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

2023 October UPDATE DRAFT

November 16, 2023

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in October– at least **34** (12 cases pending testing)

20 - City of Cleveland Residents

11 - Suburban Residents- Cleveland Hts., Euclid, Garfield Hts., Lakewood, Maple Hts. (2), Parma (4), and University Hts.

2 – Out of County – Creston (Wayne Co.), Williwick (Lake Co.)

1 - Unknown

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 27 - 70

28 Male victims; 6 Female victims

9 African American victims; 25 Caucasian victims; (1 Hispanic victim)

TRENDS

At least **404** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through October 2023. 2023 total is at least **536** 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 28.13% of all victims in October 2023 and over 33.73% for the year. As many as 30 cocaine related deaths occurred in October 2023 with as many as 15 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

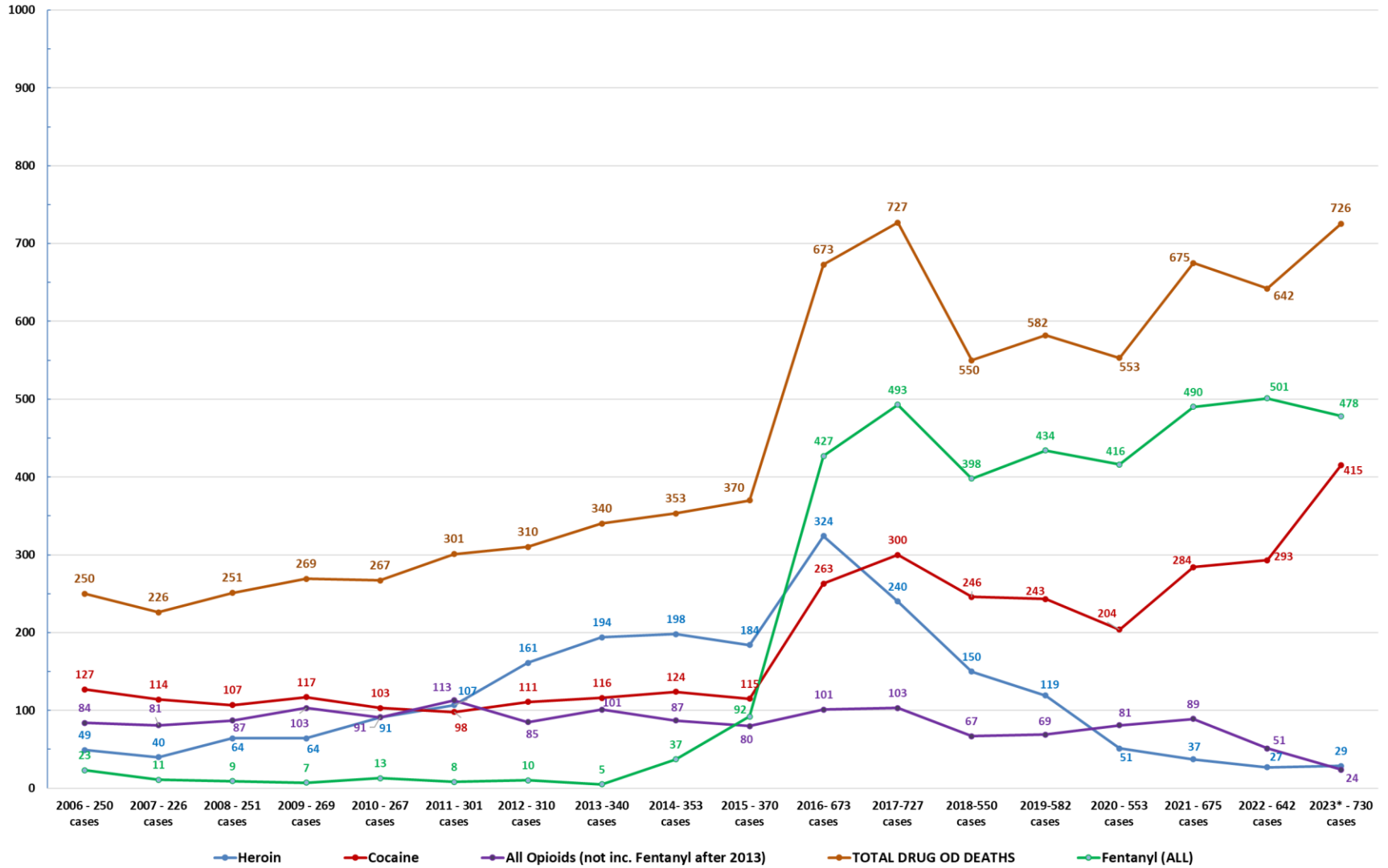
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023*

