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

2023 August UPDATE DRAFT

September 17, 2023

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in August– at least **40** (10 cases pending testing)

21 - City of Cleveland Residents

18 - Suburban Residents- Bedford (2), Berea (2), Brooklyn (2), Cleveland Hts., Euclid (5), Garfield Hts., Maple Hts.(2), South Euclid, Walton Hills and Westlake

1 – Out of County – North Ridgeville (Lorain Co.)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 27 - 75

24 Male victims; 16 Female victims

10 African American victims; 30 Caucasian victims; (0 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **334** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through August 2023. 2023 total is at least **427** 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; 0 in 2023

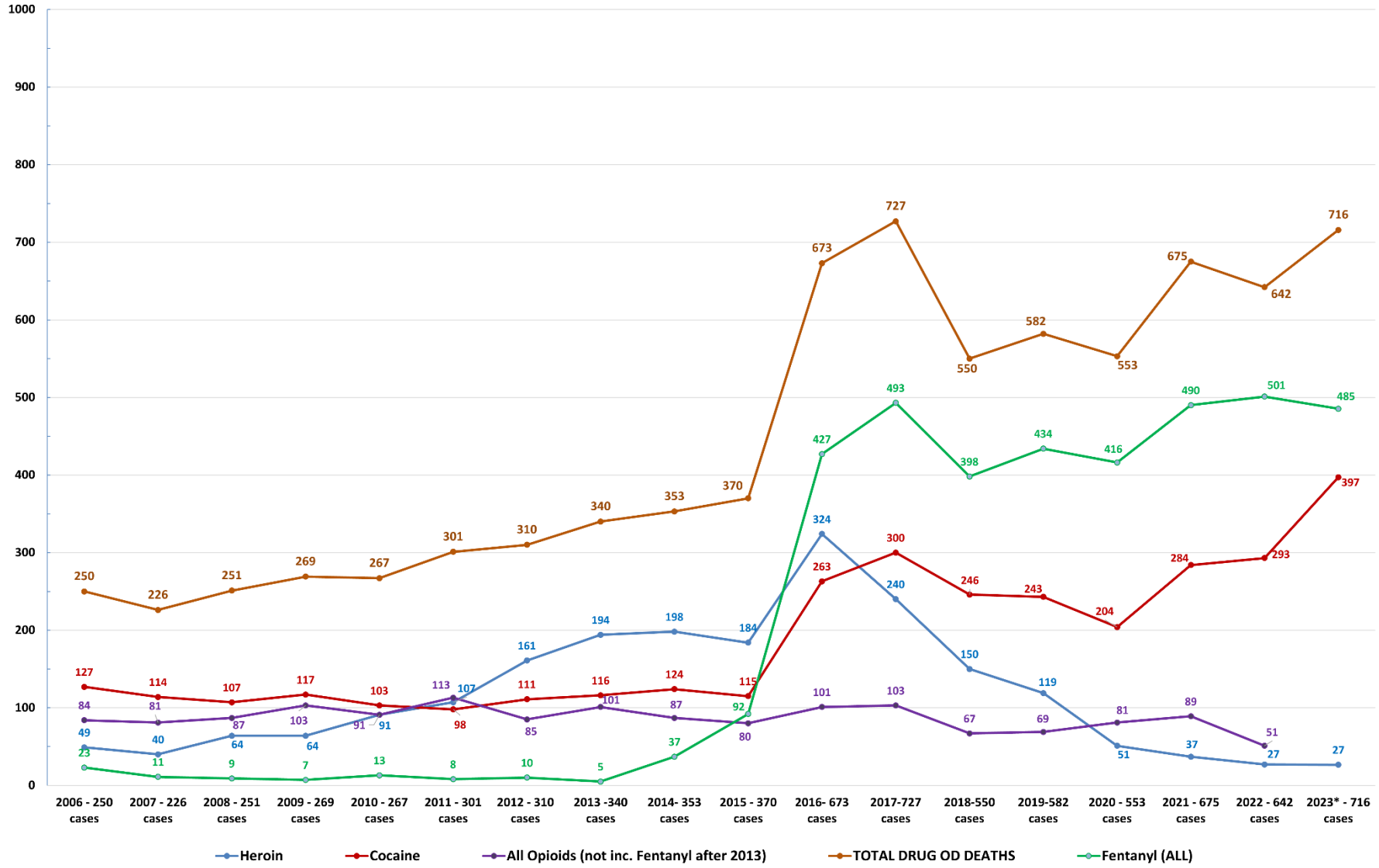
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 25% of all victims in August 2023 and over 35% for the year. As many as 35 cocaine related deaths occurred in August 2023 with as many as 25 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical
Examiner's Office revised 9-17-23



Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023* Most Common Drugs

(*2023 projections based on data through September 19, 2023)

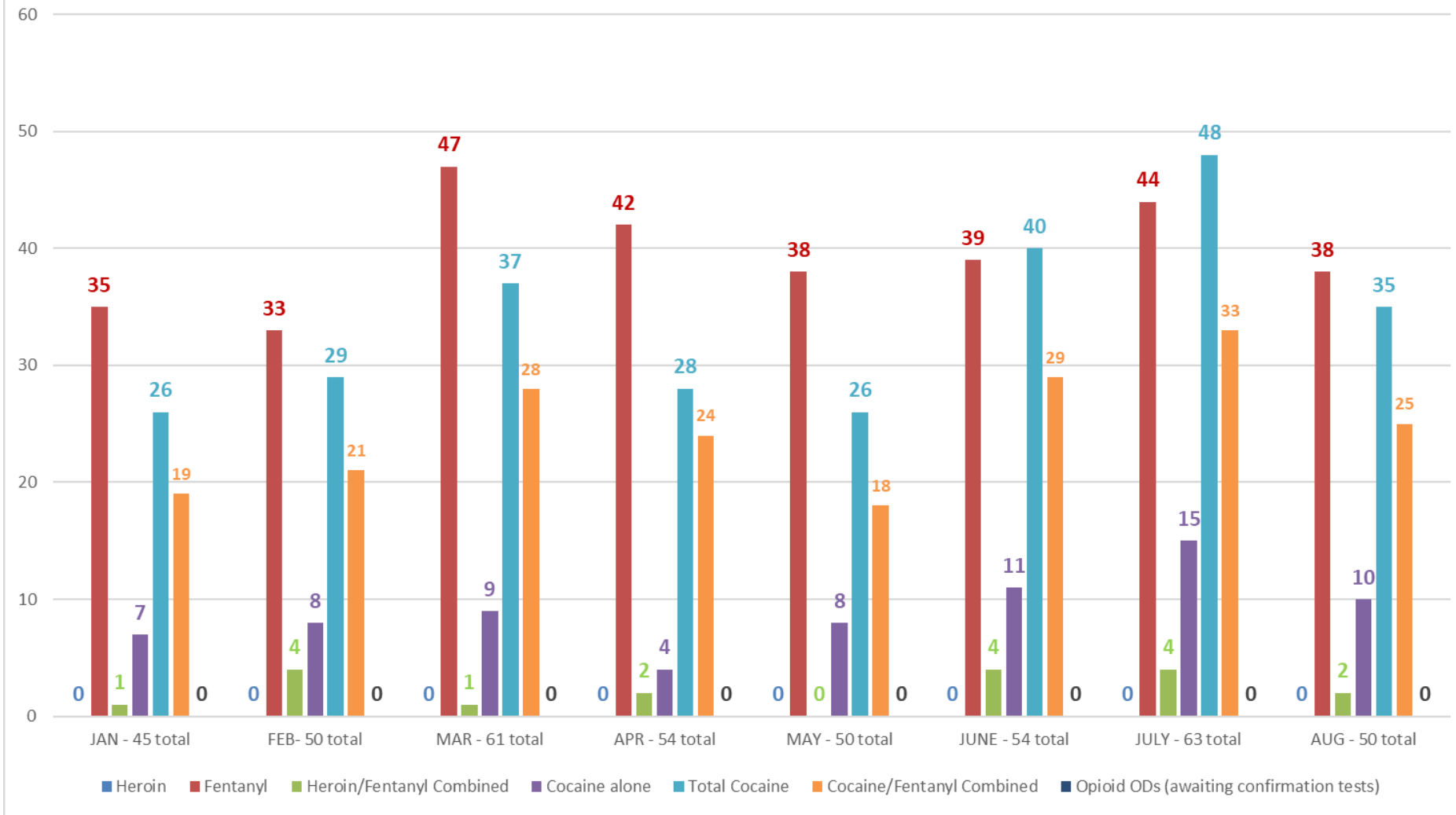


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2023 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru August 31, 2023)

