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

2023 November UPDATE DRAFT

December 8, 2023

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in November– at least **39** (19 cases pending testing)

23 - City of Cleveland Residents

12 - Suburban Residents- Berea, Broadview Hts., Brooklyn, Euclid(3), Garfield Hts., Parma (5), and Solon

2 – Out of County – North Ridgeville (Lorain Co.), Willoughby (Lake Co.)

1 - Unknown

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 23 - 71

26 Male victims; 13 Female victims

14 African American victims; 1 asian victim; 24 Caucasian victims; (3 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

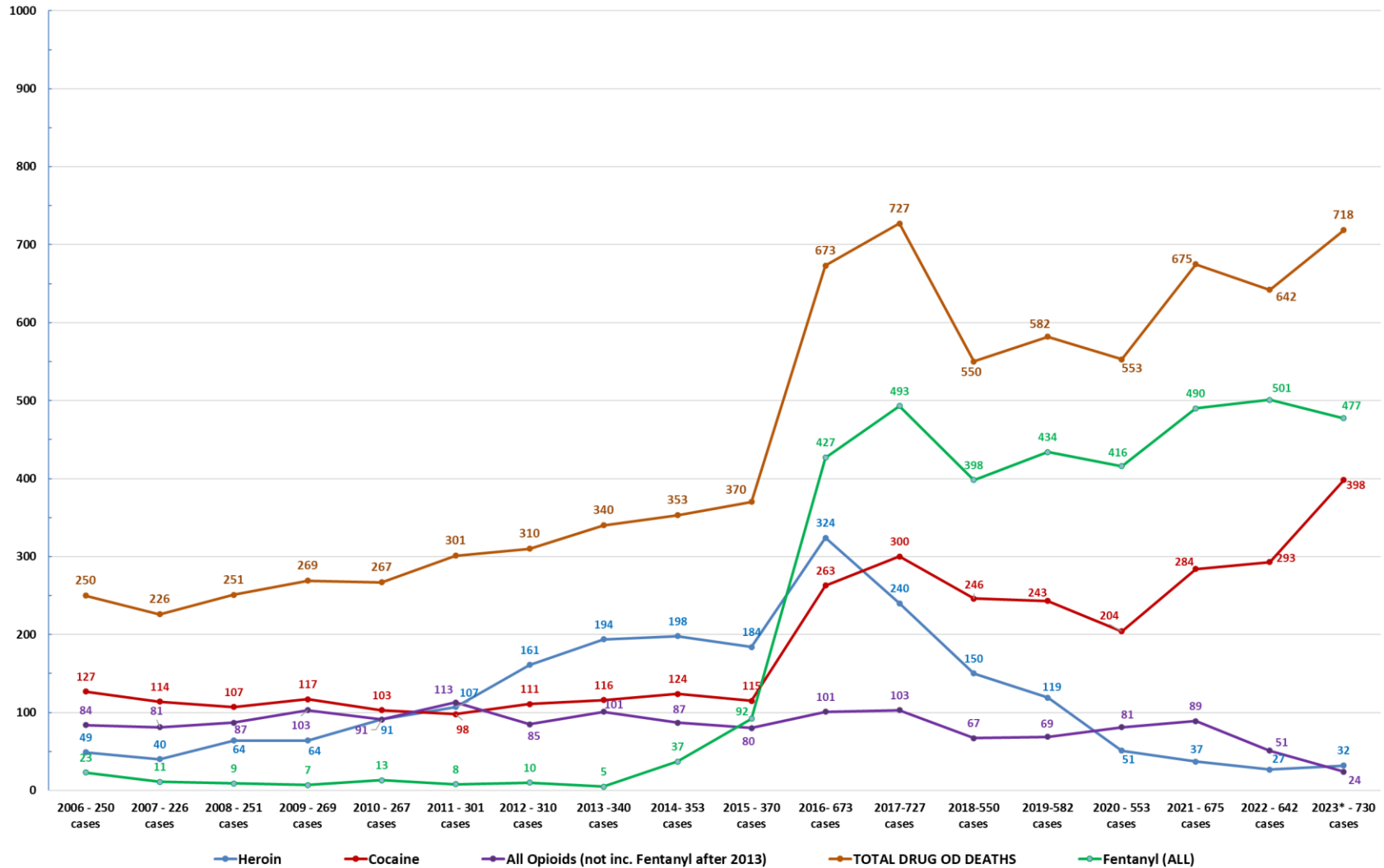
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 35.9% of all victims in November 2023 and over 34.68% for the year. As many as 32 cocaine related deaths occurred in November 2023 with as many as 20 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