Most Common Drugs

(*2023 projections based on data through November 16, 2023)

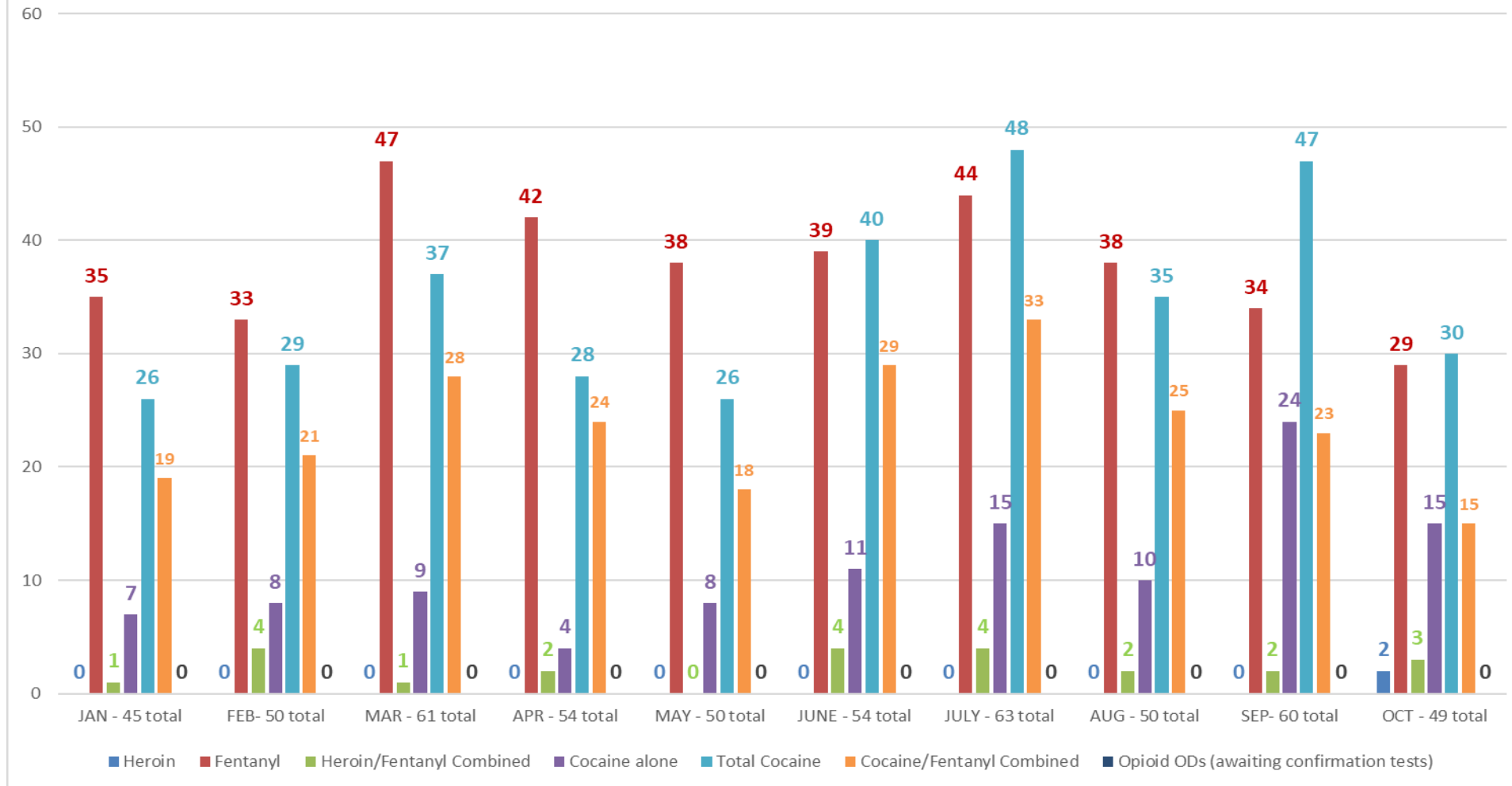


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2023 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru Oct. 31, 2023)

