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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**  
**MEDICAL EXAMINER'S**  
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**Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine  
Related Deaths in  
Cuyahoga County**

**2023 July UPDATE DRAFT**

**August 17, 2023**

# CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

## Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in July– at least **48** (10 cases pending testing)

31 - City of Cleveland Residents

16 - Suburban Residents- Berea, Broadview Hts., Chagrin Falls, Cleveland Hts., East Cleveland (4), Euclid (2), Garfield Hts., Lakewood, Parma, Parma Hts., Strongsville and Westlake

### VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 1 - 70

35 Male victims; 12 Female victims; 1 unidentified

16 African American victims; 31 Caucasian victims; 1 unknown (2 Hispanic victims)

### TRENDS

At least **324** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through July 2023. 2023 total is at least **406** 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 33% of all victims in July 2023 and over 35% for the year. As many as 48 cocaine related deaths occurred in July 2023 with as many as 33 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

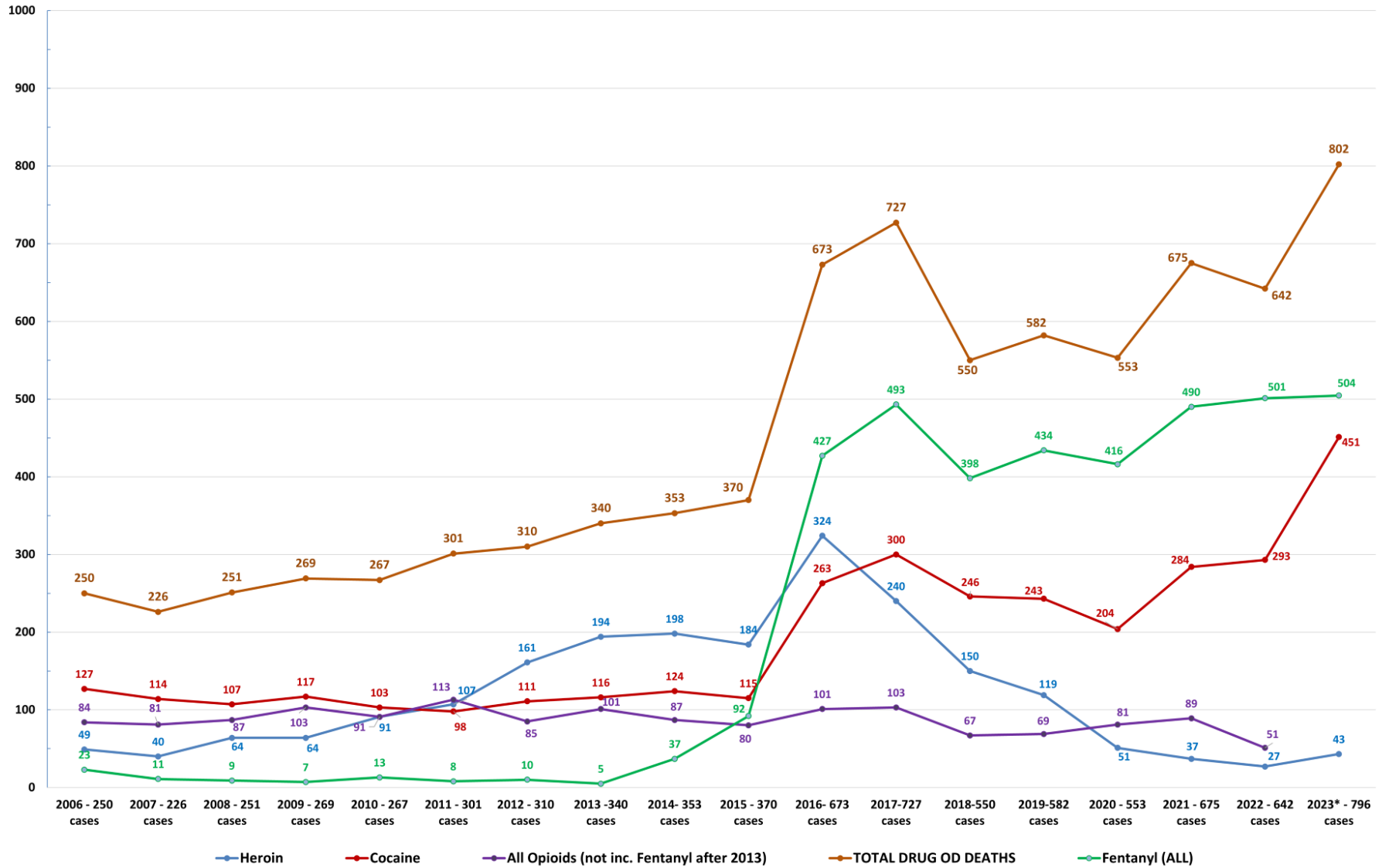
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# Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023\*

