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

2023 December UPDATE DRAFT

January 24, 2024

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in November– at least **21** (19 cases pending testing)

14 - City of Cleveland Residents

5 - Suburban Residents- East Cleveland, Garfield Hts., Maple Hts. (2) and Seven Hills

2 – Out of County – Mentor (Lake Co.), Medina (Medina Co.)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 23 - 66

10 Male victims; 11 Female victims

8 African American victims; 13 Caucasian victims; (2 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **447** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through November 2023. 2023 total is at least **592** 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 38.09% of all victims in December 2023 and over 35.03% for the year. As many as 22 cocaine related deaths occurred in December 2023 with as many as 12 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

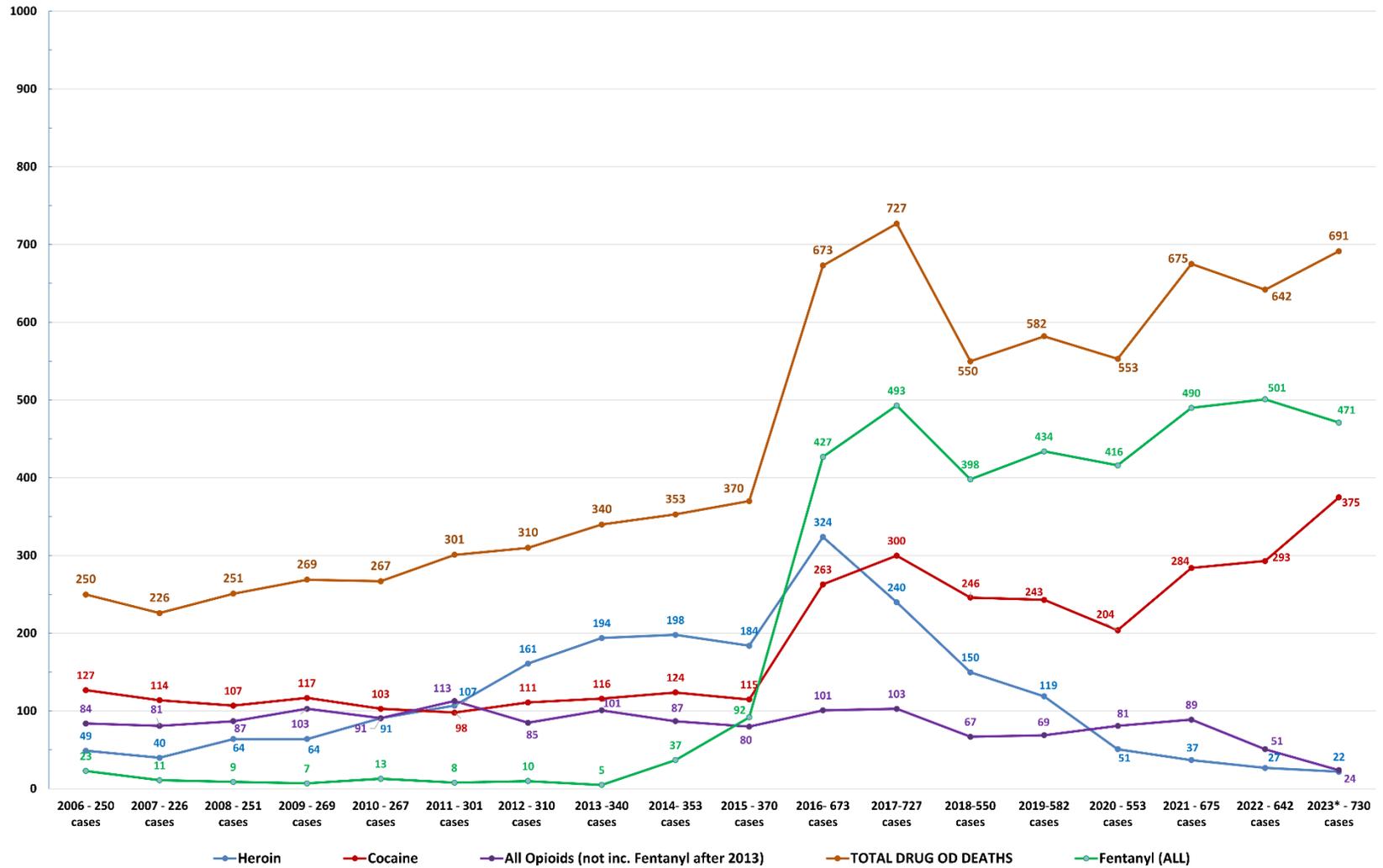
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023*