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

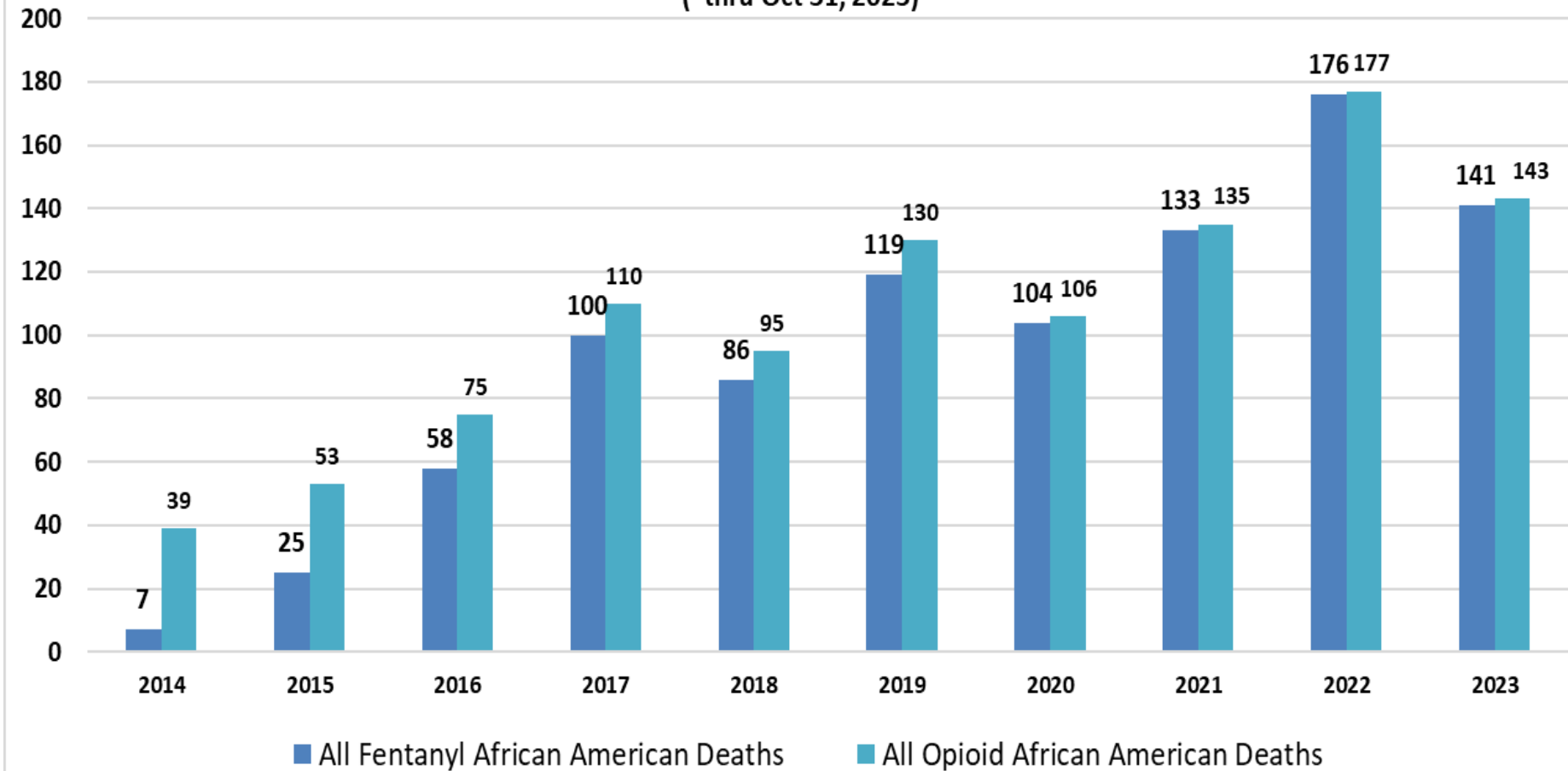


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