## Most Common Drugs

(\*2023 projections based on data through August 1, 2023)

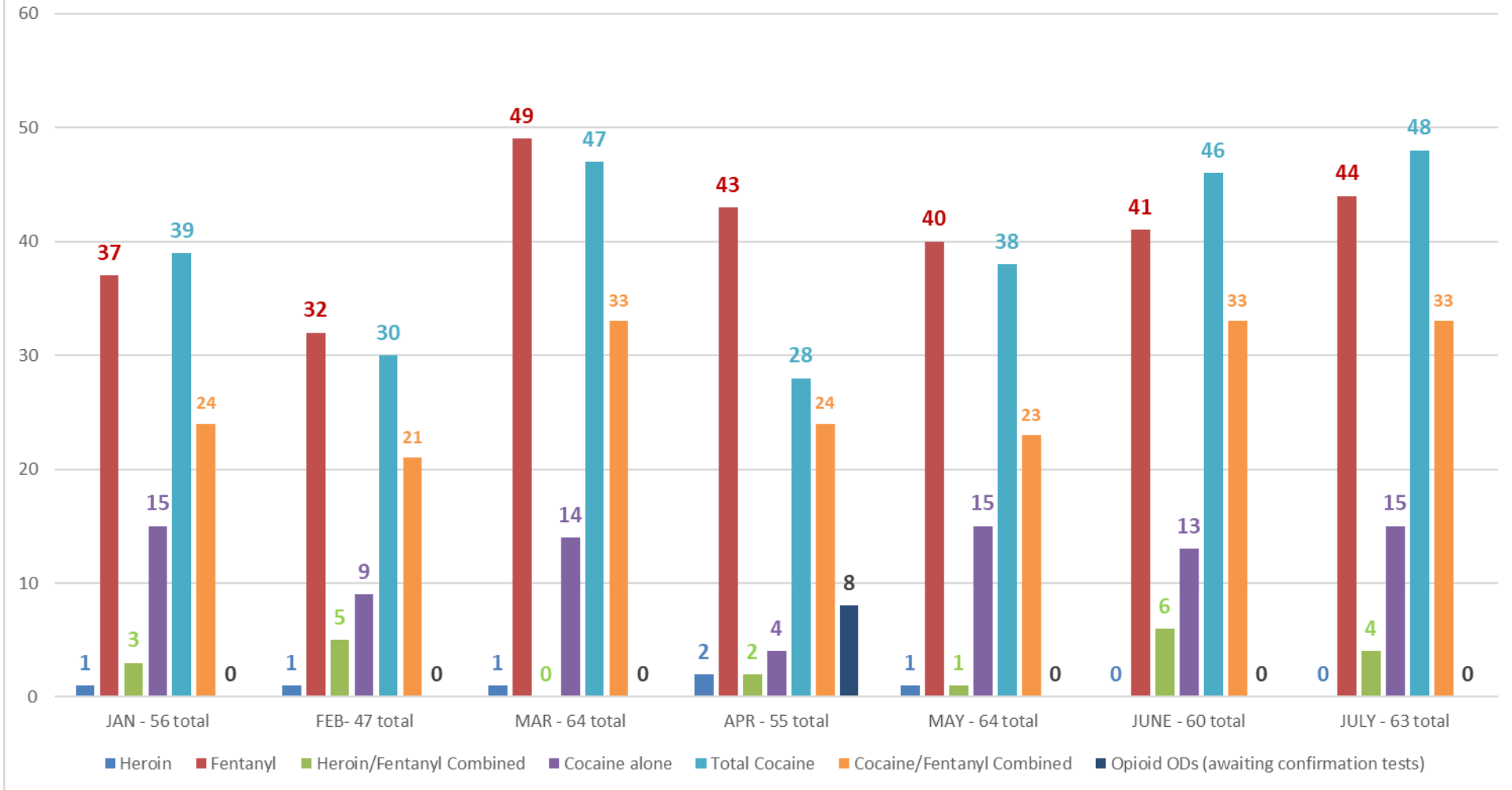


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## 2023 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved \*(thru July 31, 2023)

