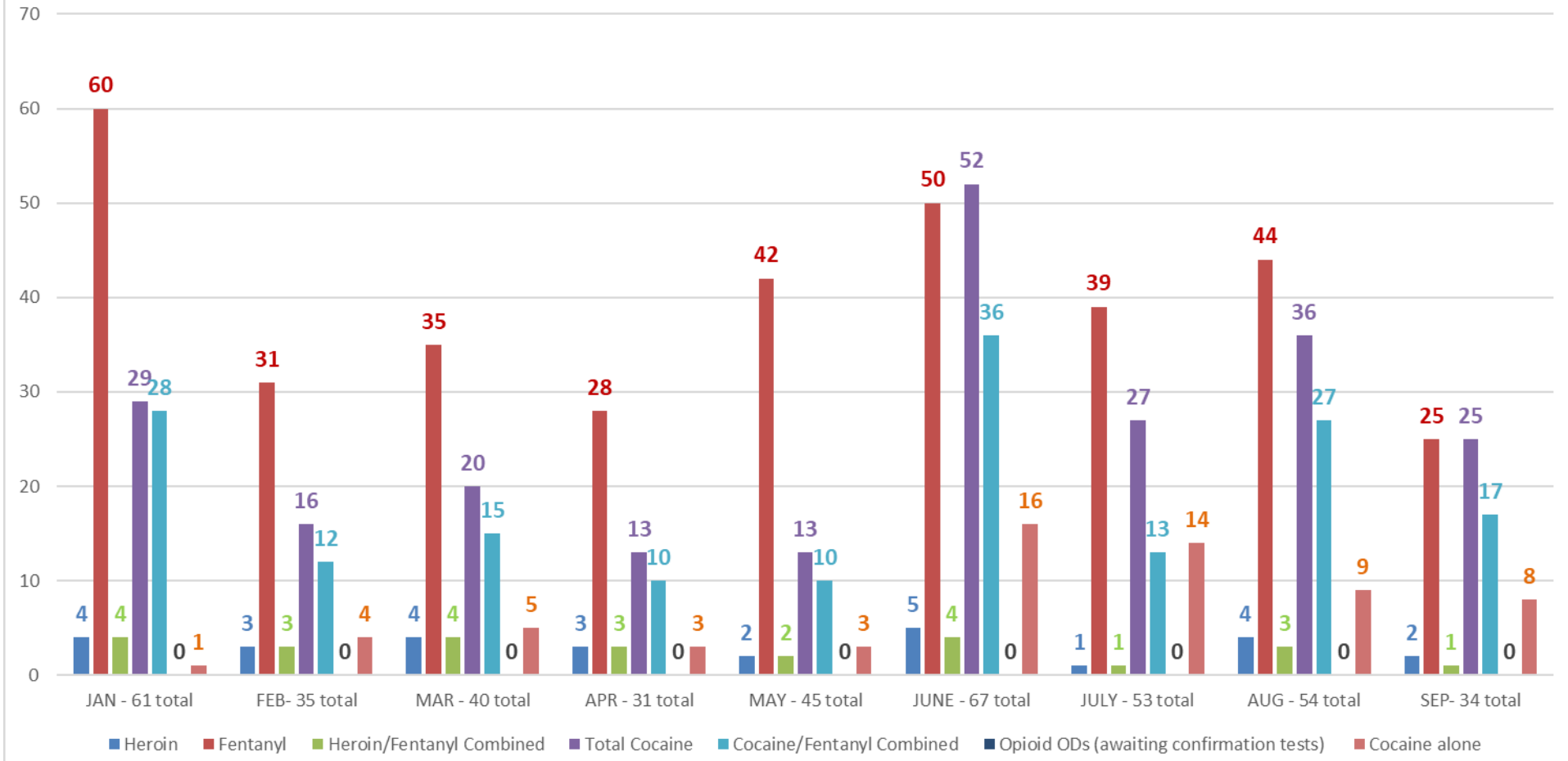


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2022 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru September 30, 2022)