Source: Cuyahoga County Medical
Examiner's Office revised 12-8-23



Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023* Most Common Drugs

(*2023 projections based on data through December 7, 2023)

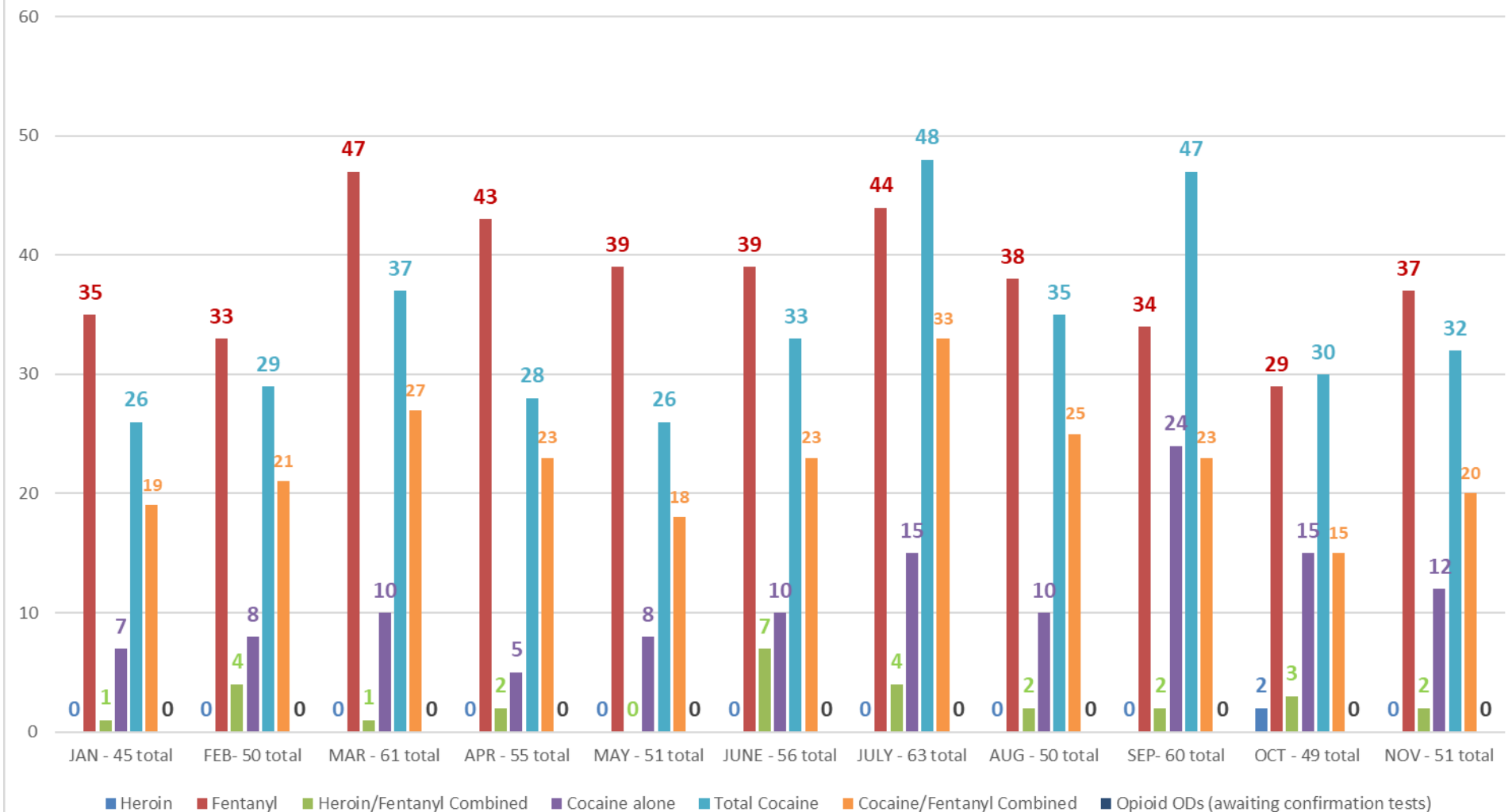


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2023 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru Nov. 30, 2023)