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

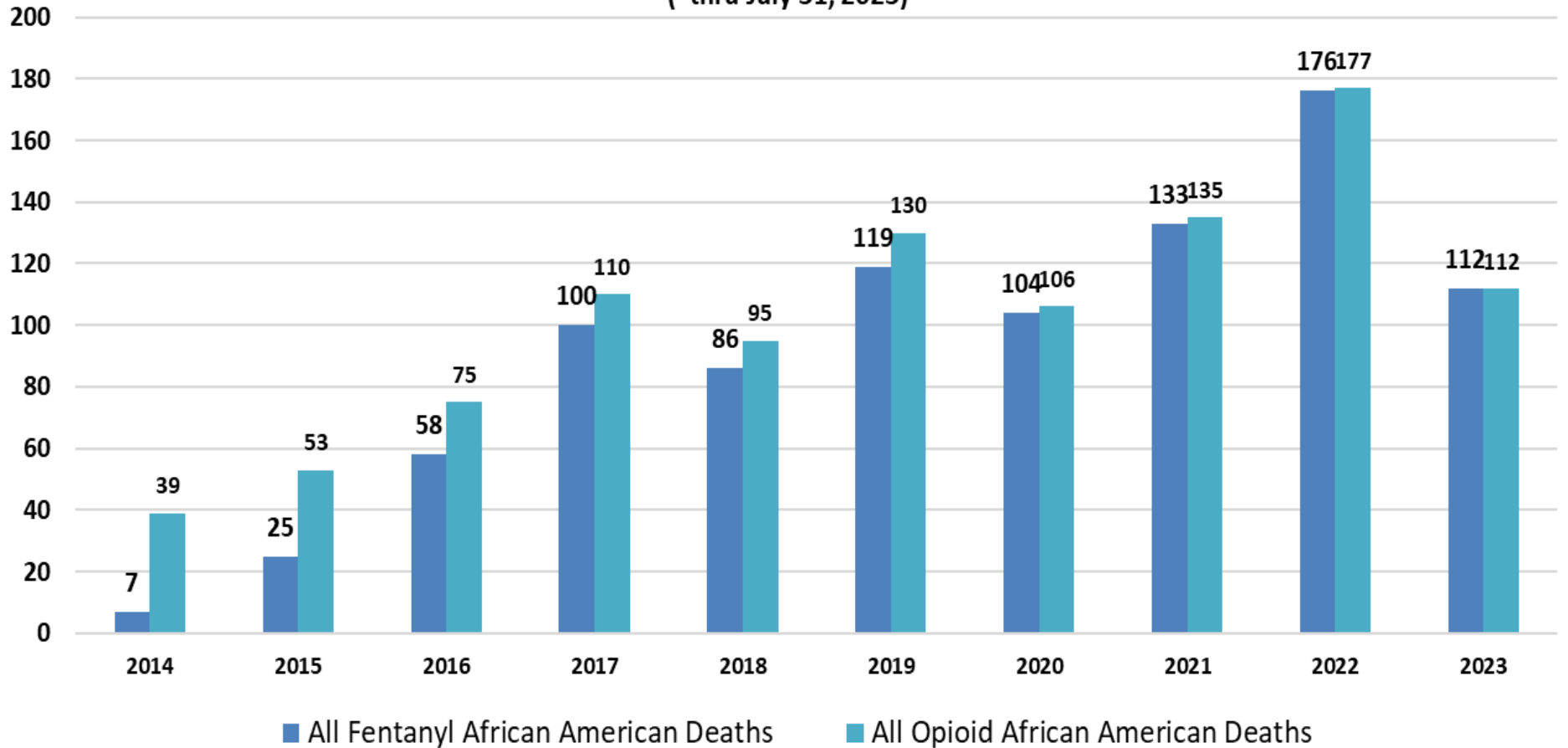


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# CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023\*