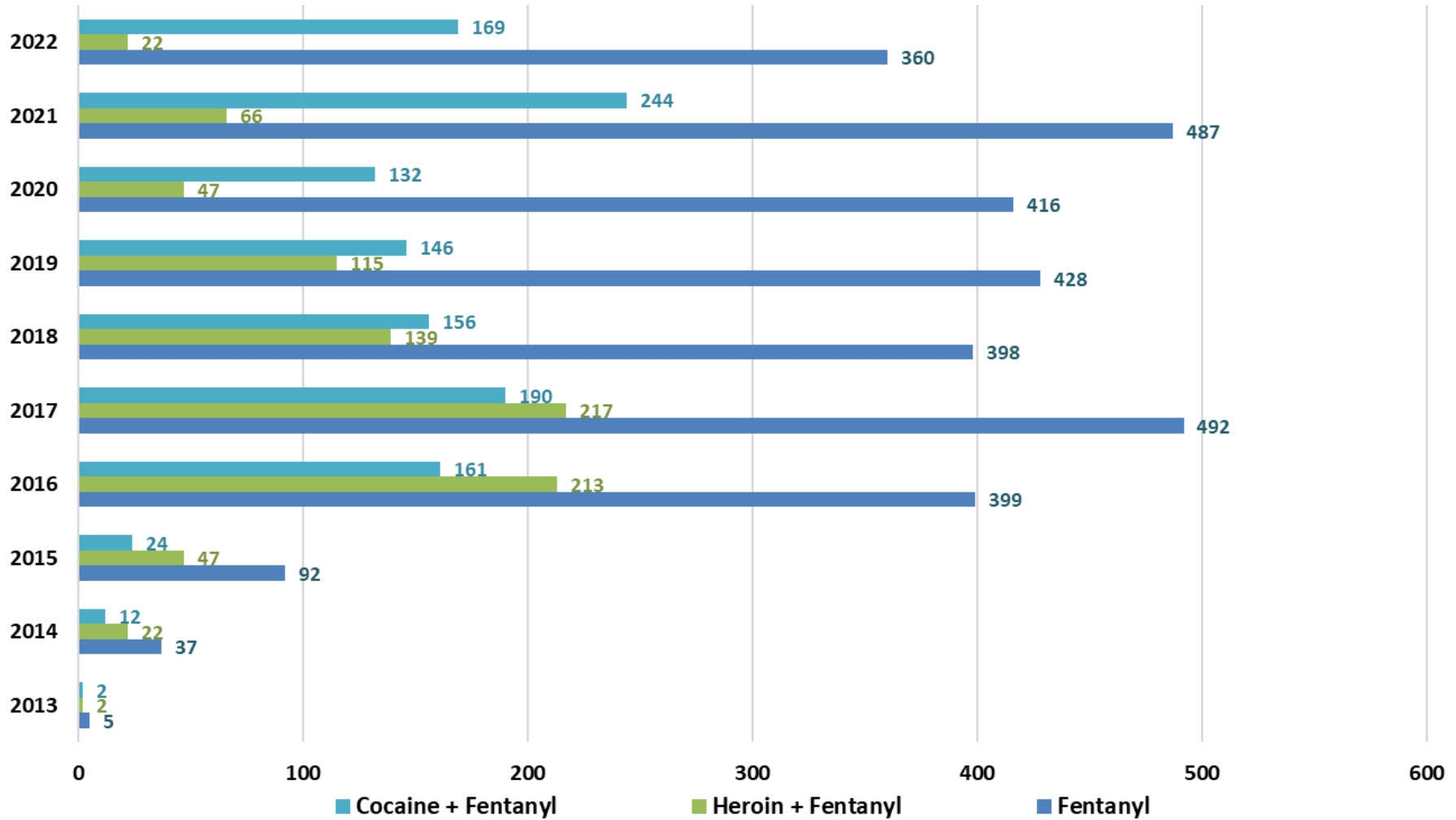
Combined is heroin and fentanyl or cocaine and fentanyl in some combination
(Fentanyl analogues will be counted