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

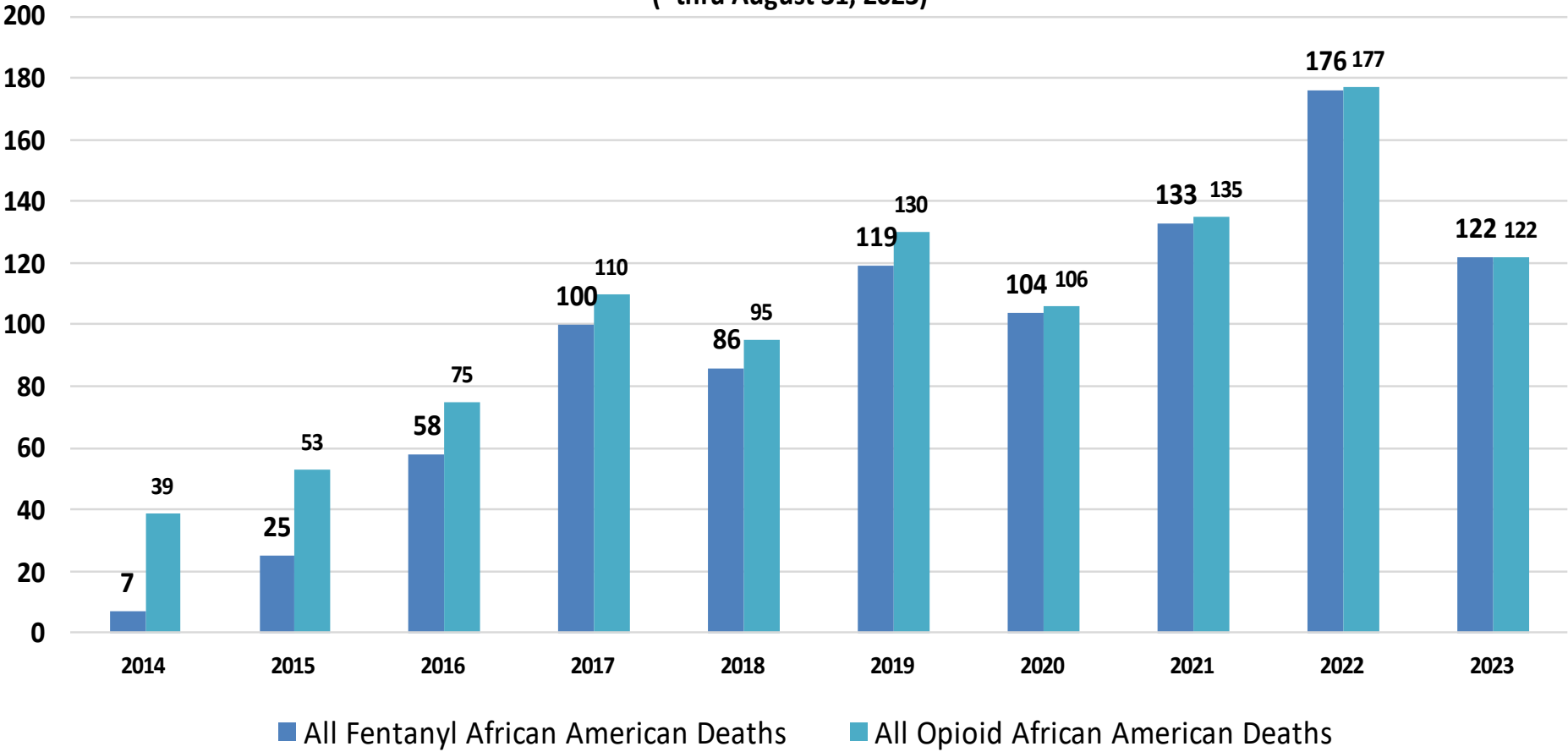


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