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

**2023 September UPDATE DRAFT**

**October 27, 2023**

# CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

## Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in September– at least **36** (12 cases pending testing)

20 - City of Cleveland Residents

12 - Suburban Residents- Bedford, Brook Park, Cleveland Hts., Euclid Lakewood, North Olmsted, North Royalton (2), Parma, Parma Hts., and Warrensville (2)

2 – Out of County – Elyria (Lorain Co.), Copley (Portage Co.)

2 - Unknown

### VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 23 - 68

25 Male victims; 11 Female victims

10 African American victims; 26 Caucasian victims; (1 Hispanic victim)

### TRENDS

At least **370** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through September 2023. 2023 total is at least **487** 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 27.78% of all victims in September 2023 and over 35% for the year. As many as 47 cocaine related deaths occurred in September 2023 with as many as 23 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.

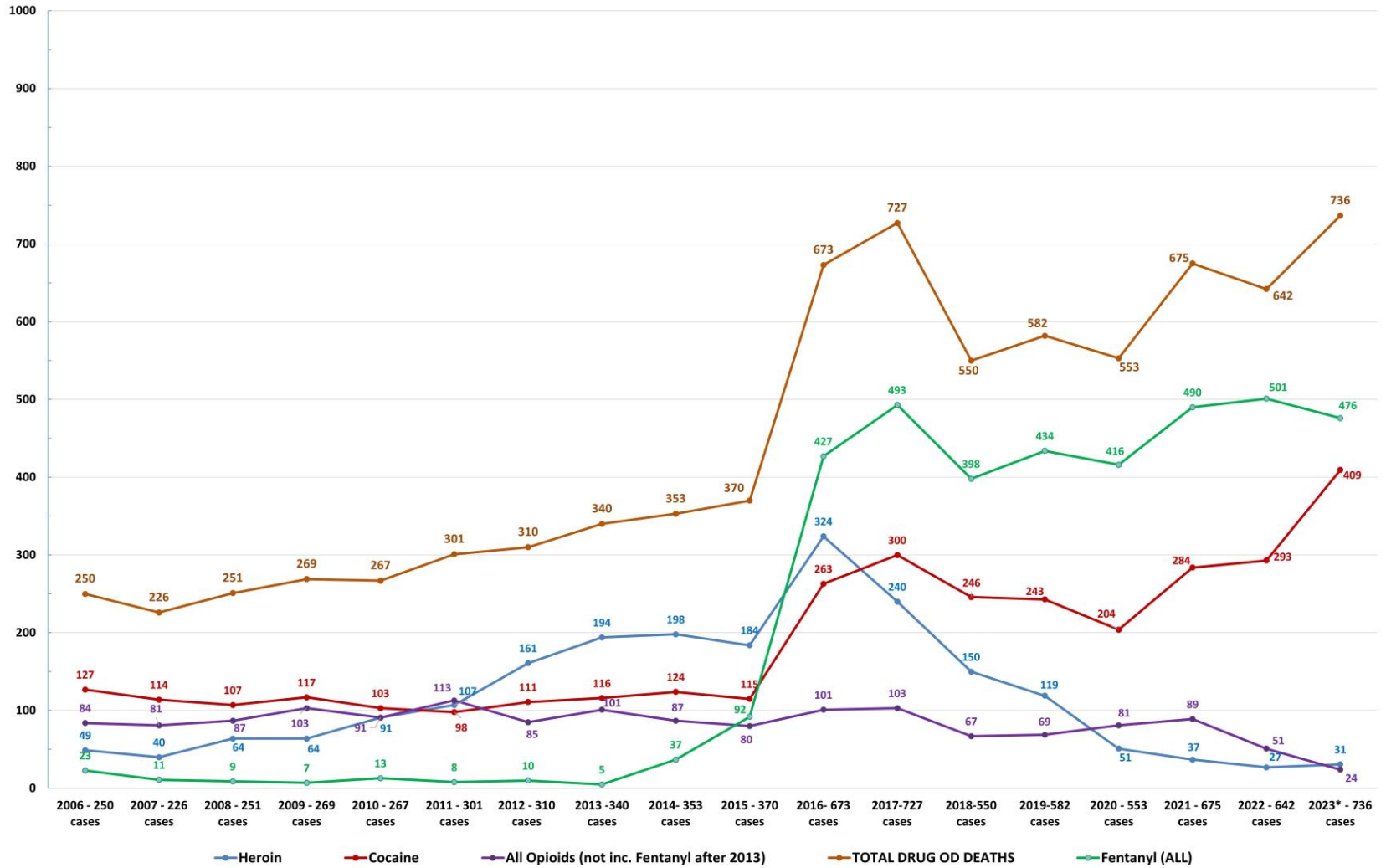
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### Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2023\*