023*

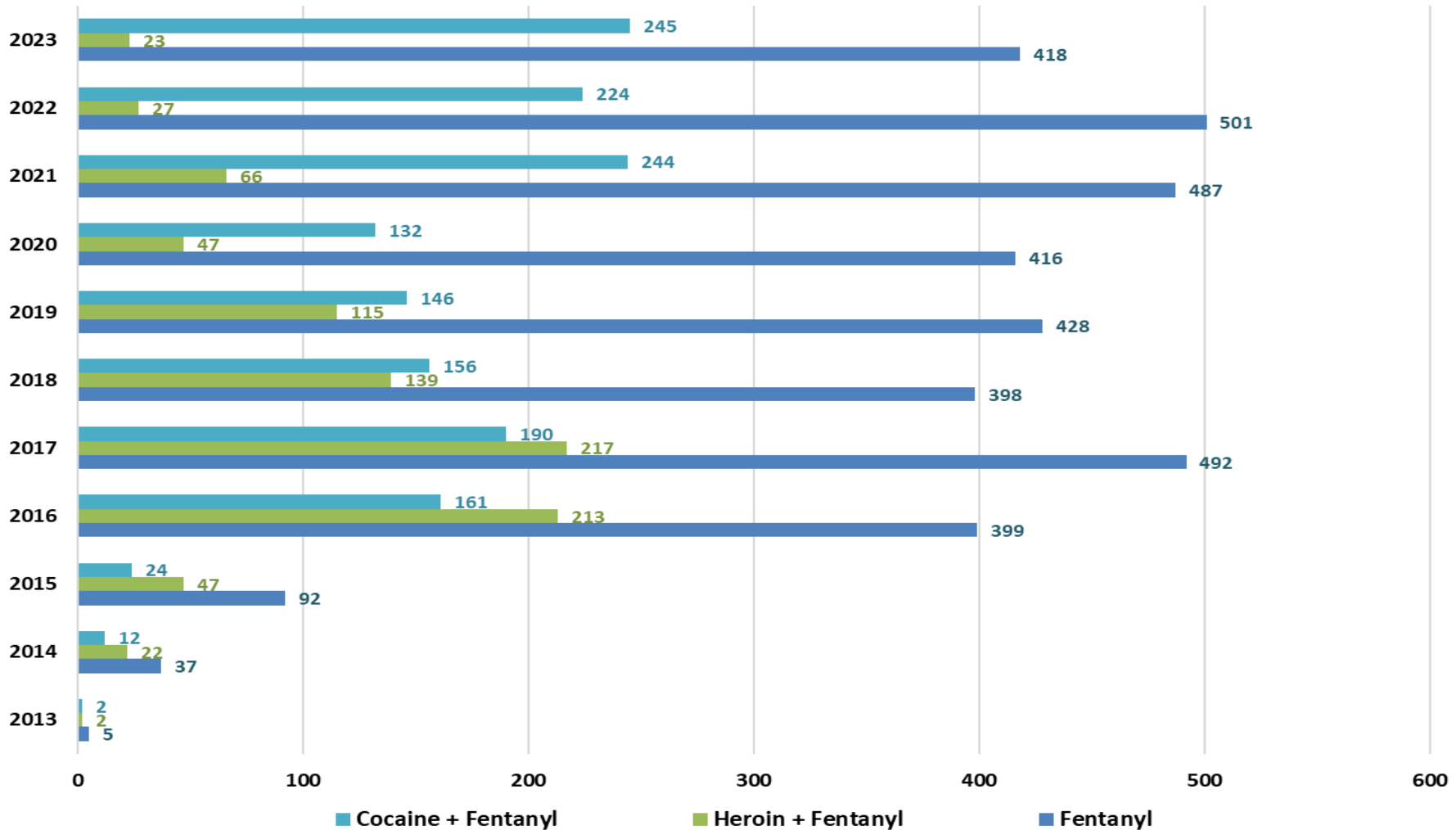
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