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

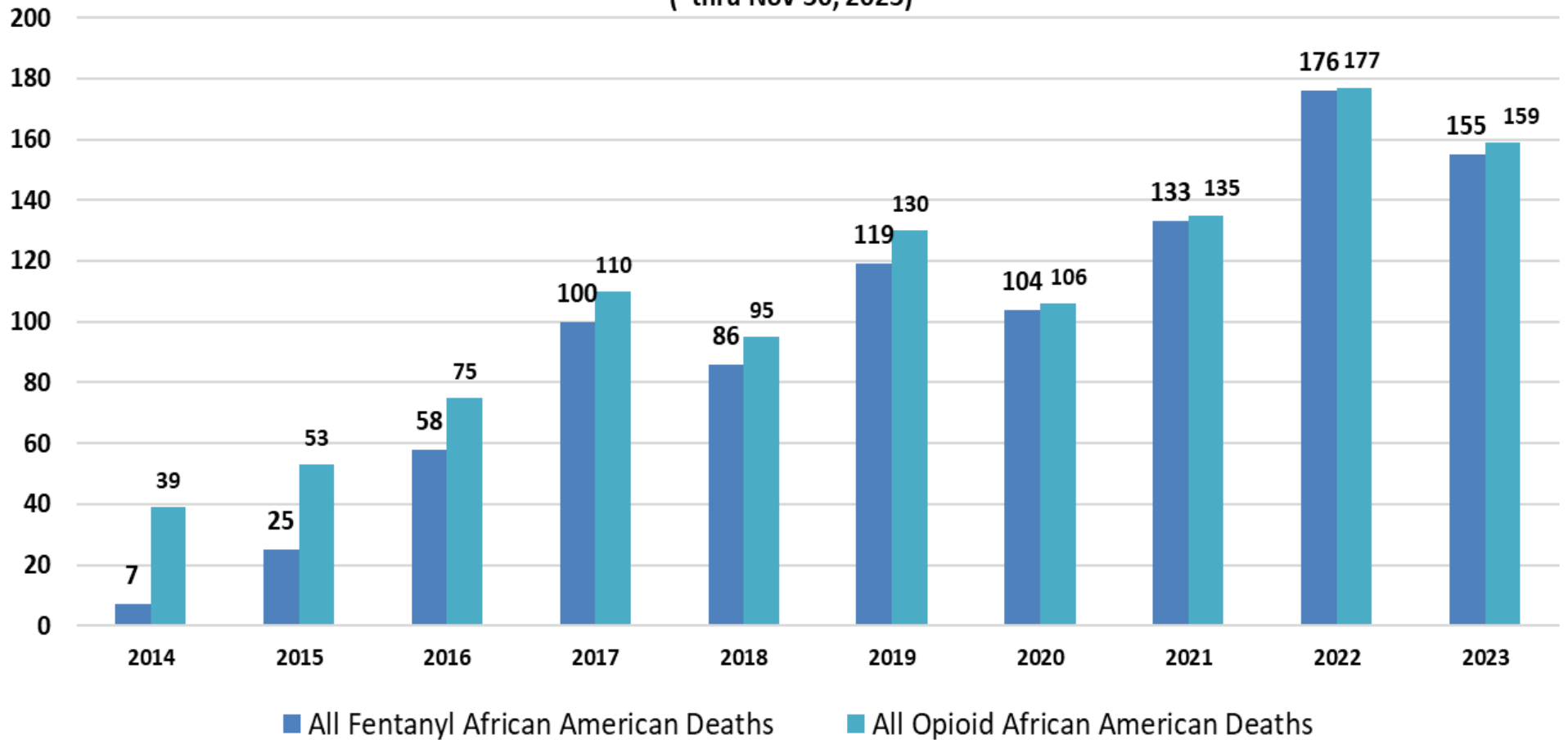


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