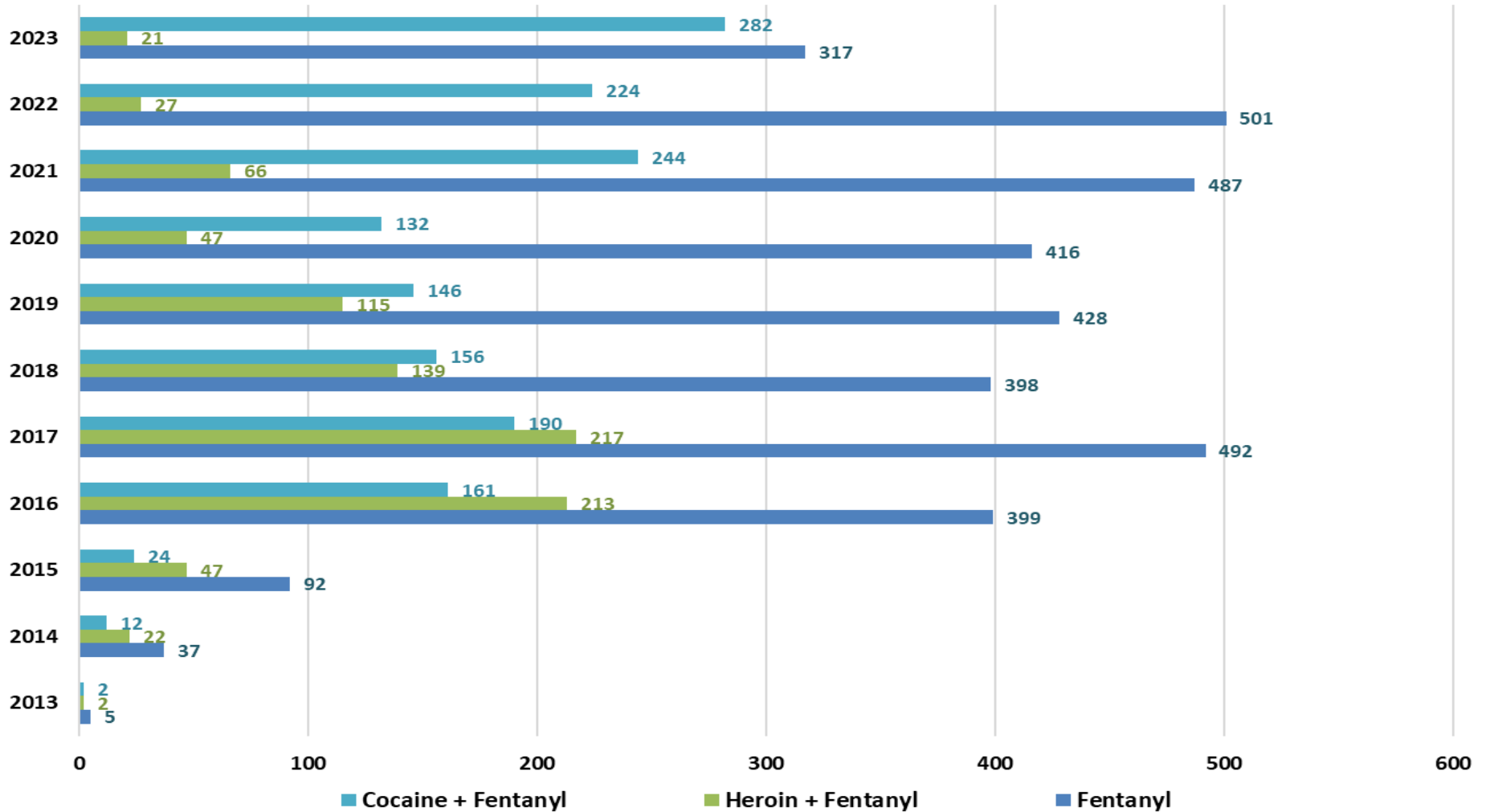
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