under Fentanyl Columns)



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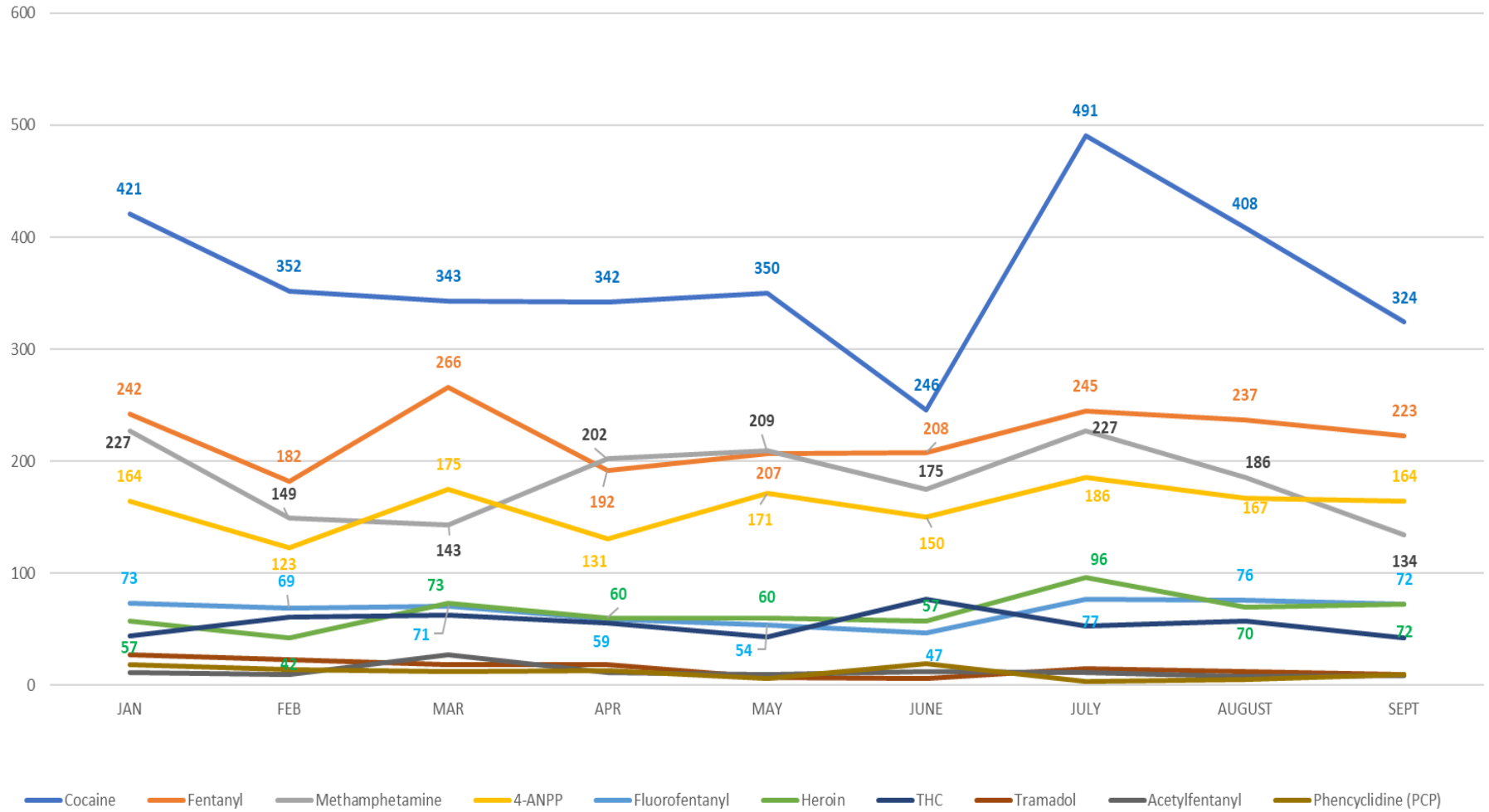
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