023*

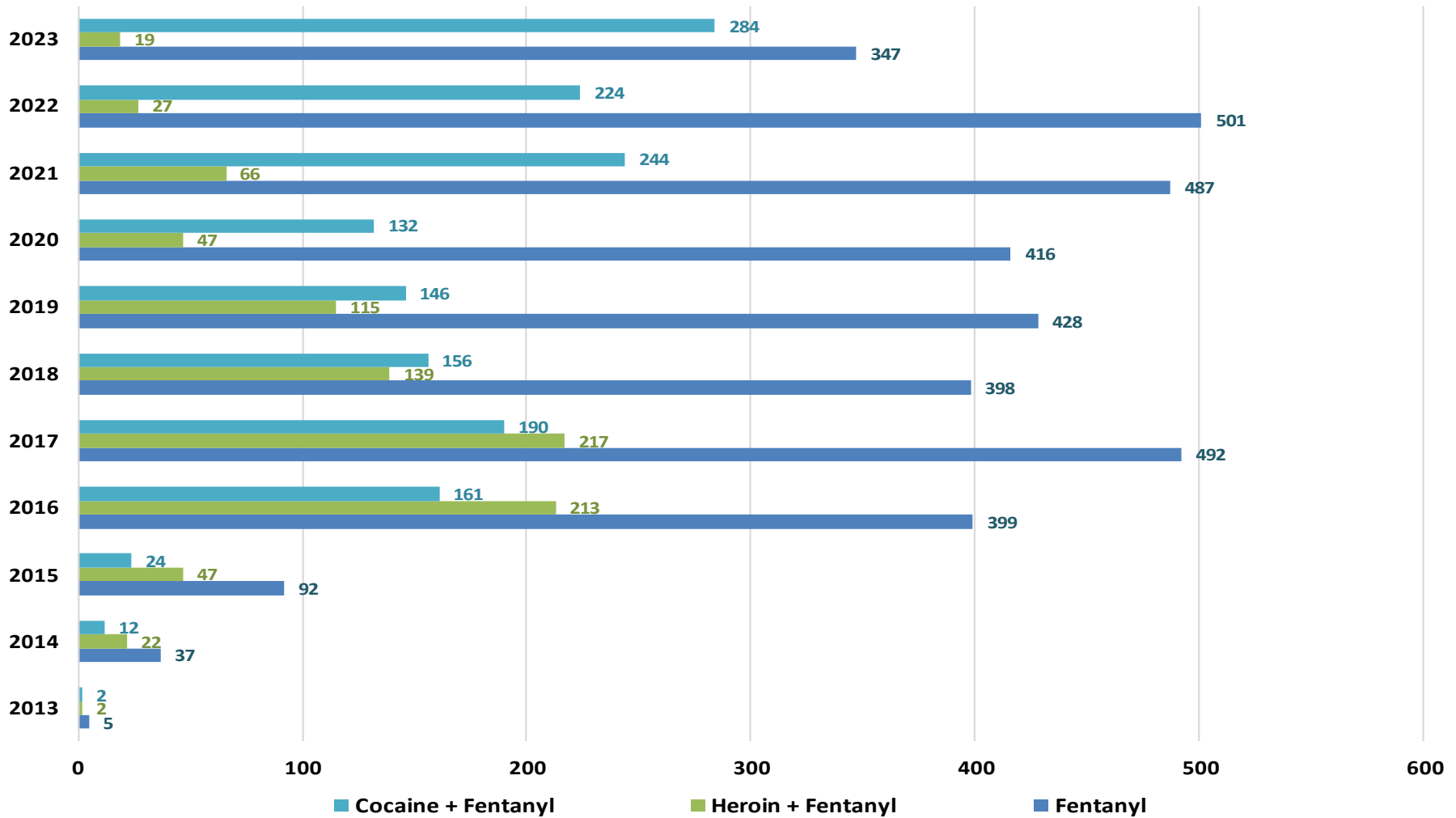
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