023*

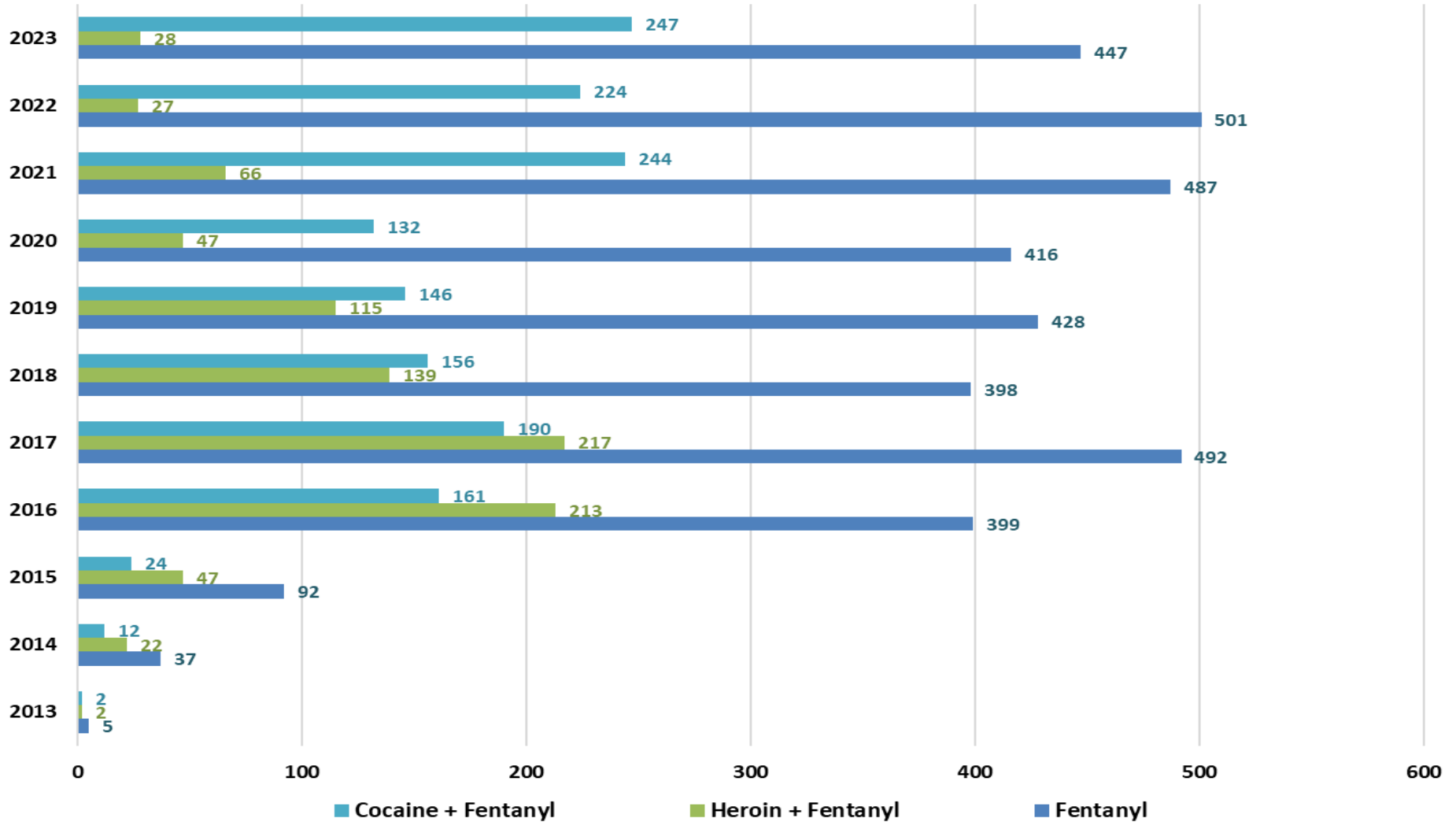
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