Most Common Drugs

(*2023 projections based on data through December 31, 2023)

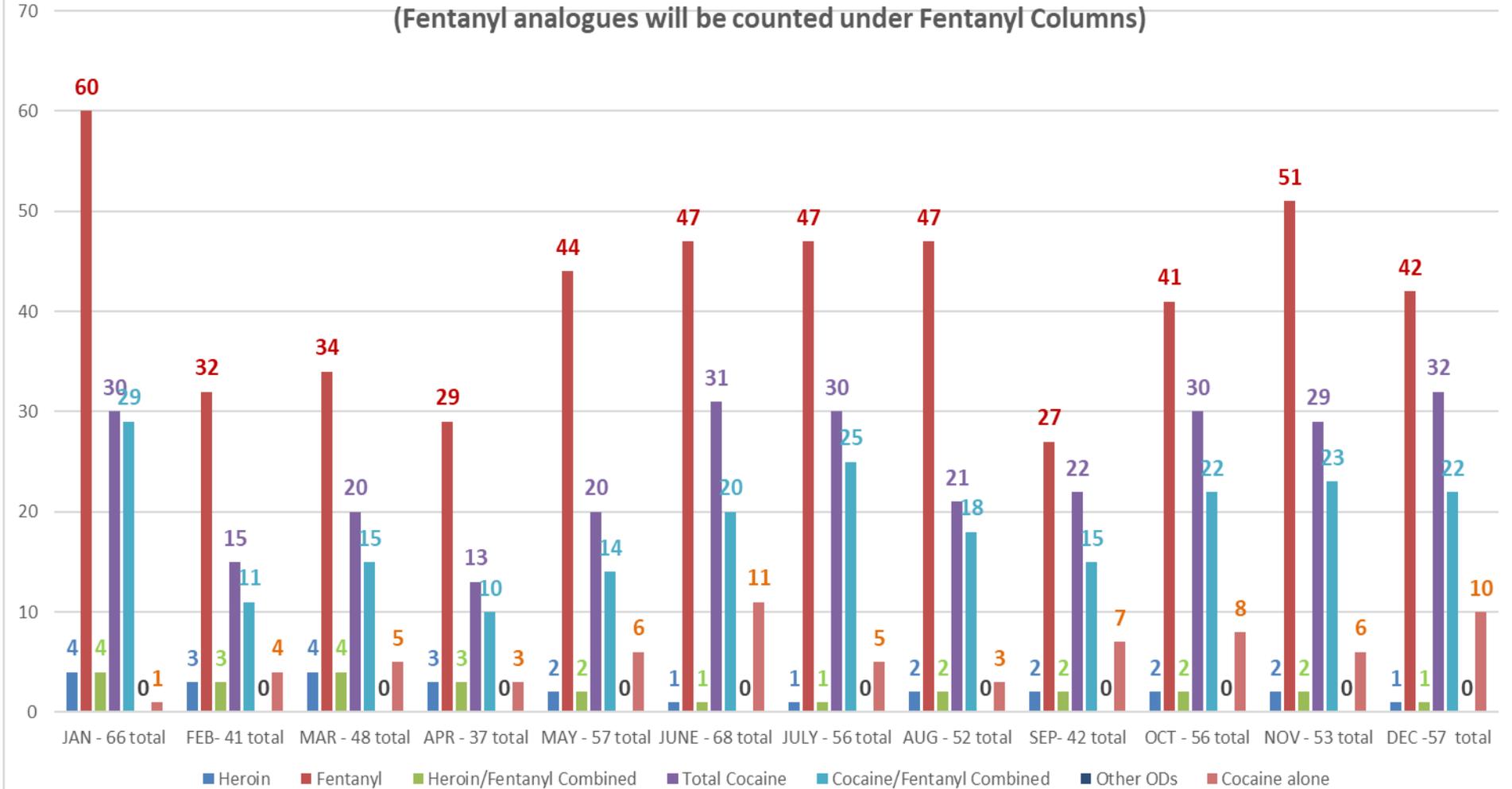


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2022 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru December 31, 2022)