2022* (* thru Sept 30, 2022)



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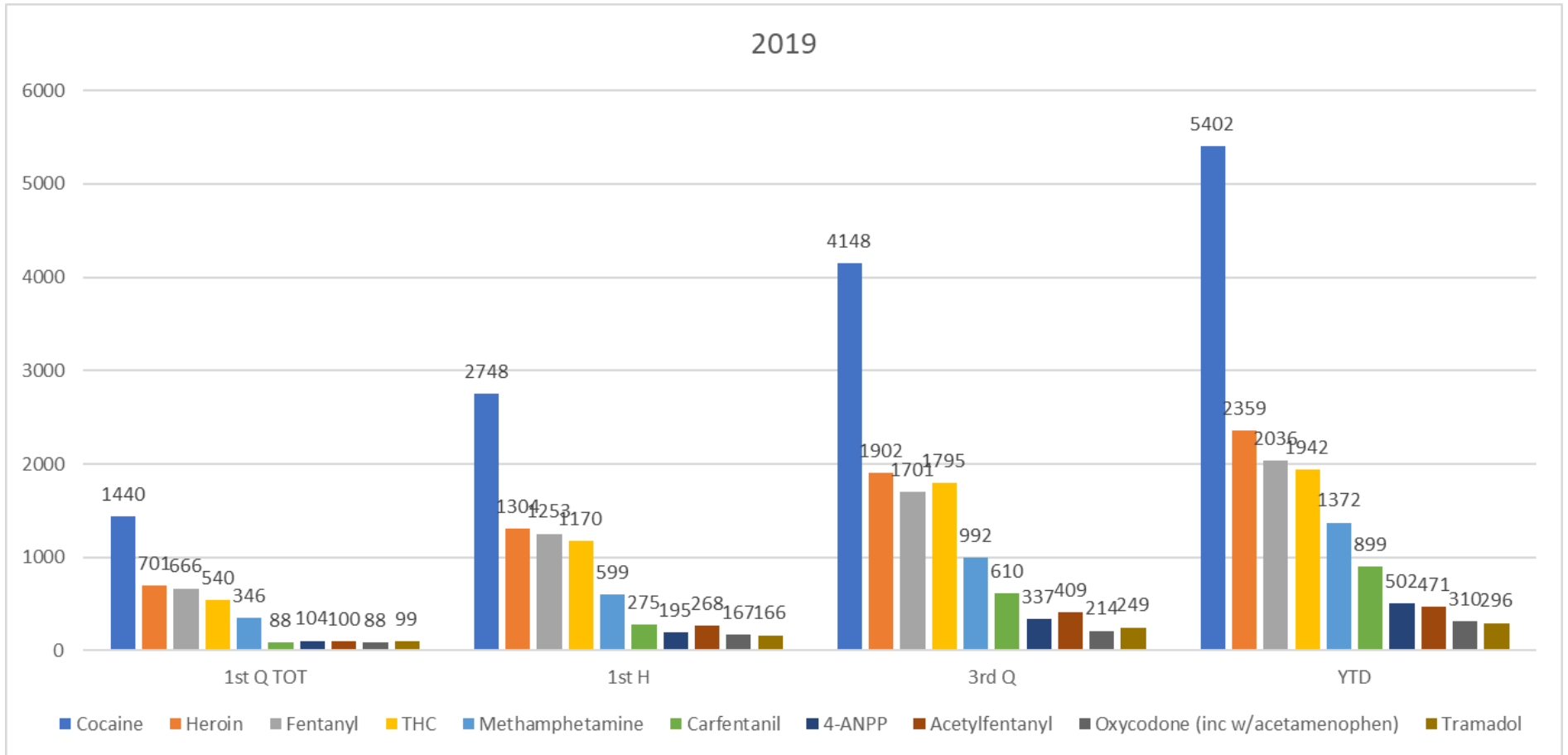
2022 CCRFSL Drug Lab