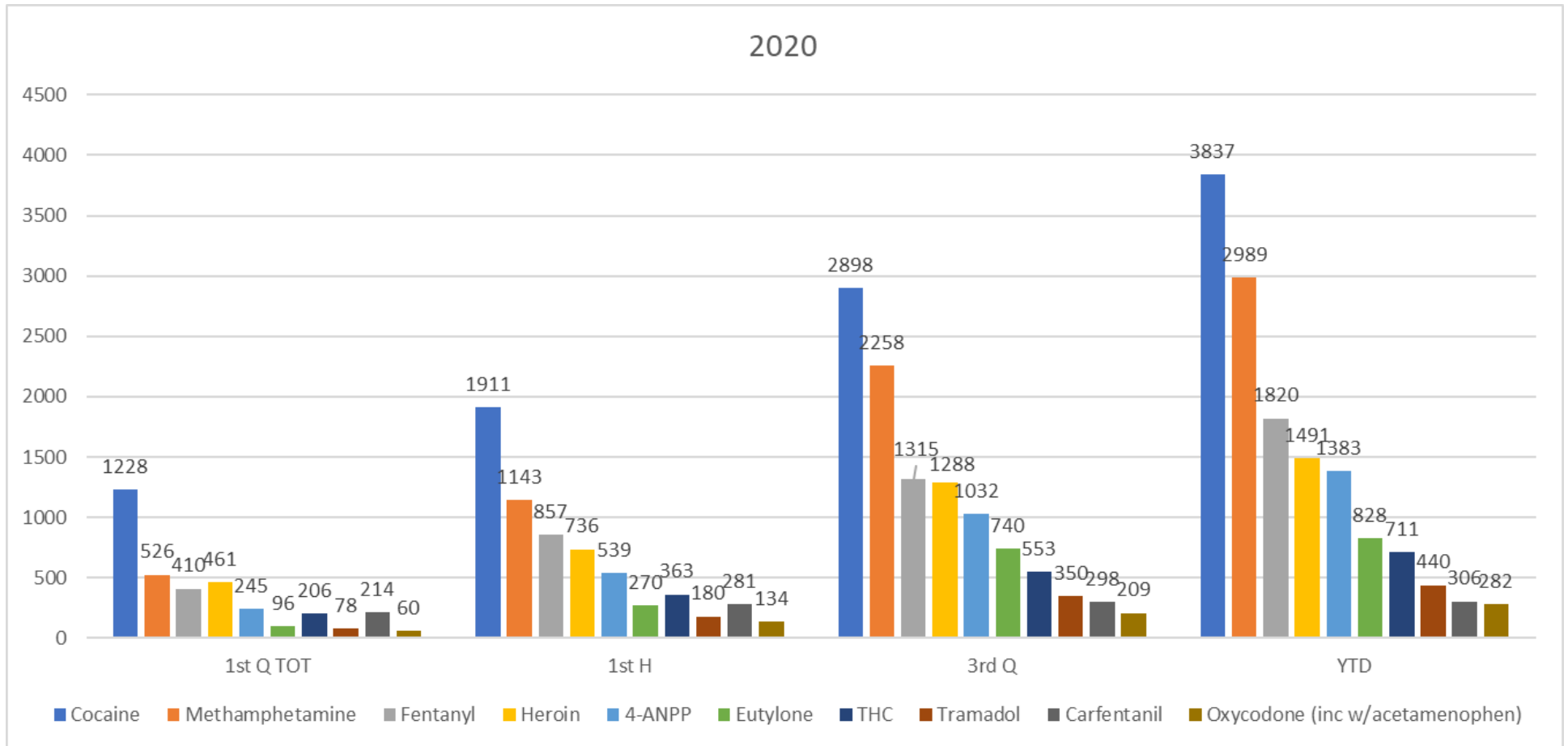
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023* (* thru November 30, 2023)