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

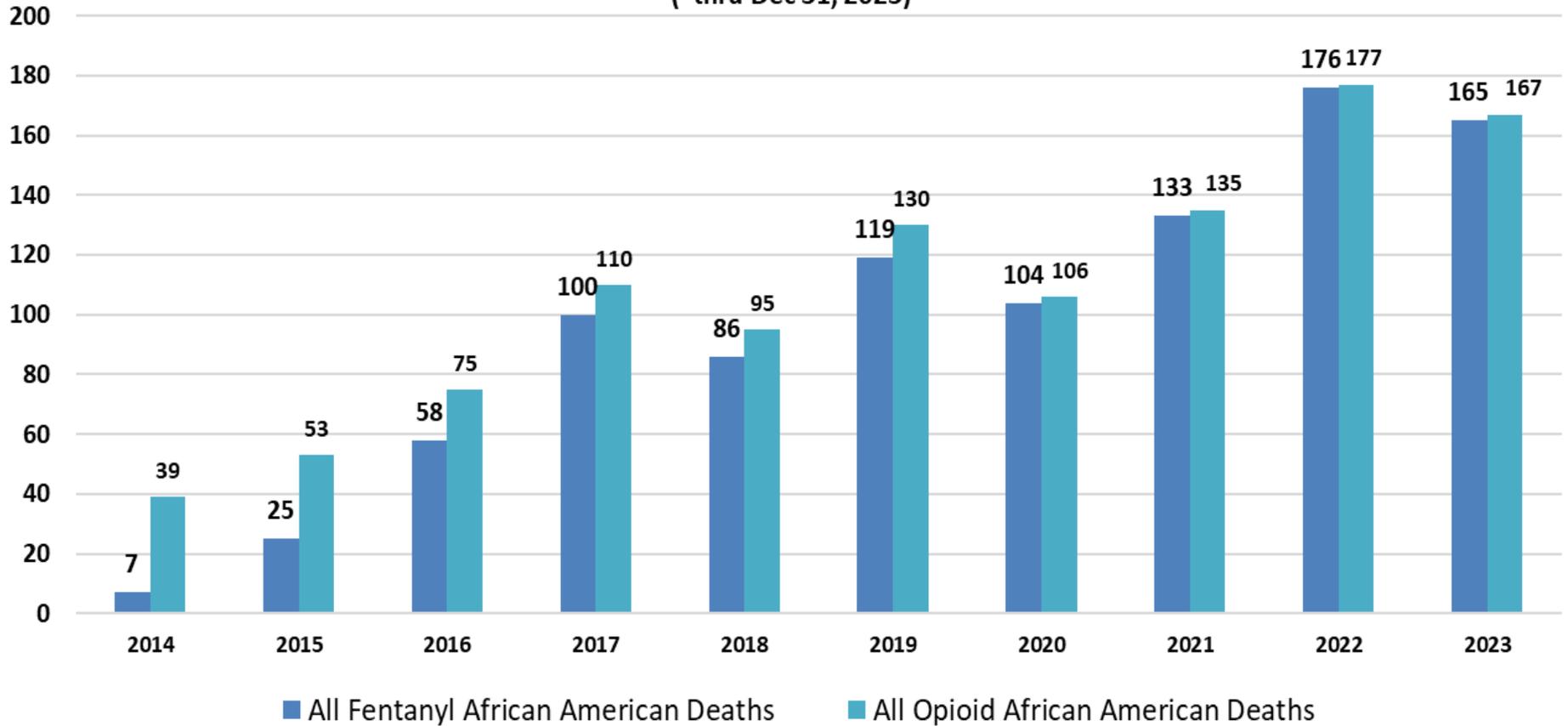


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