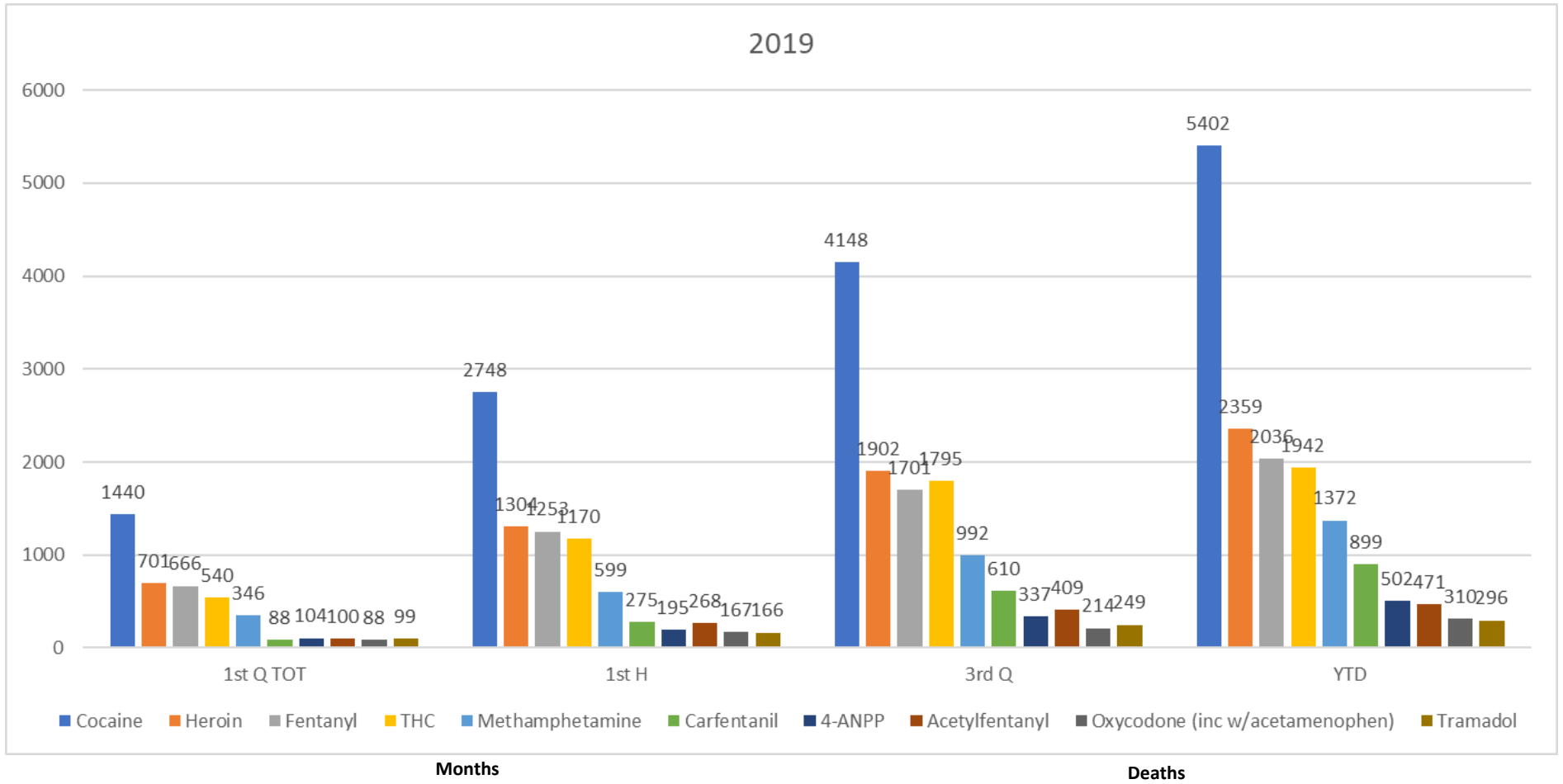
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023* (* thru October 31, 2023)