Submissions Top 6, Year To Date (as of September 30, 2022)



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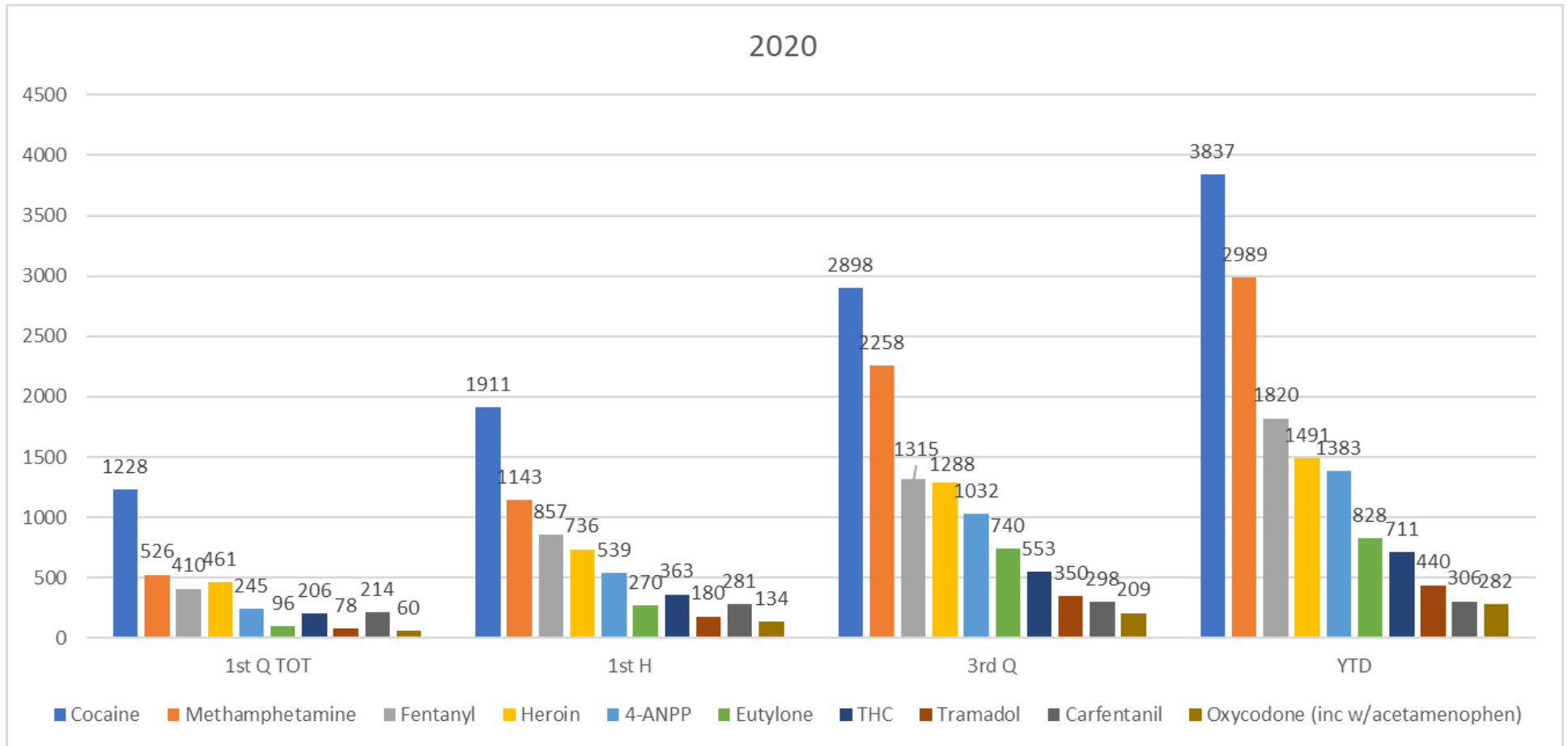