023*

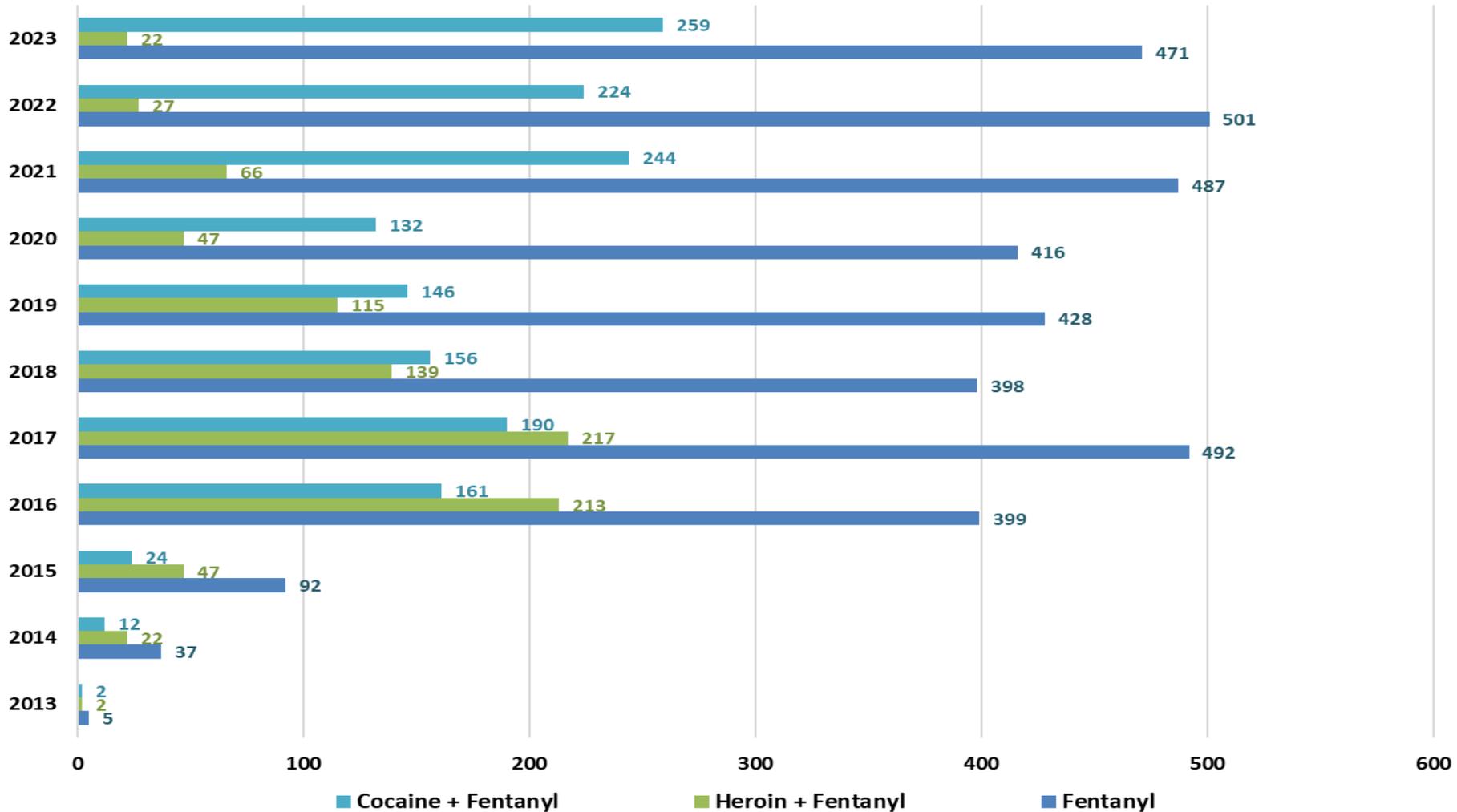
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