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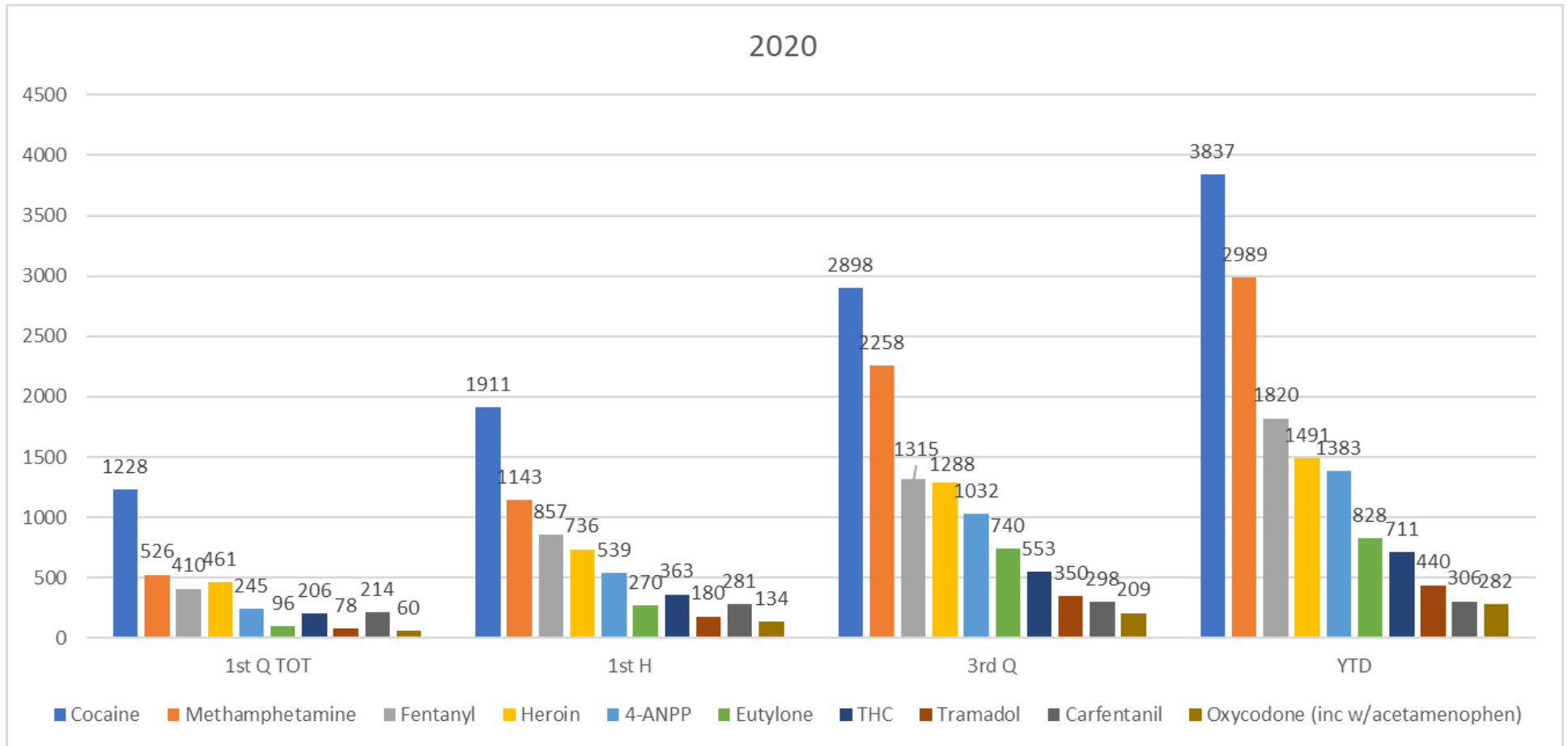
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