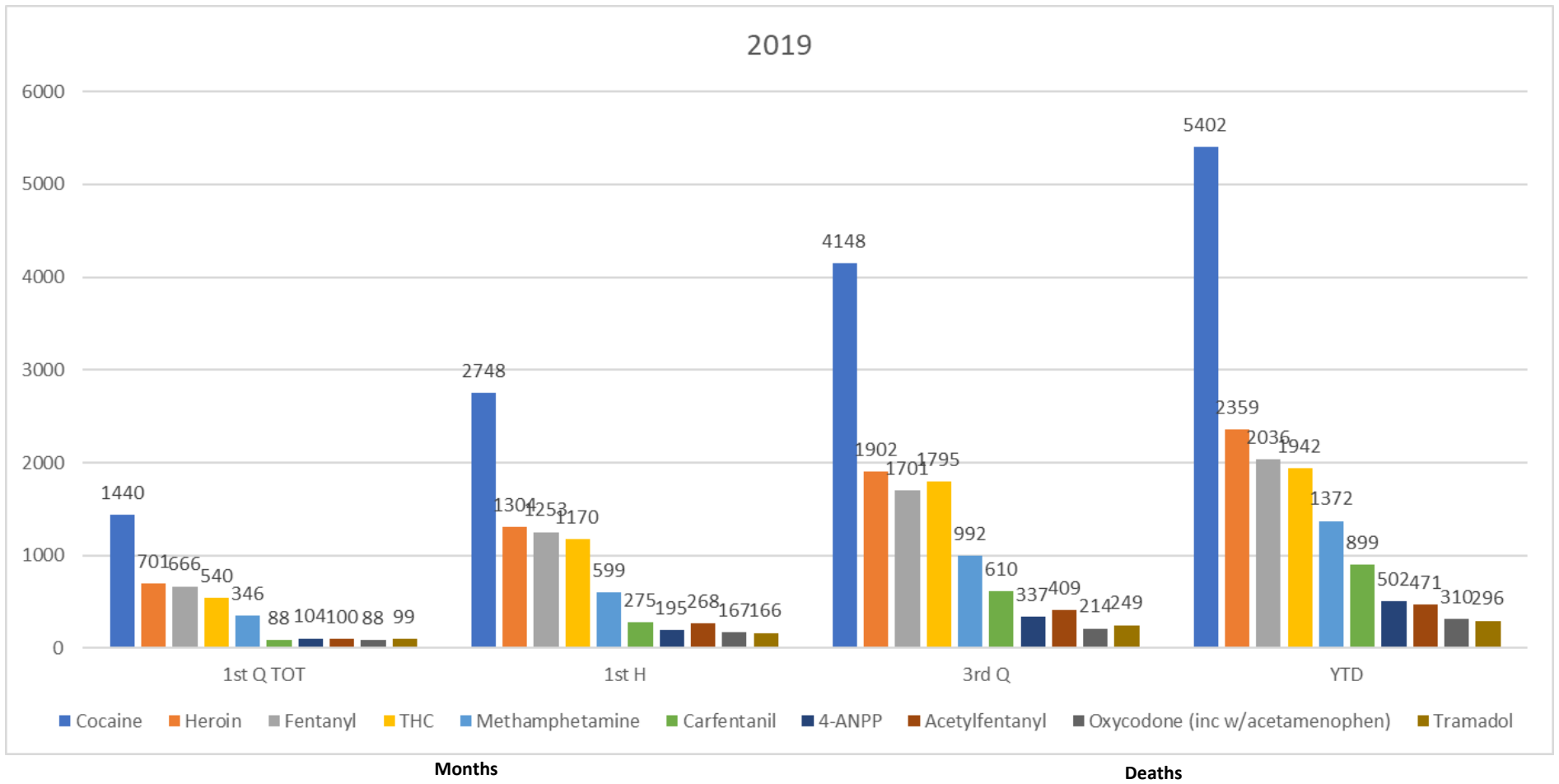
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023* (* thru August 31, 2023)