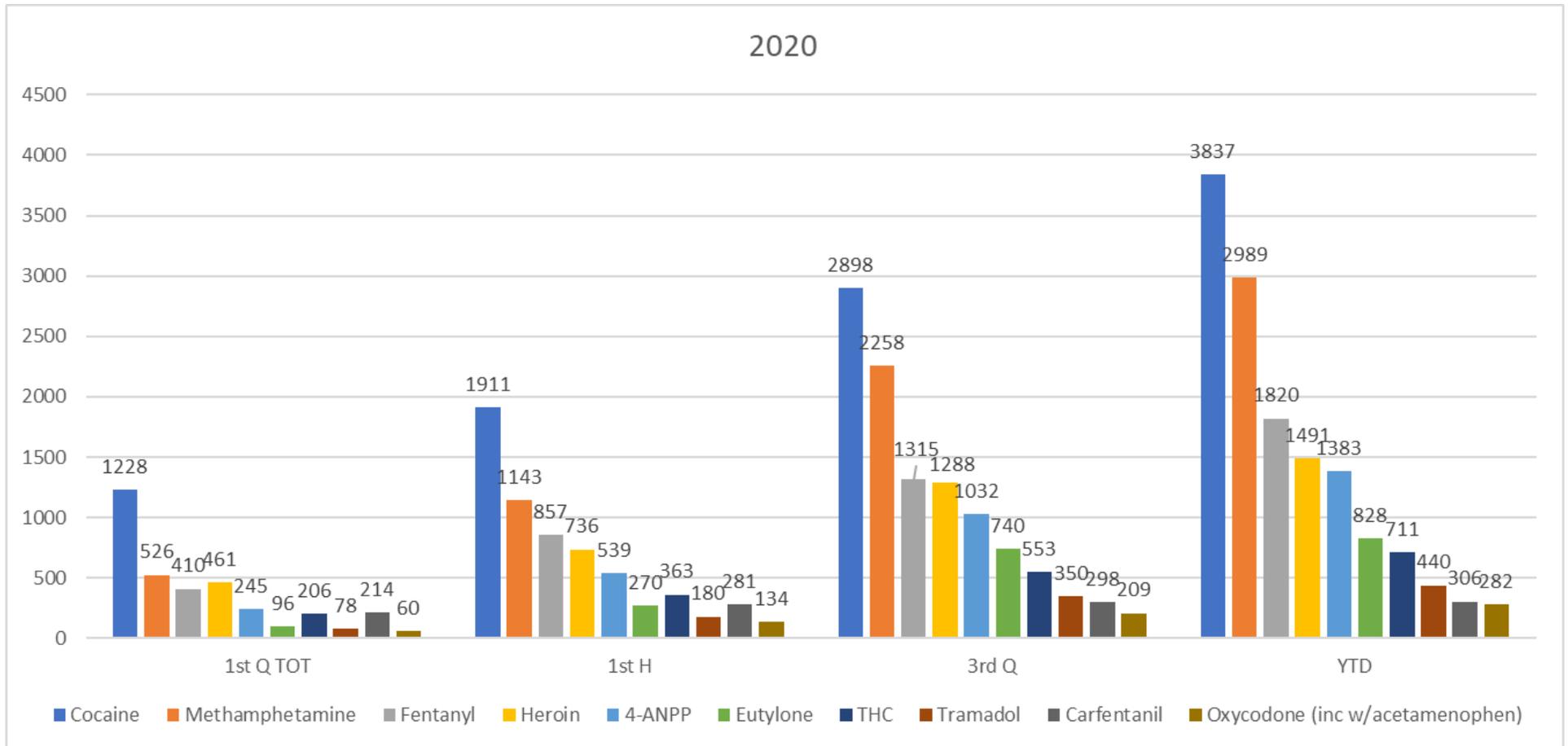
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023* (* thru December 31, 2023)