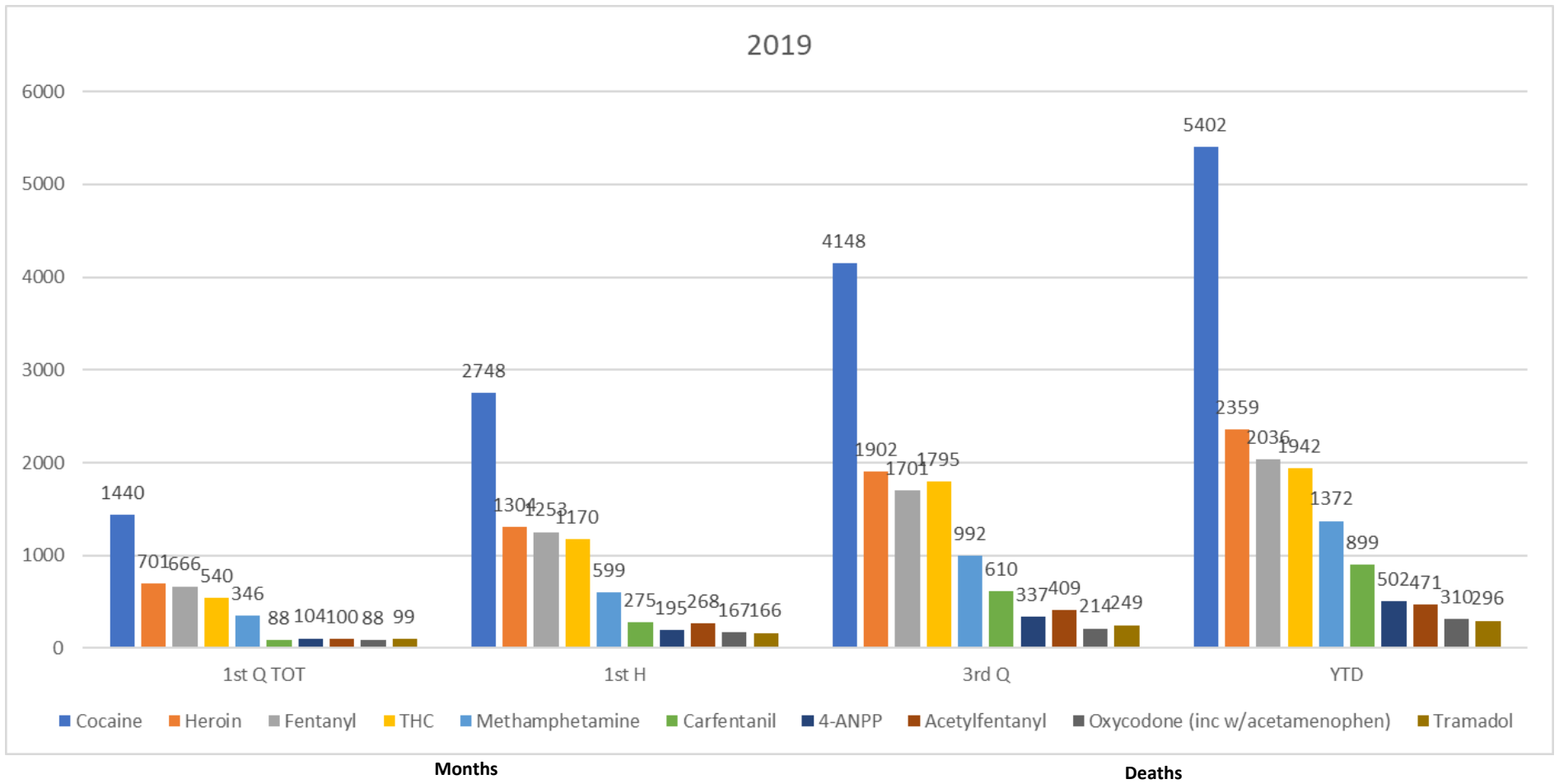
### CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023\* (\* thru June 31, 2023)