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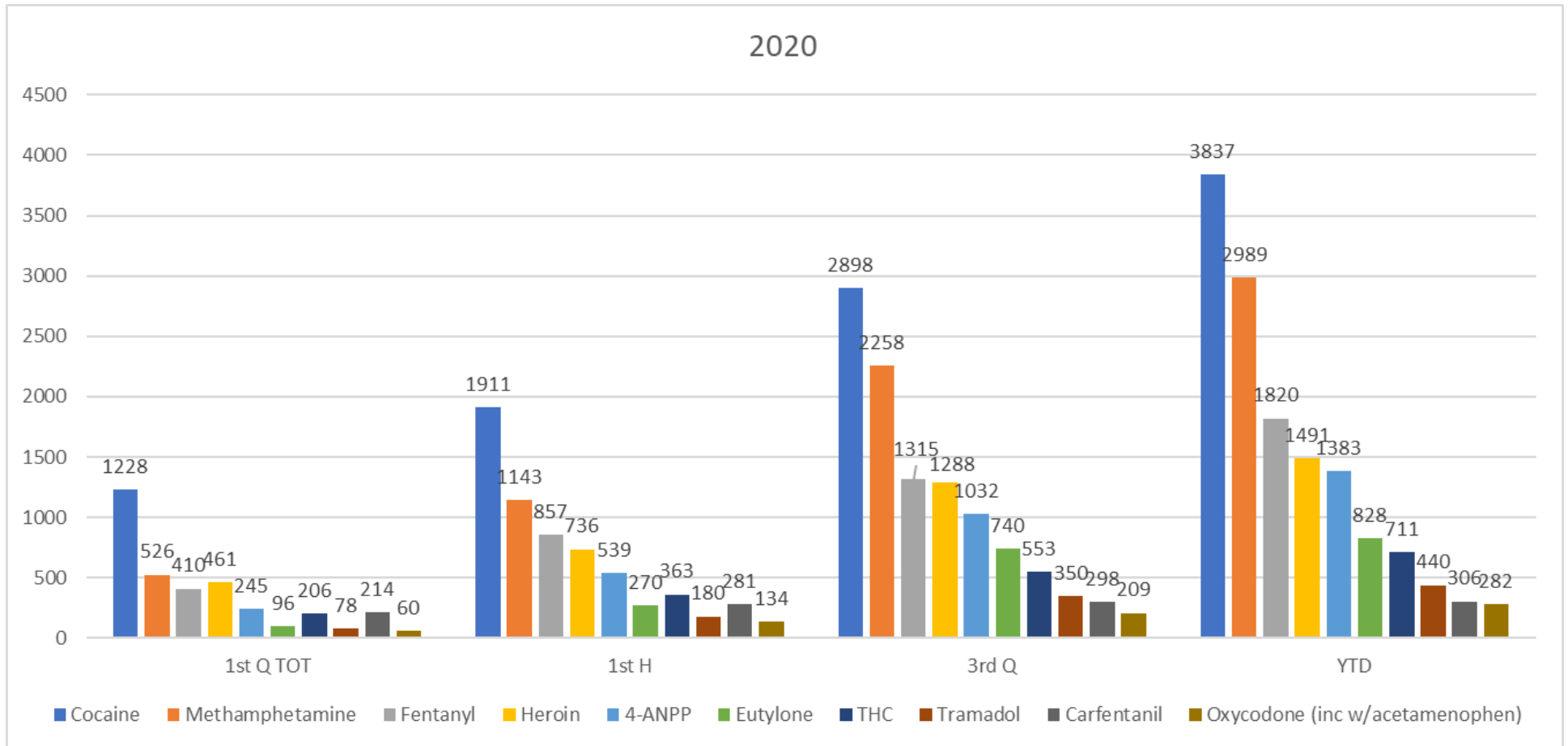
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