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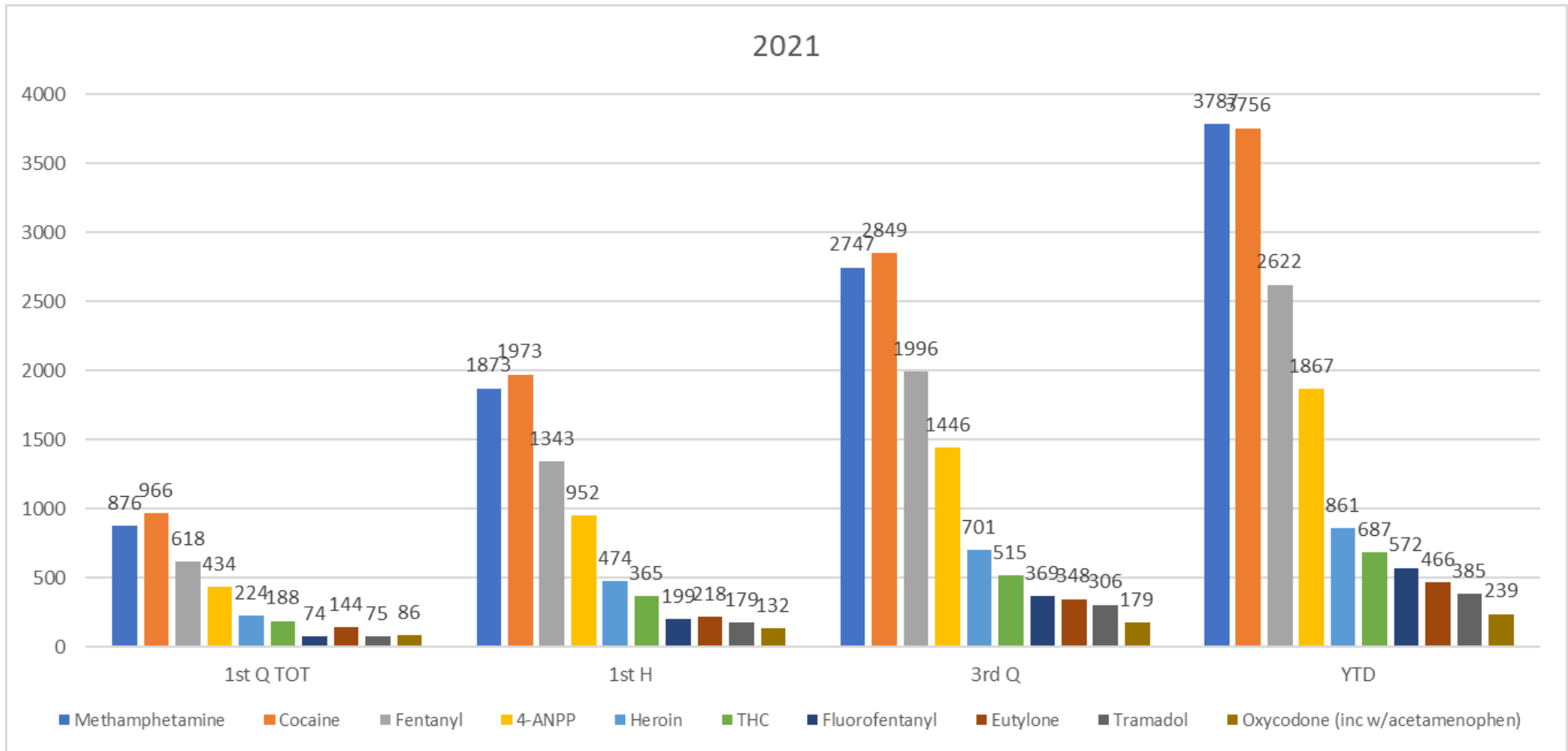