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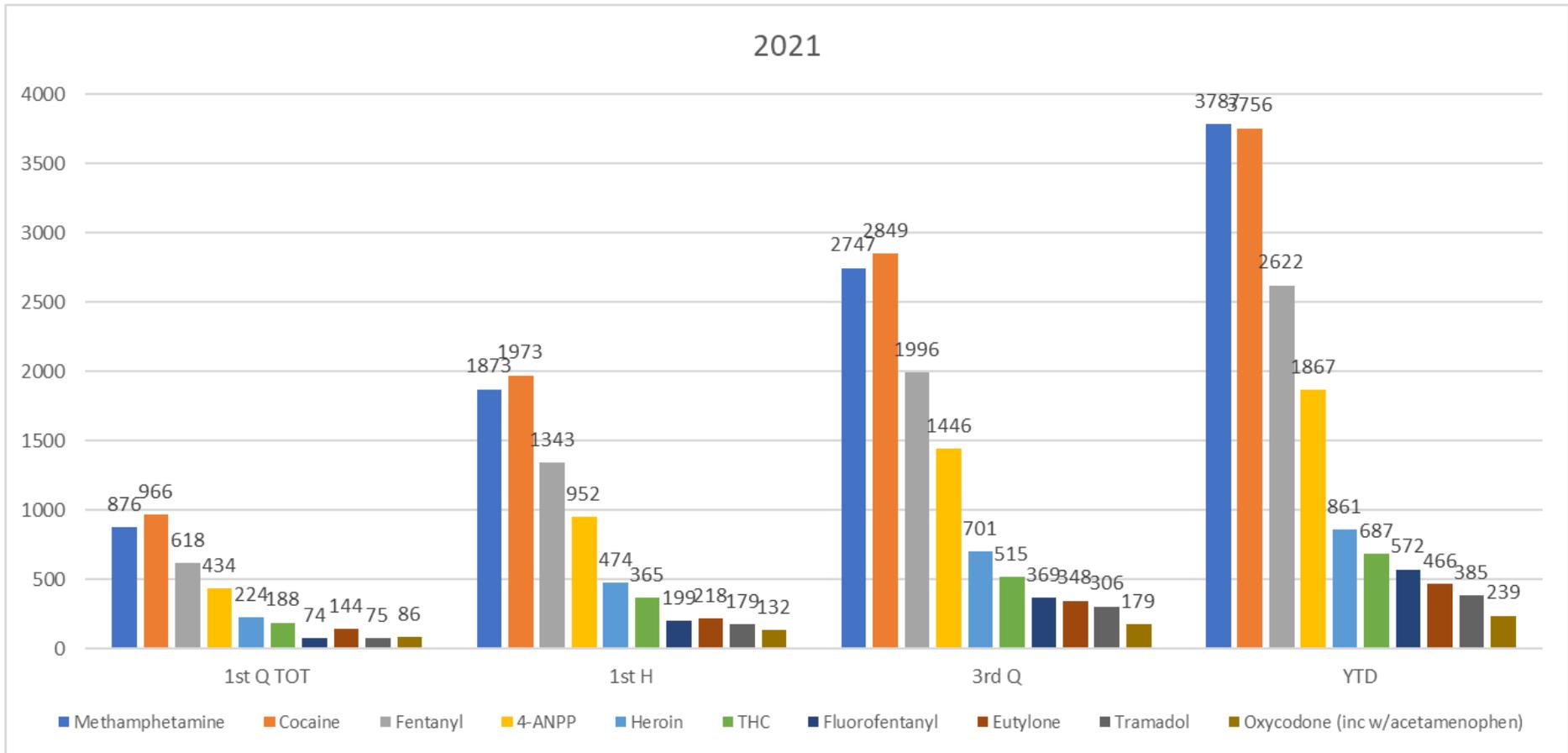