TOP TEN SUBMISSIONS TO DRUG CHEMISTRY LAB BY YEAR:



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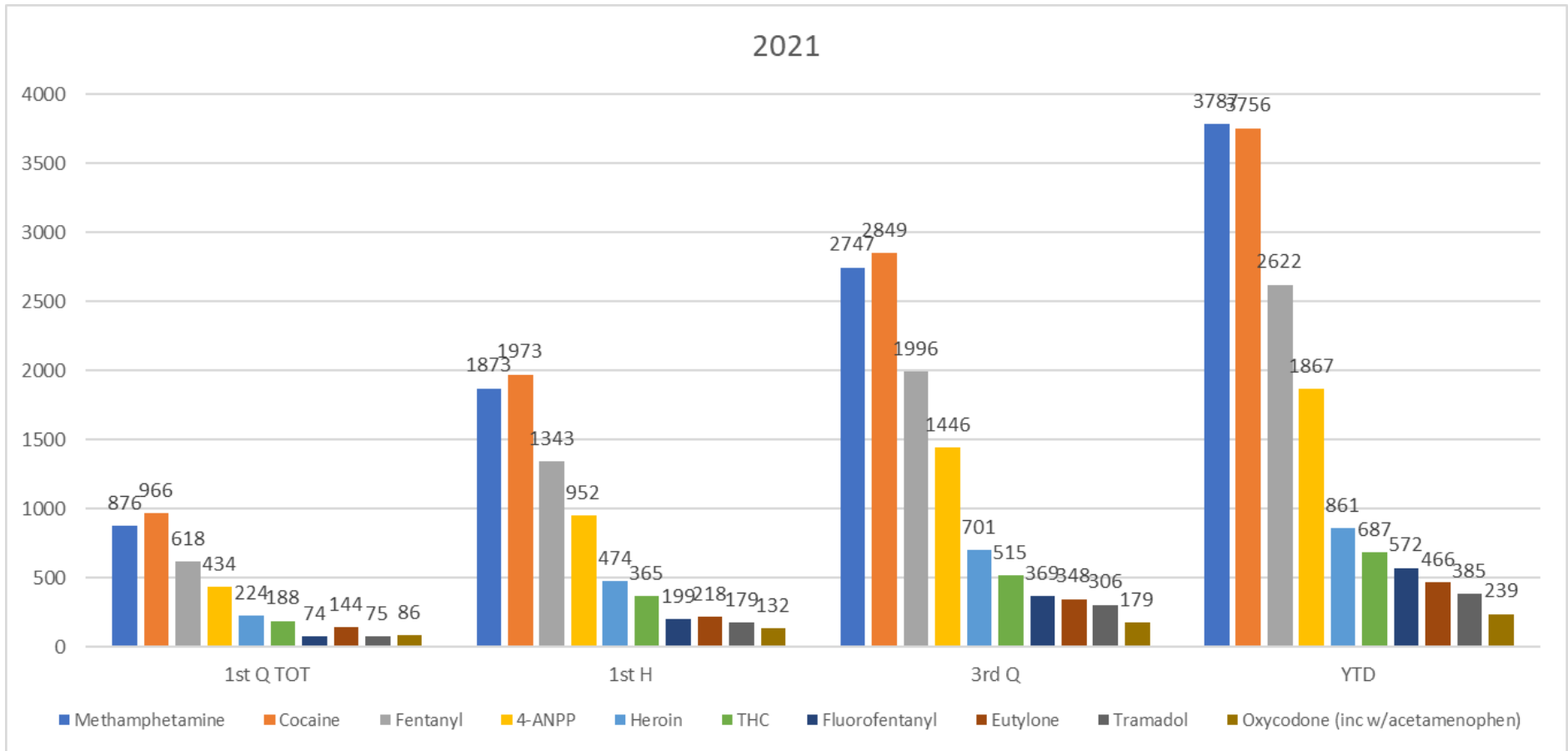
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