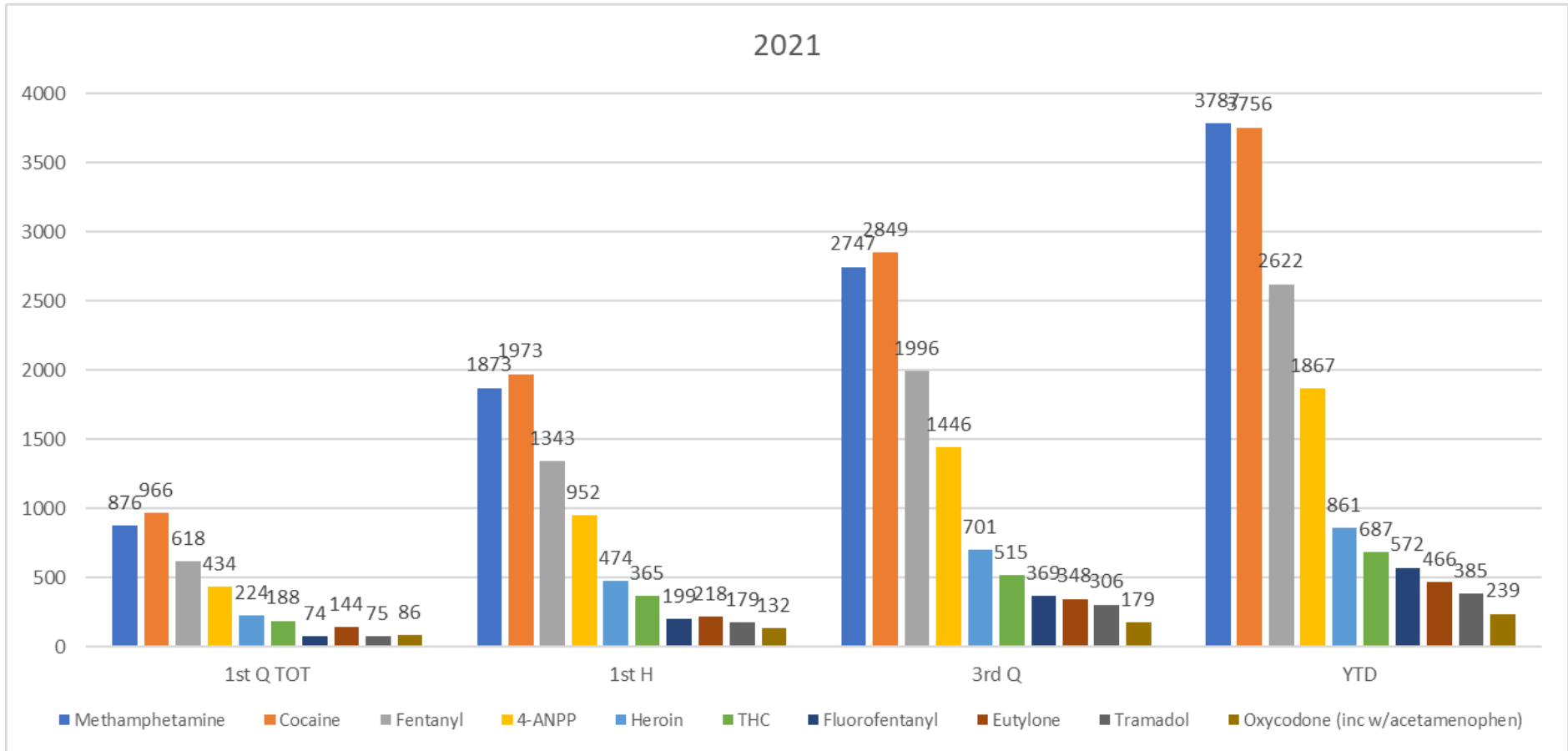
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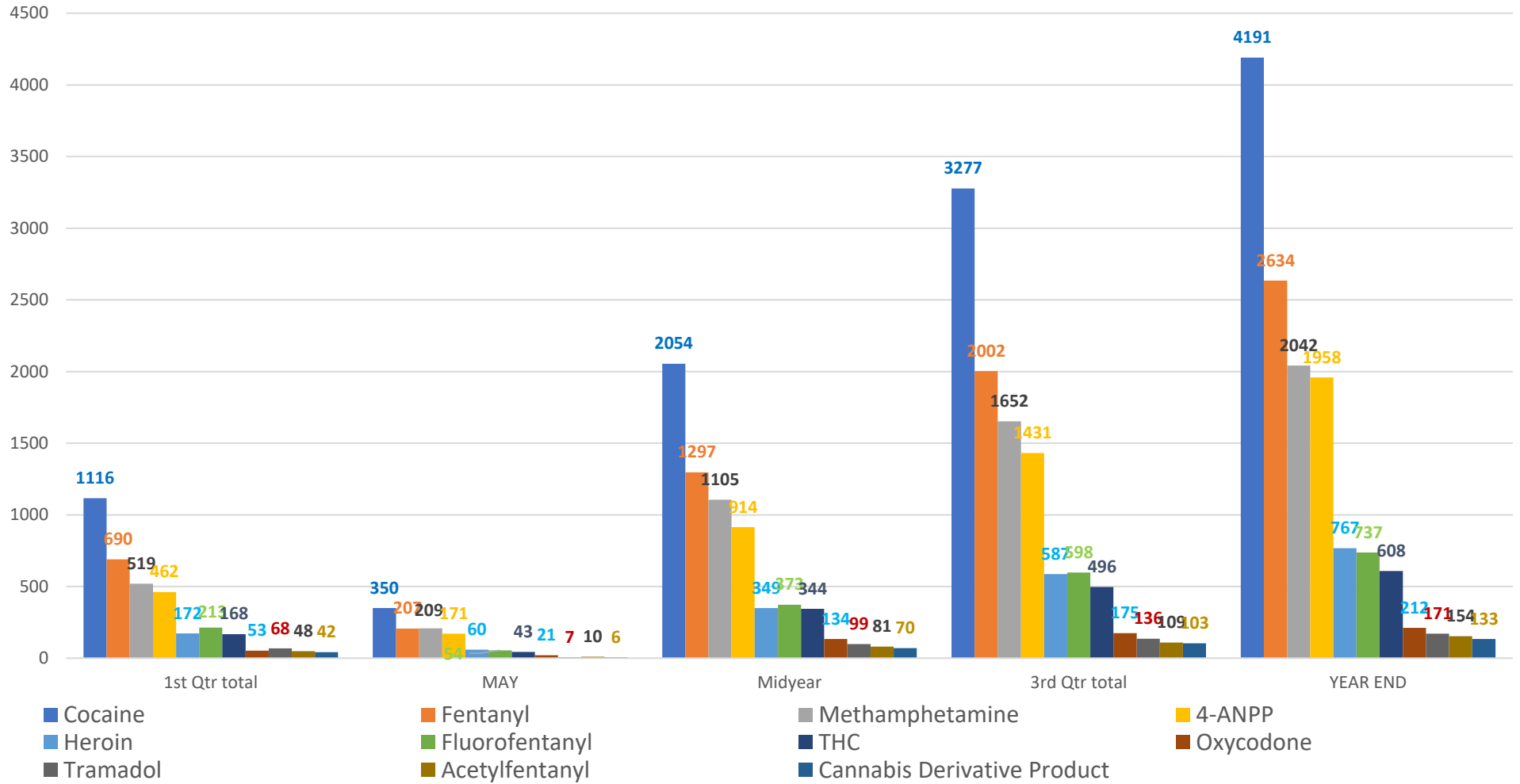