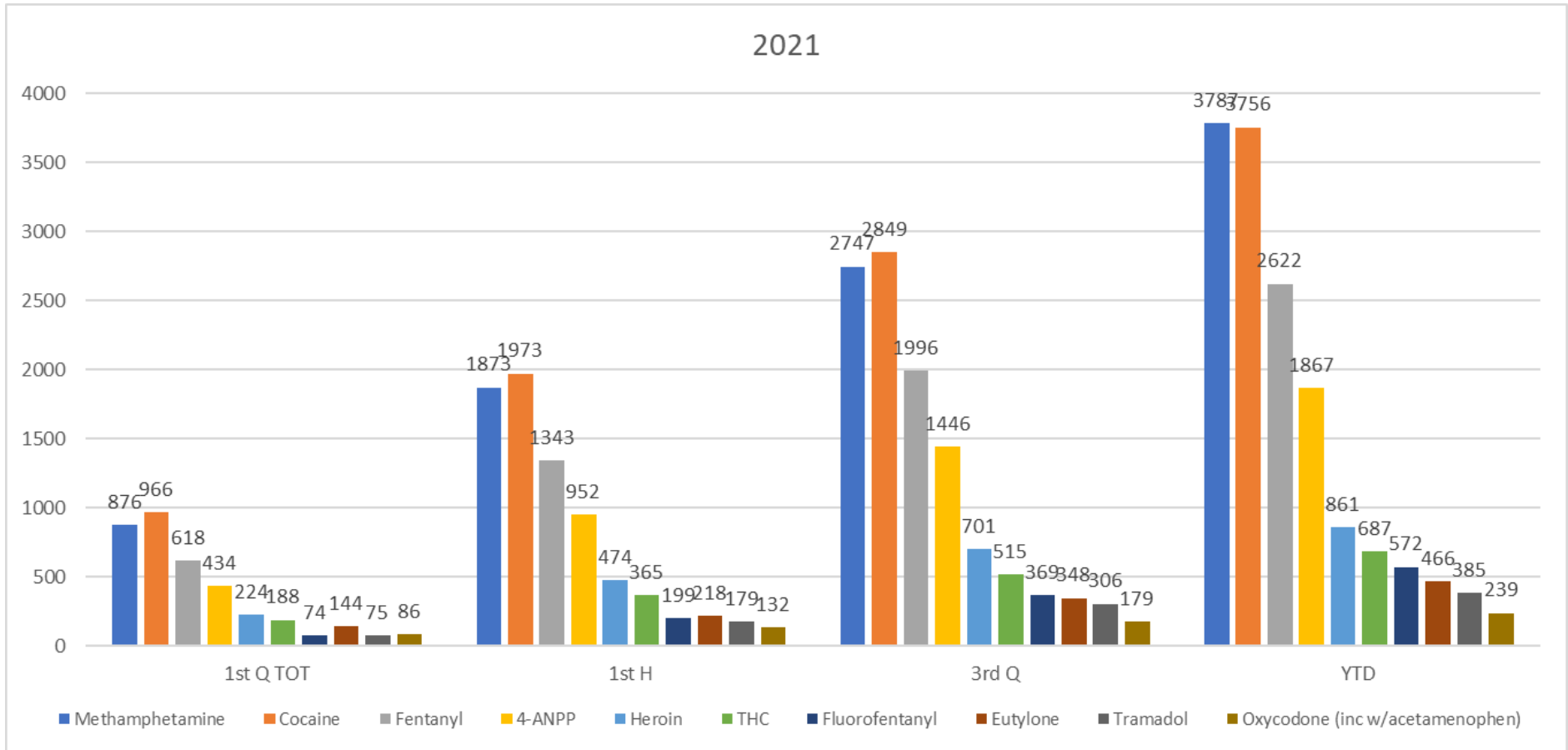
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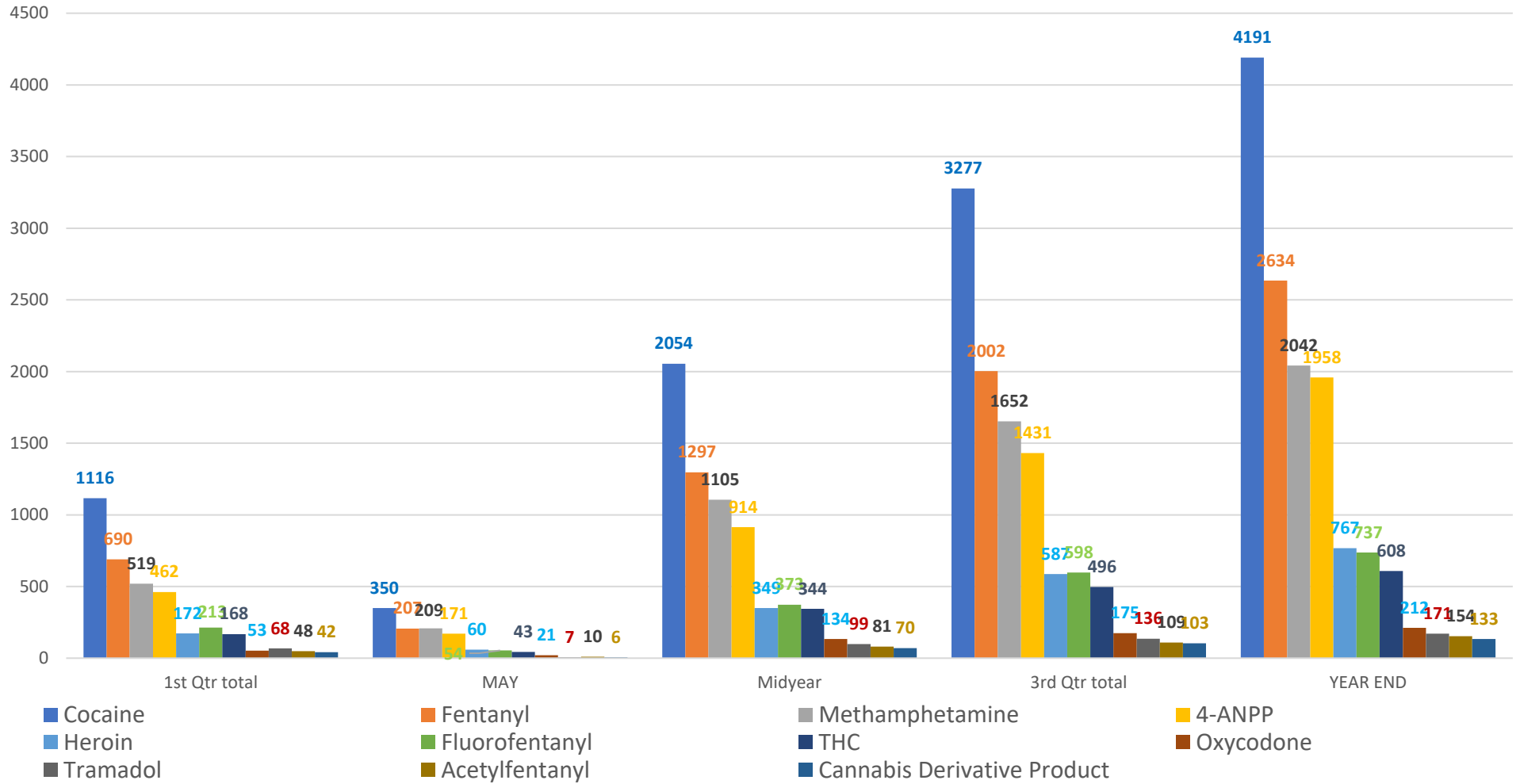