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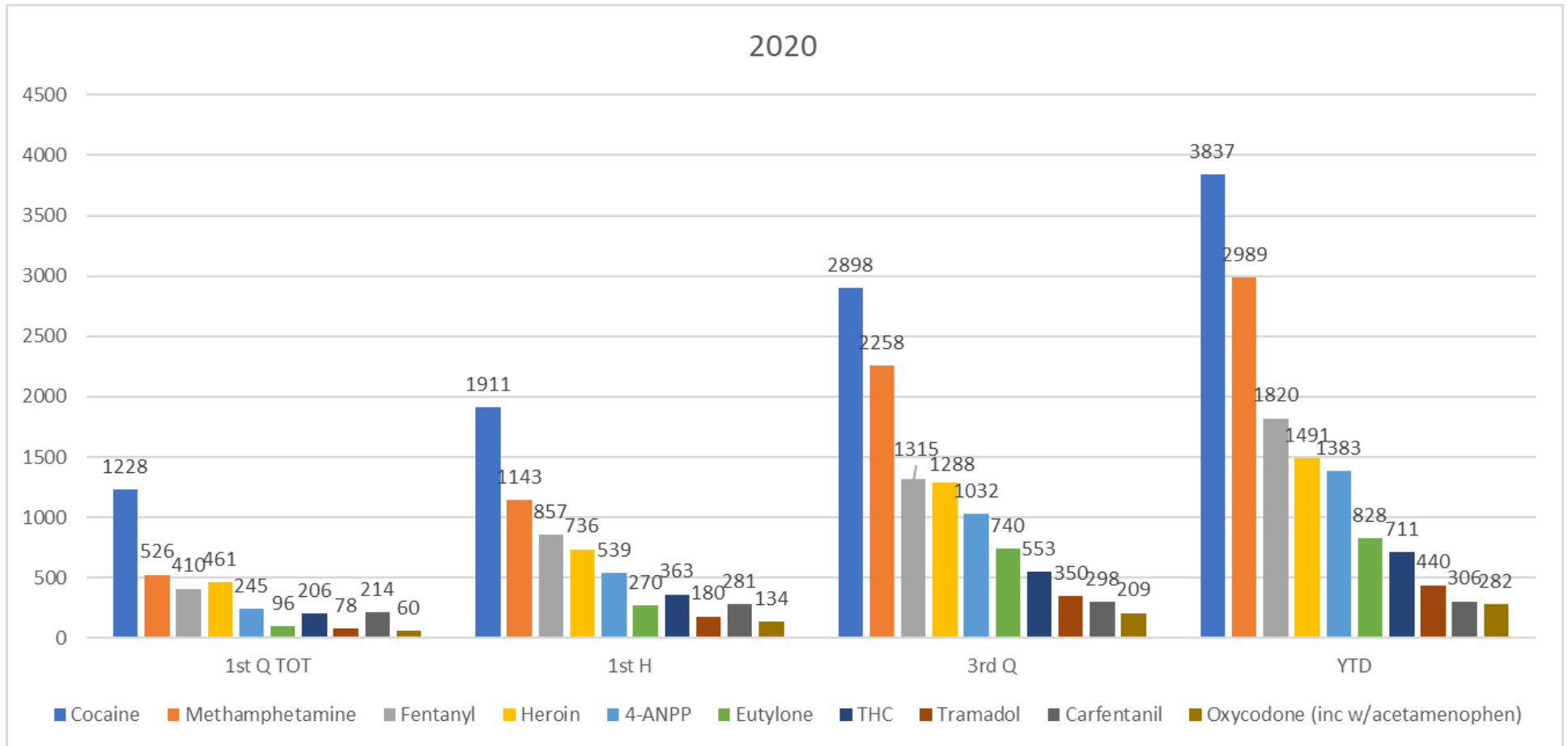
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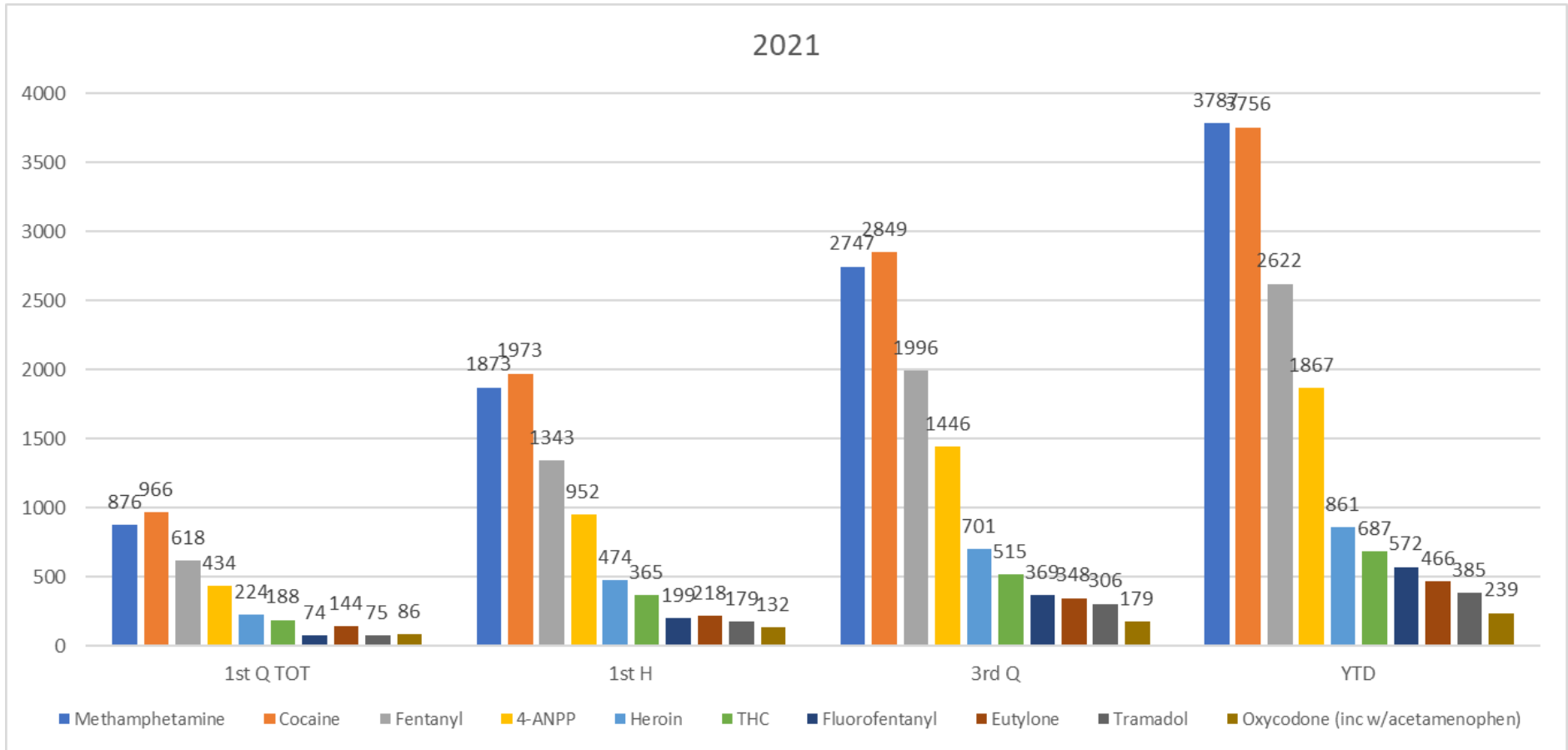