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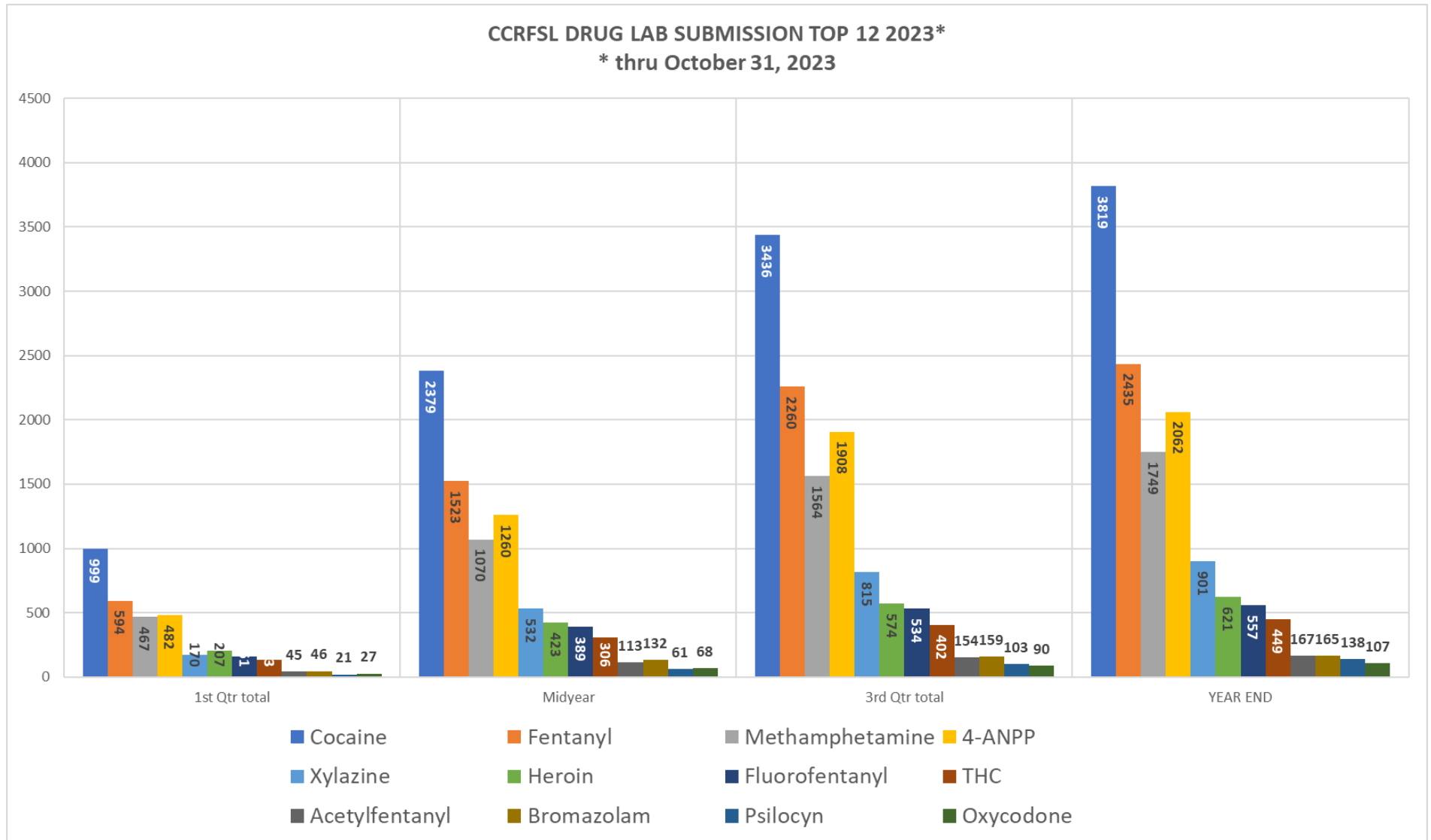


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