#### Most Common Drugs

(\*2023 projections based on data through October 23, 2023)

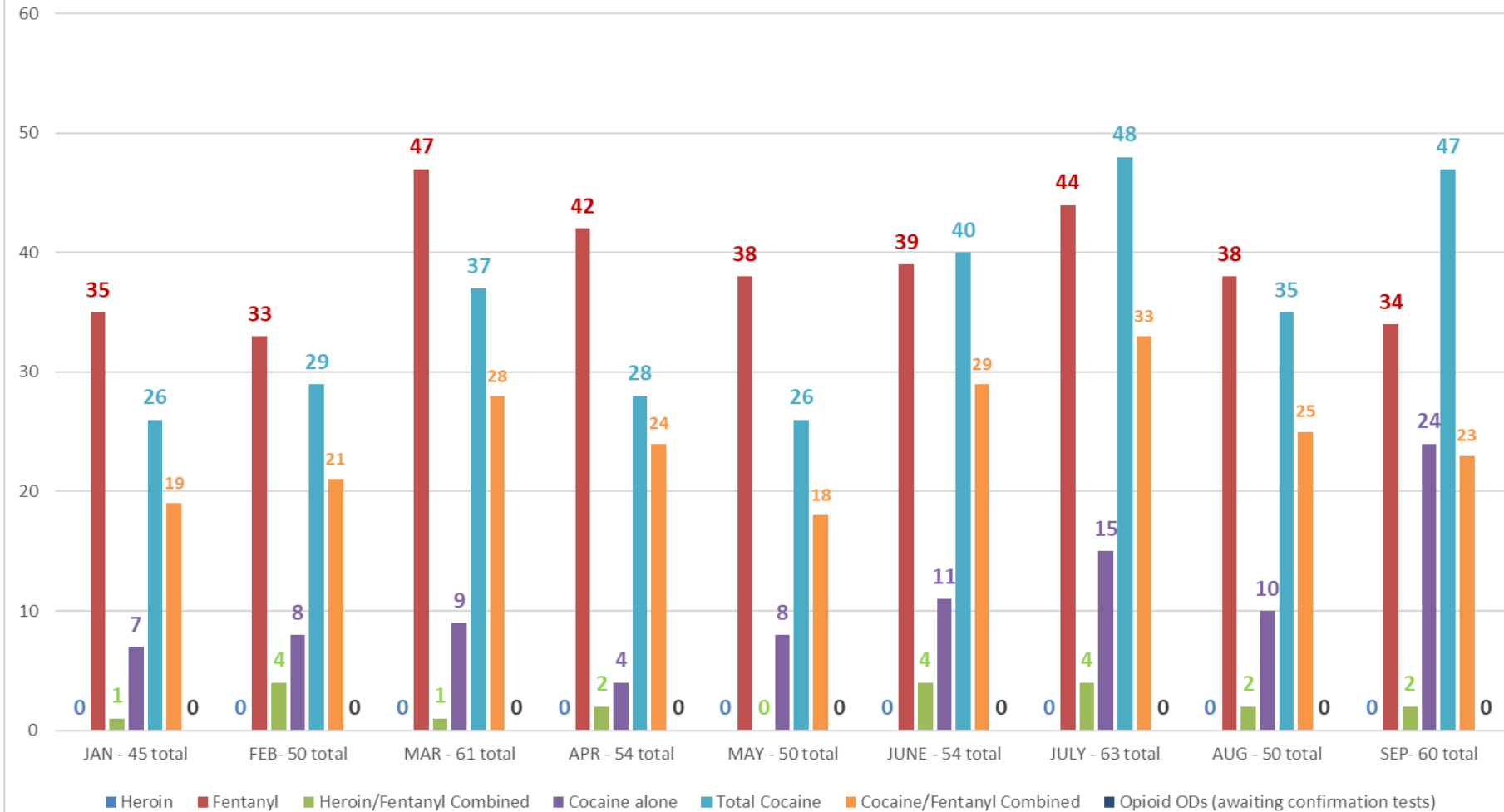


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## 2023 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved \*(thru Sept. 30, 2023)