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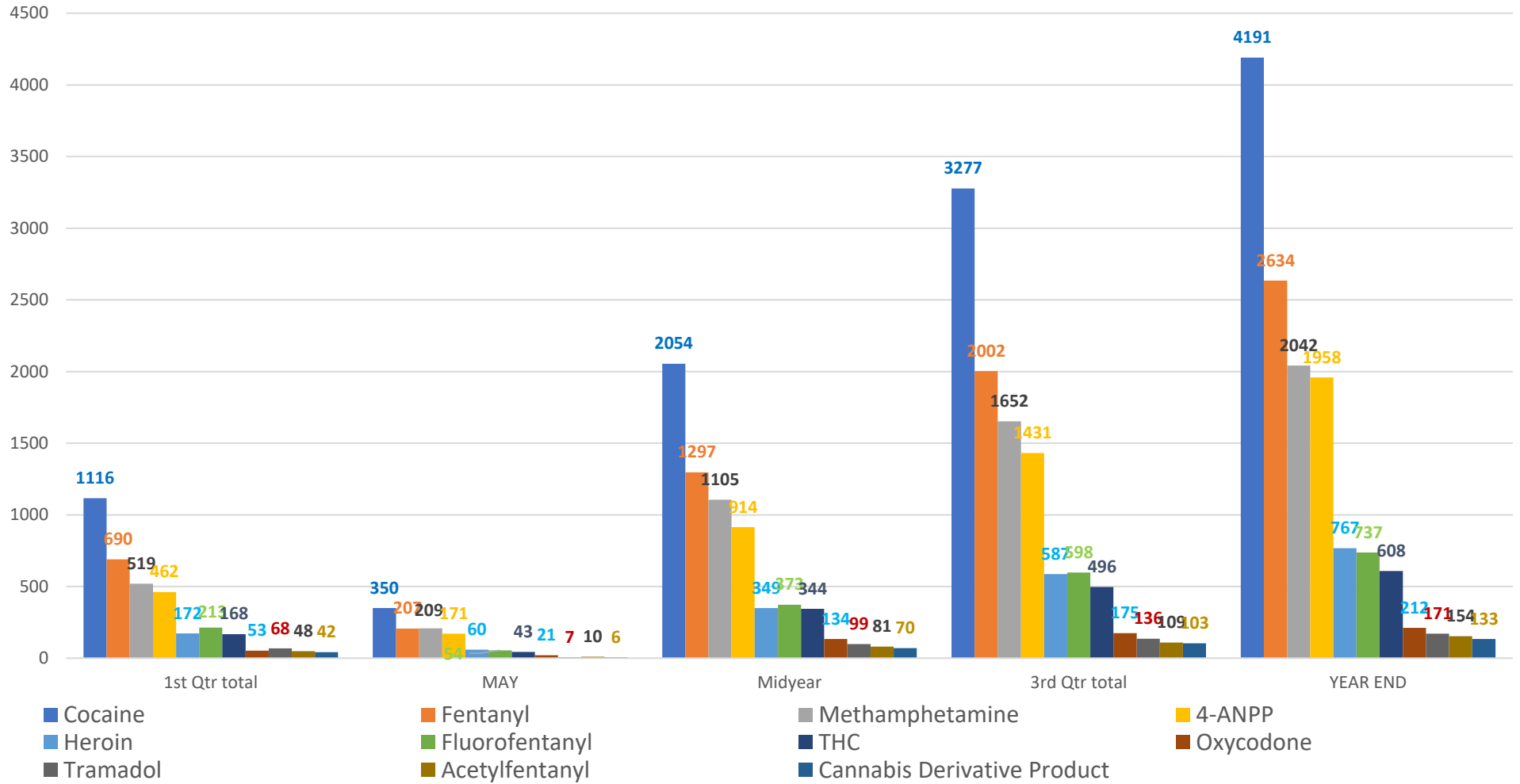