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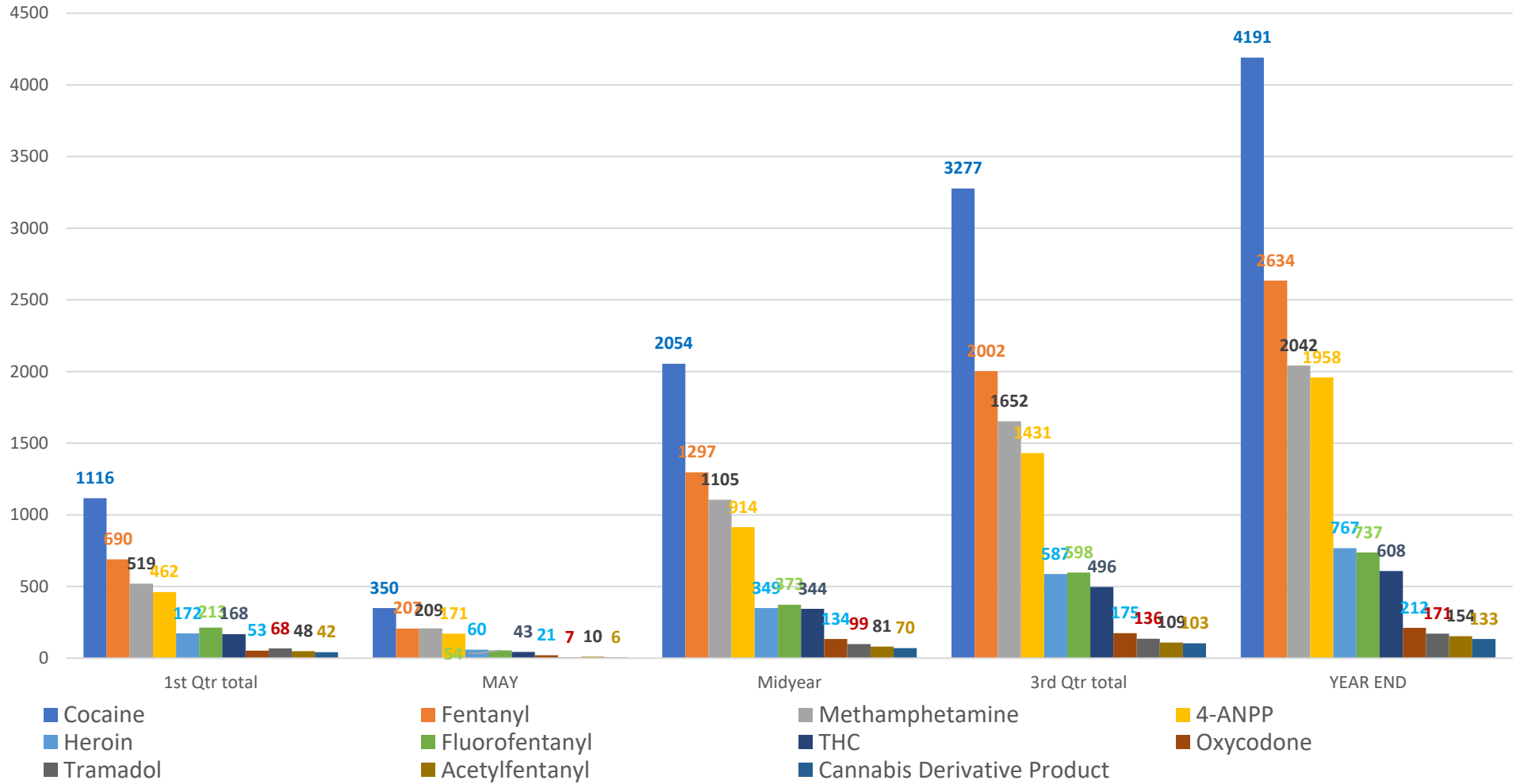