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

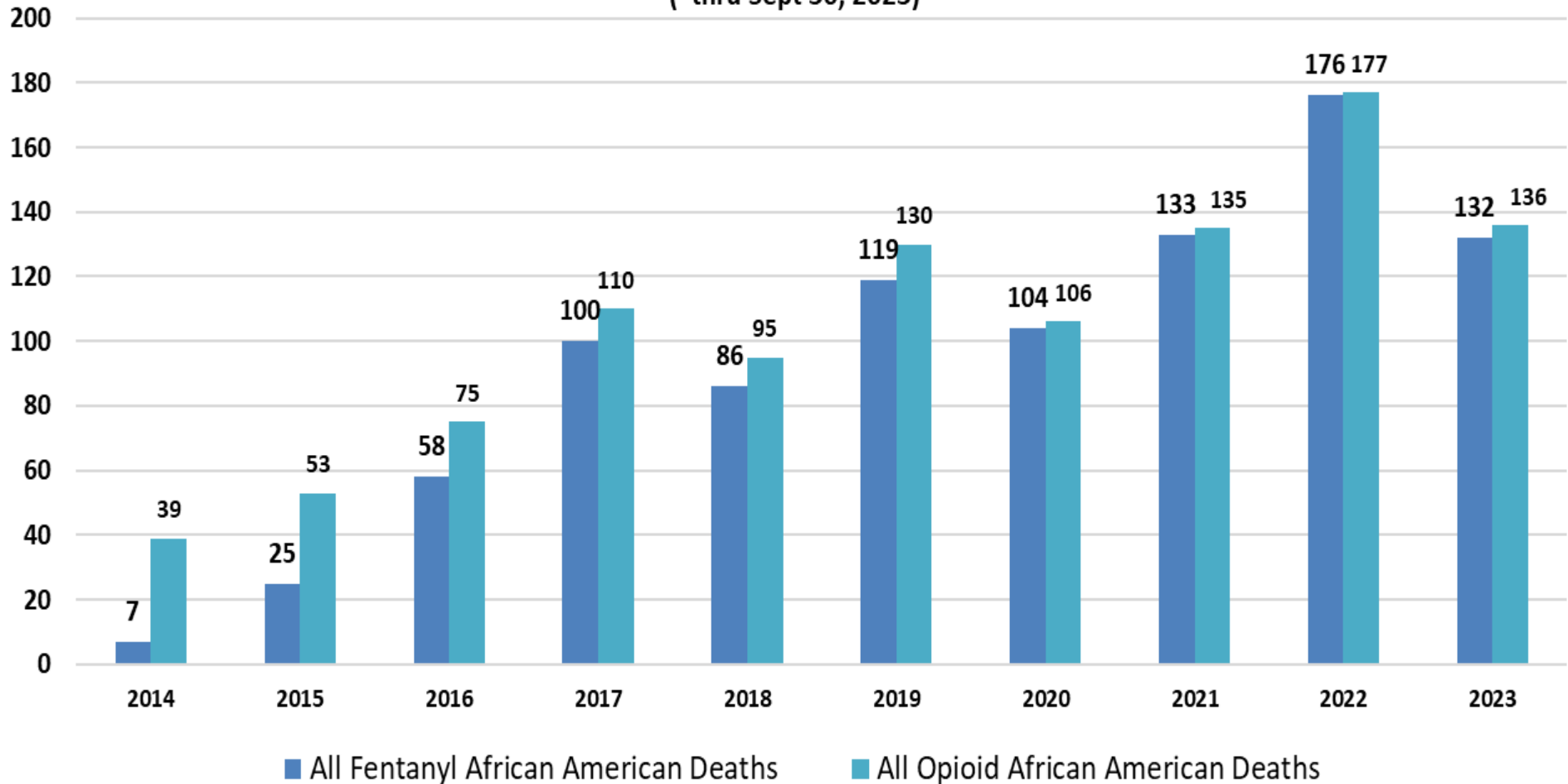


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# CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2023\*