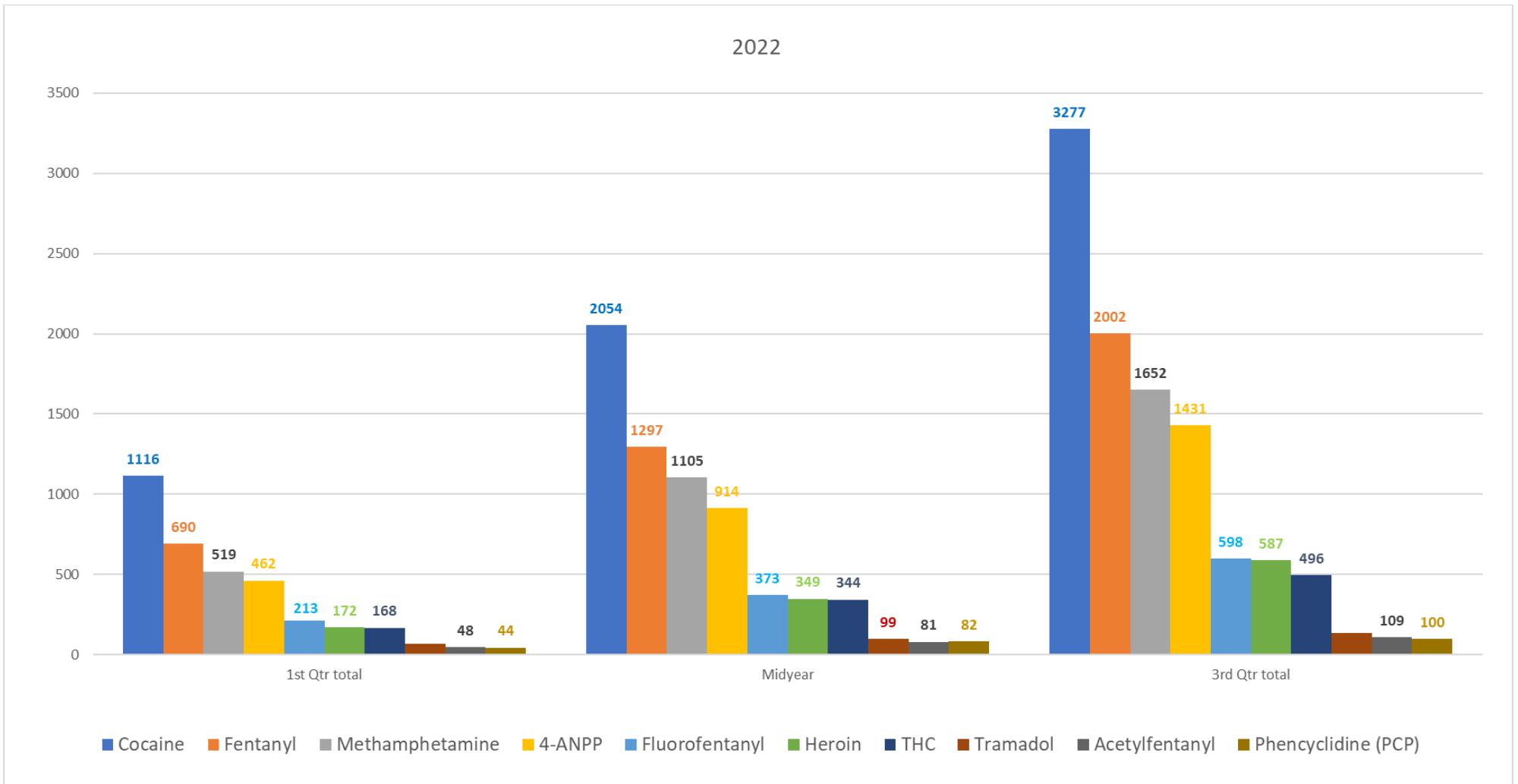
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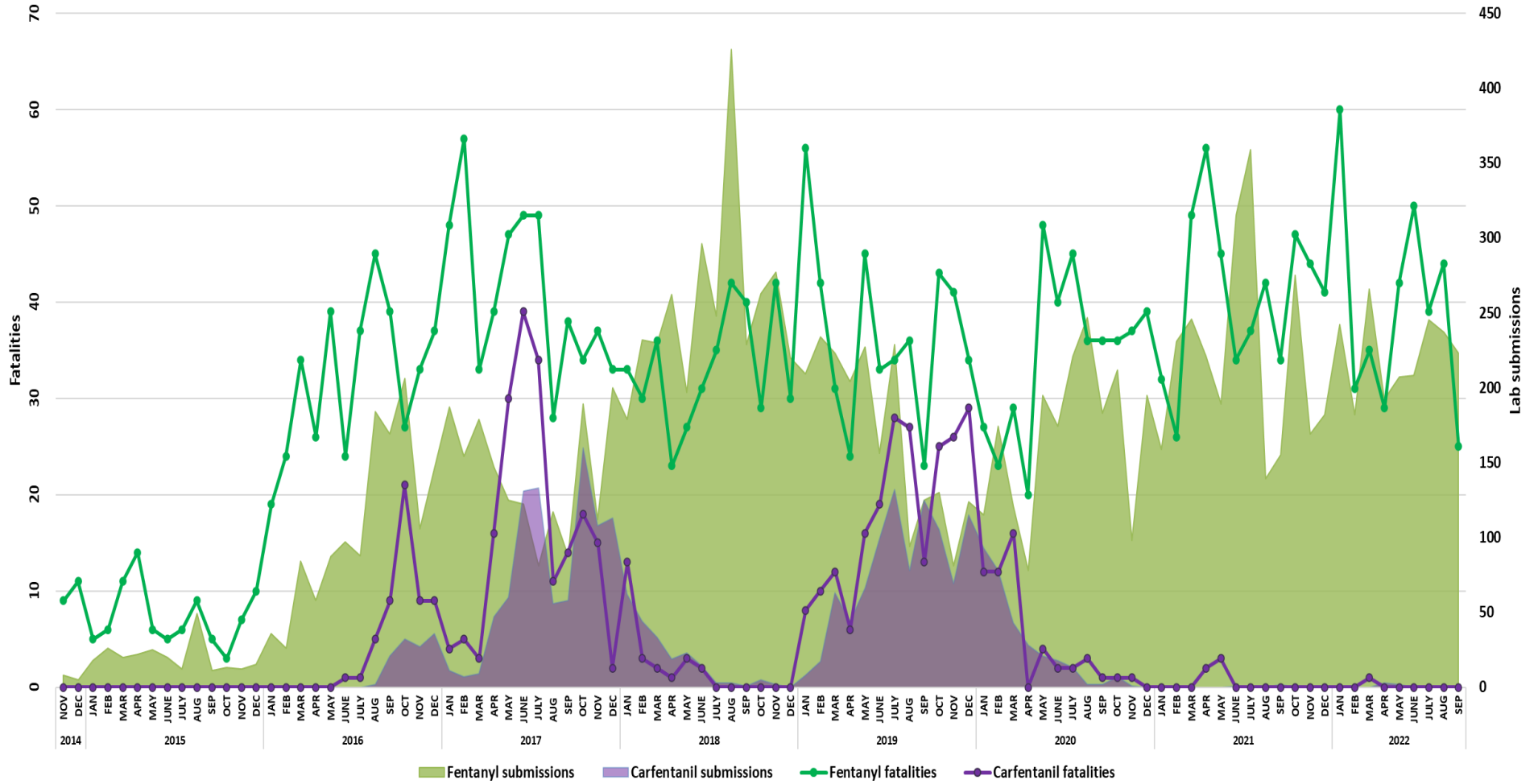
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CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2022



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