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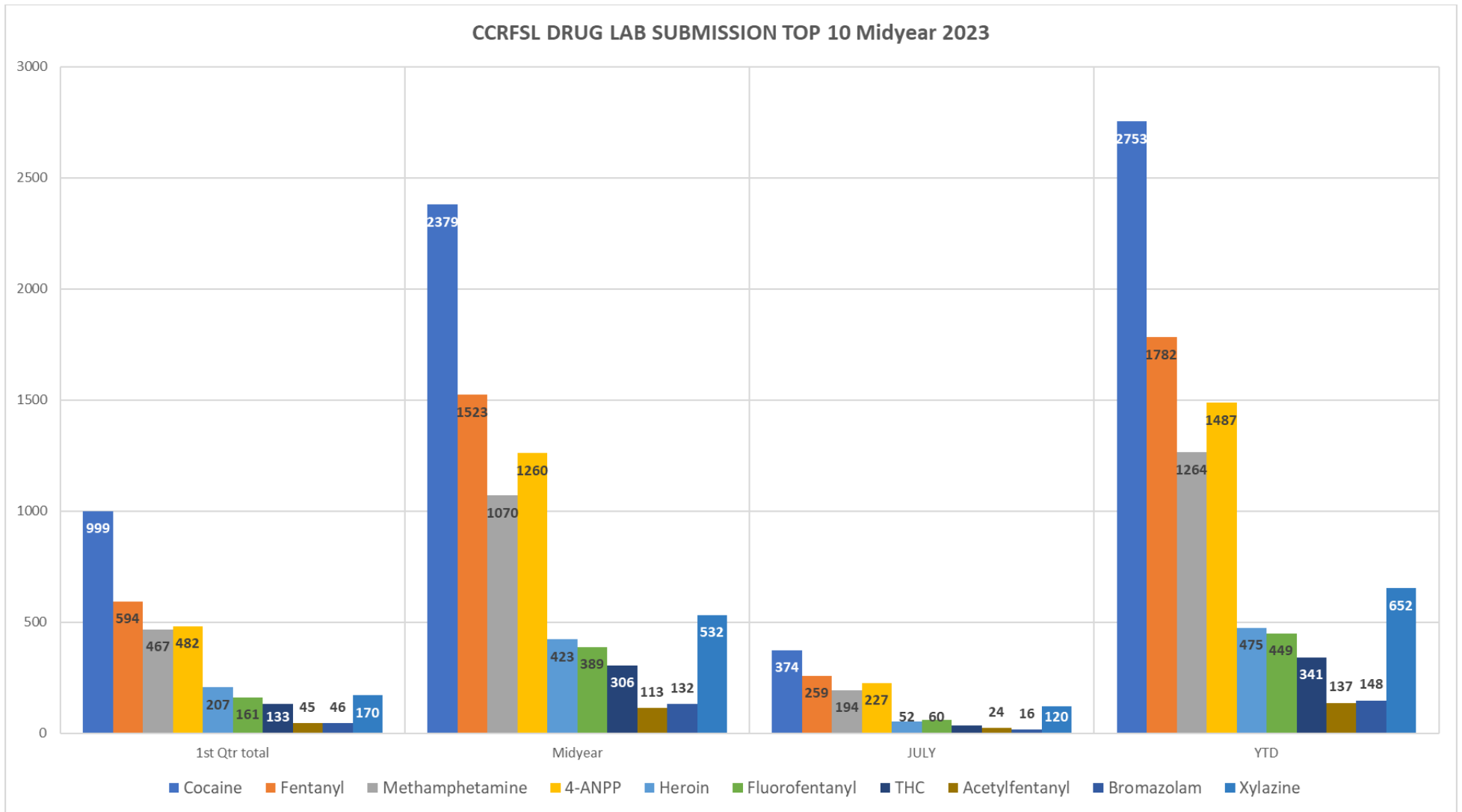
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