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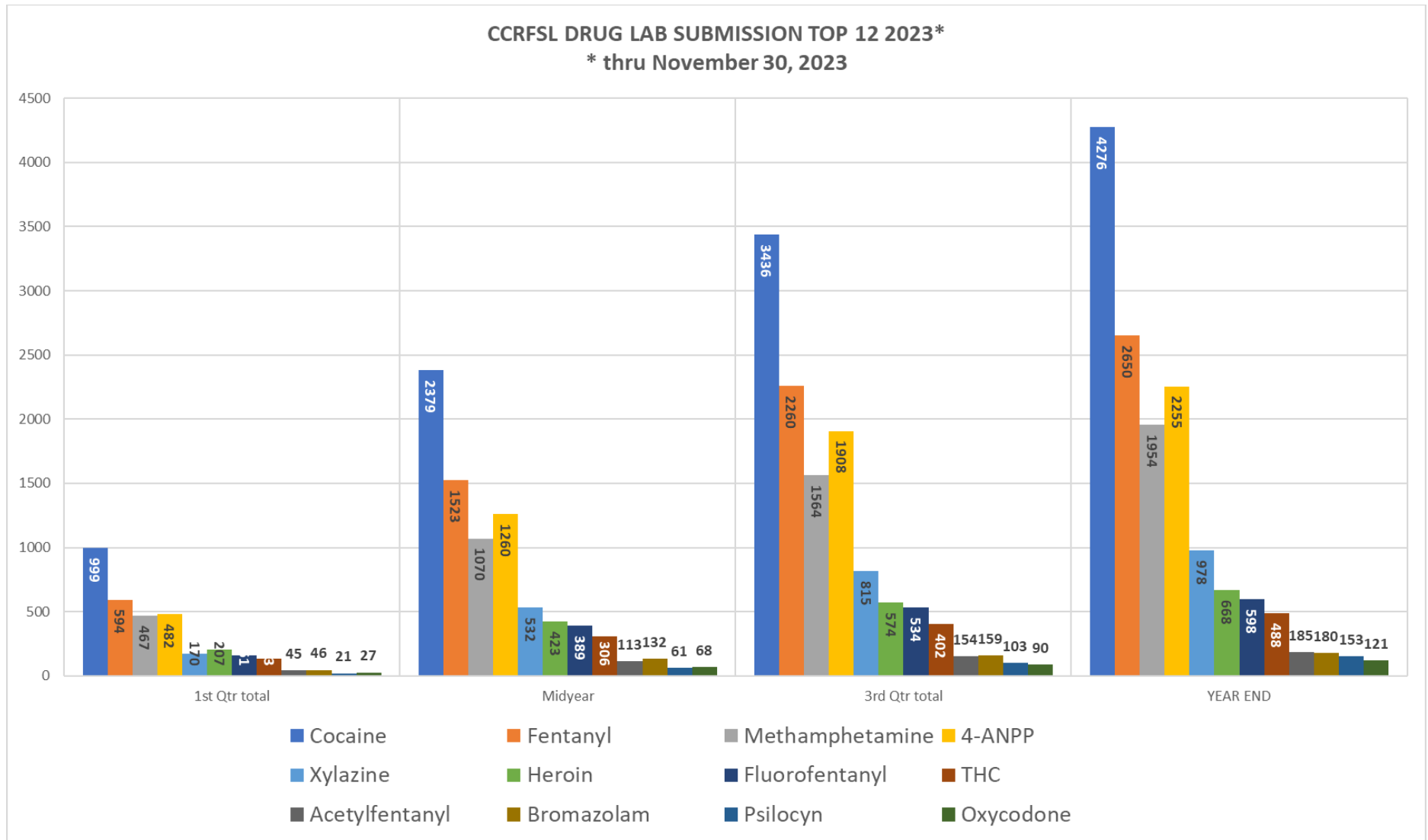


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