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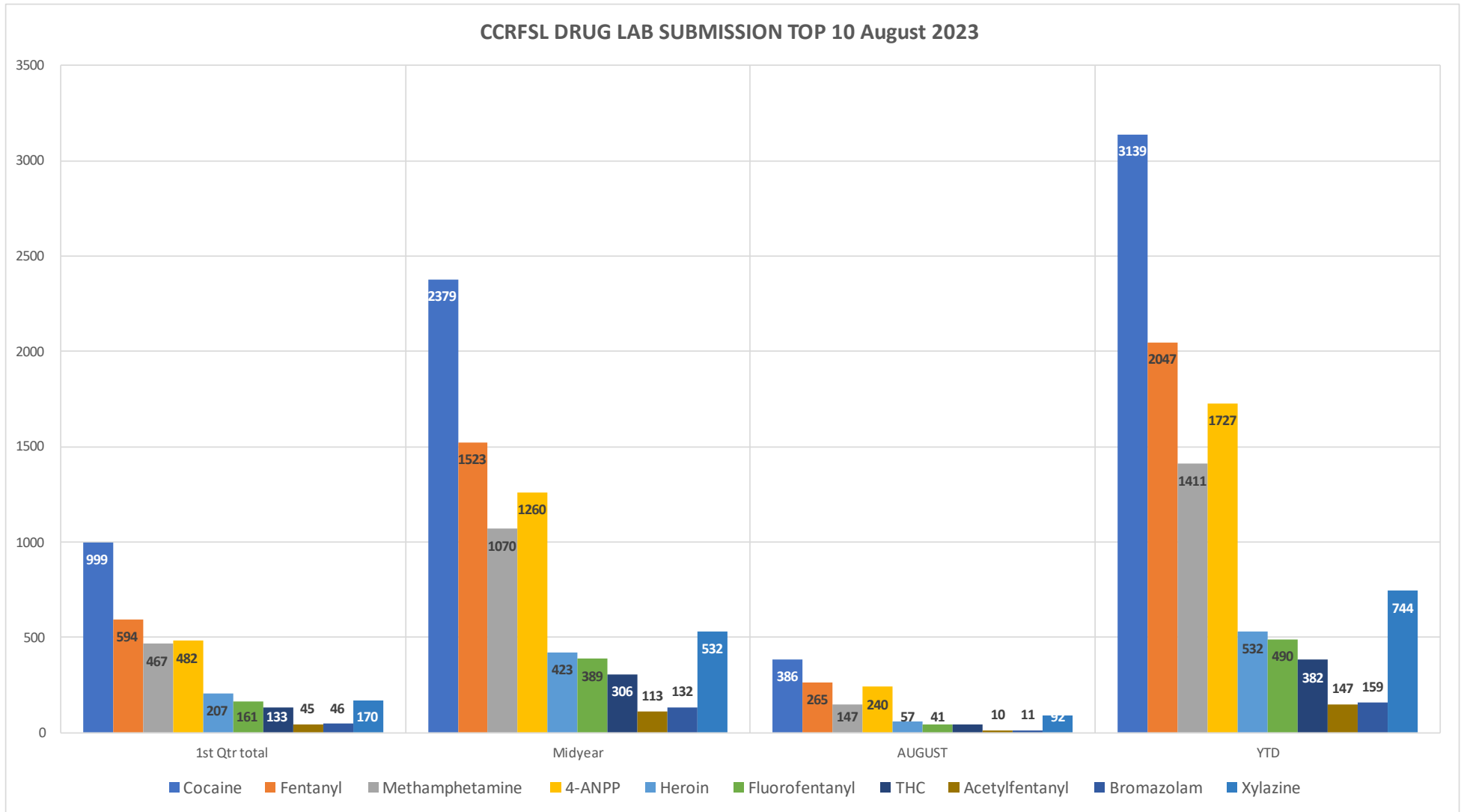
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