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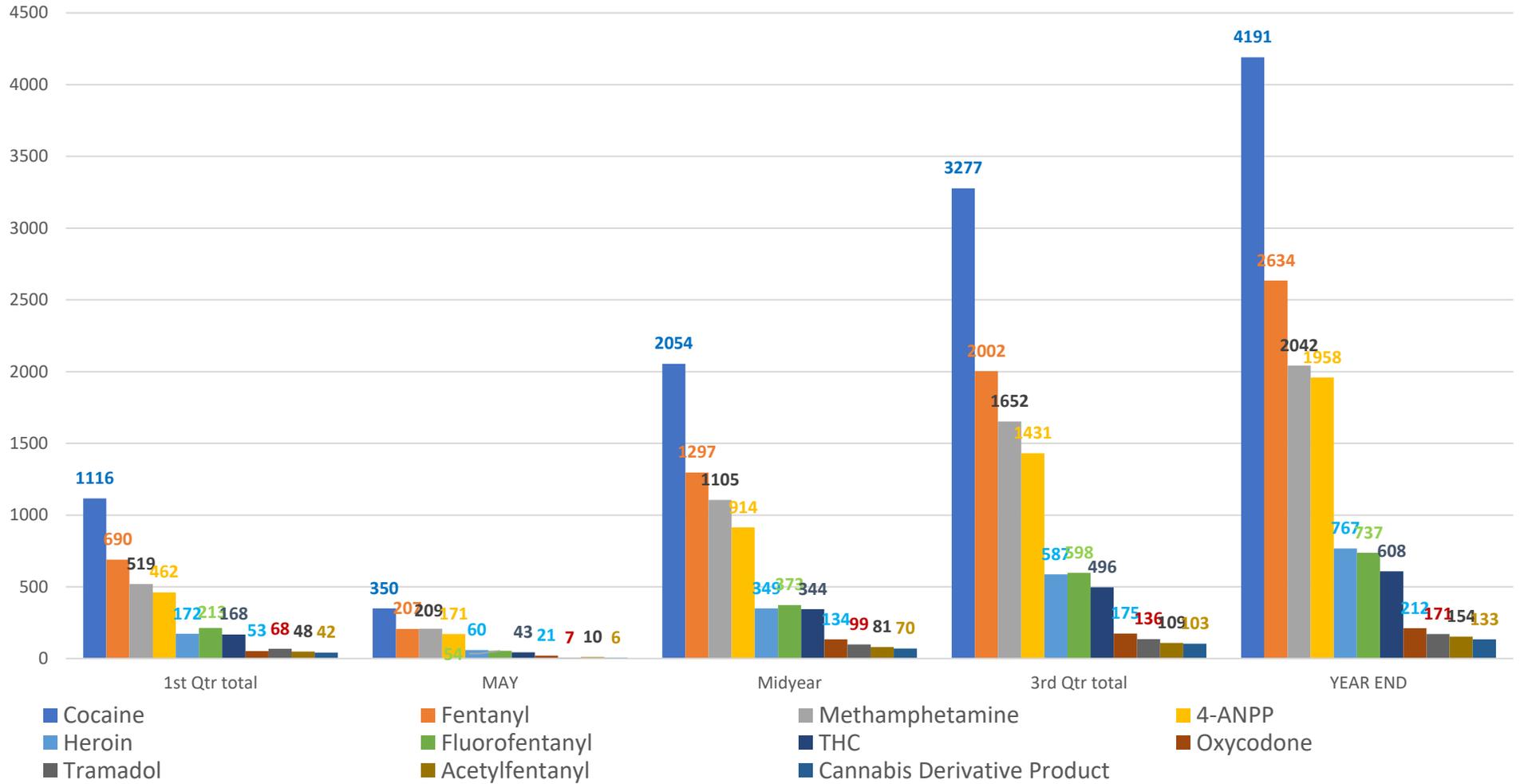


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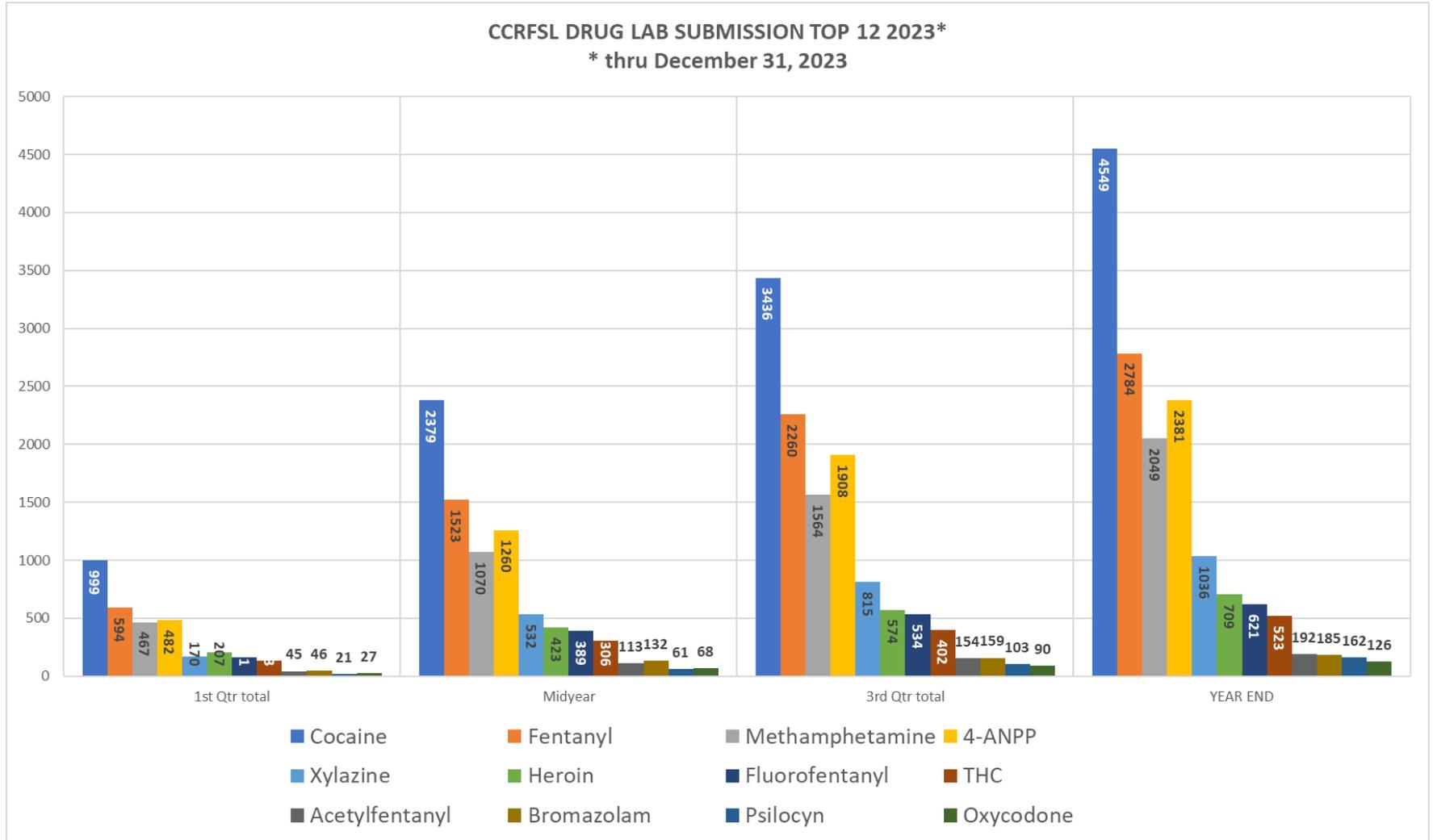


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