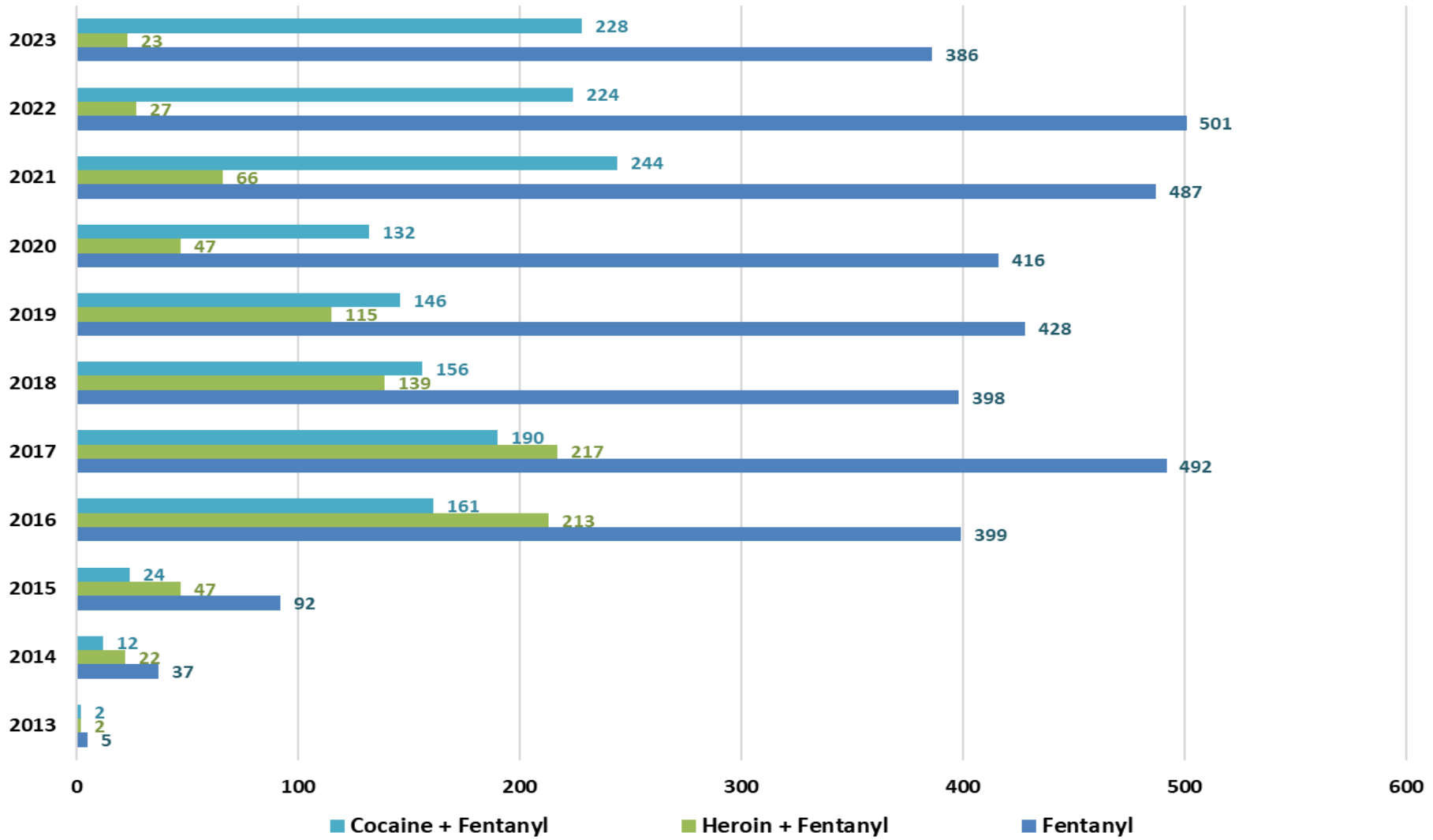
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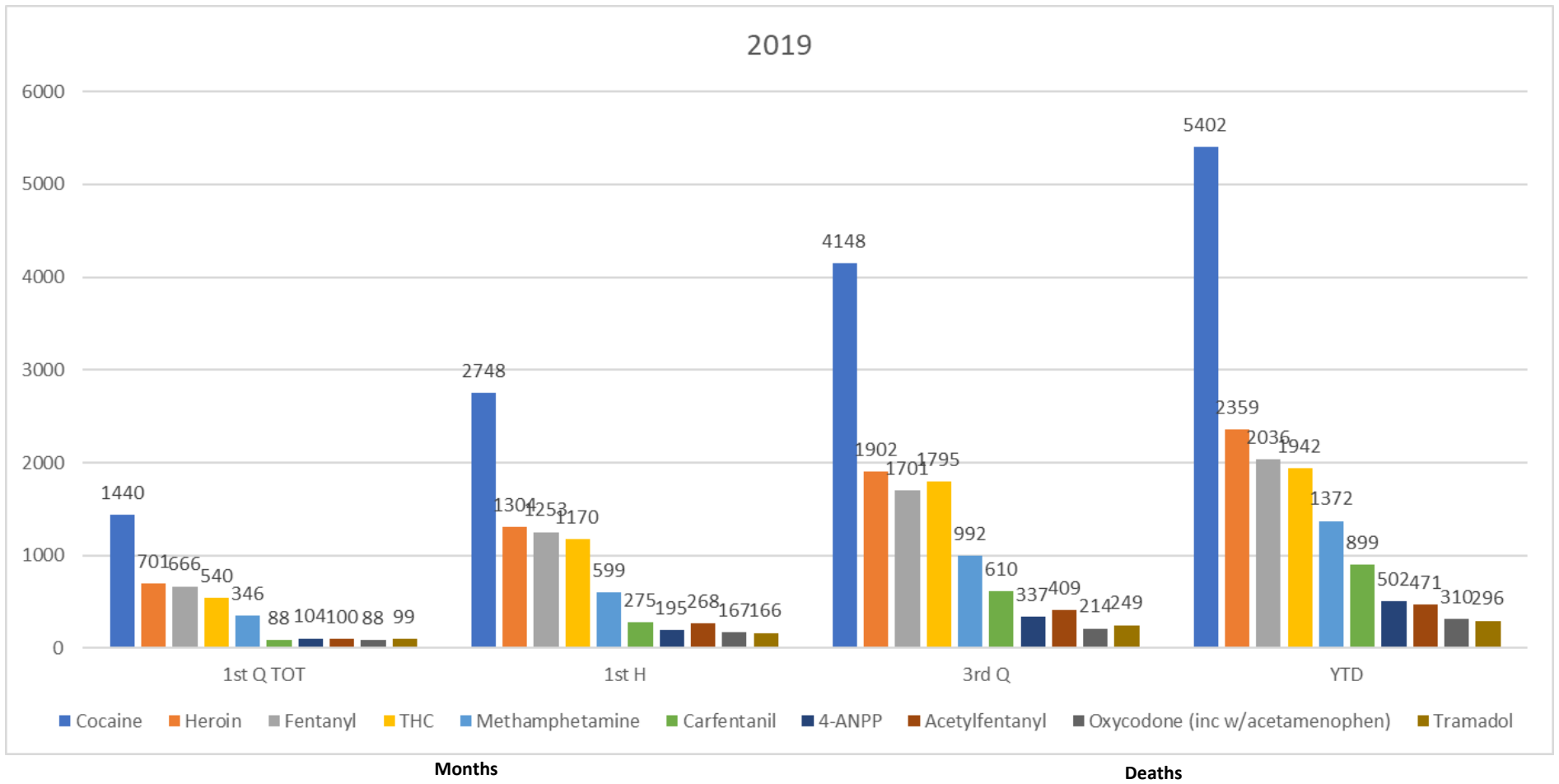
**CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2023\* (\* thru September 30, 2023)**



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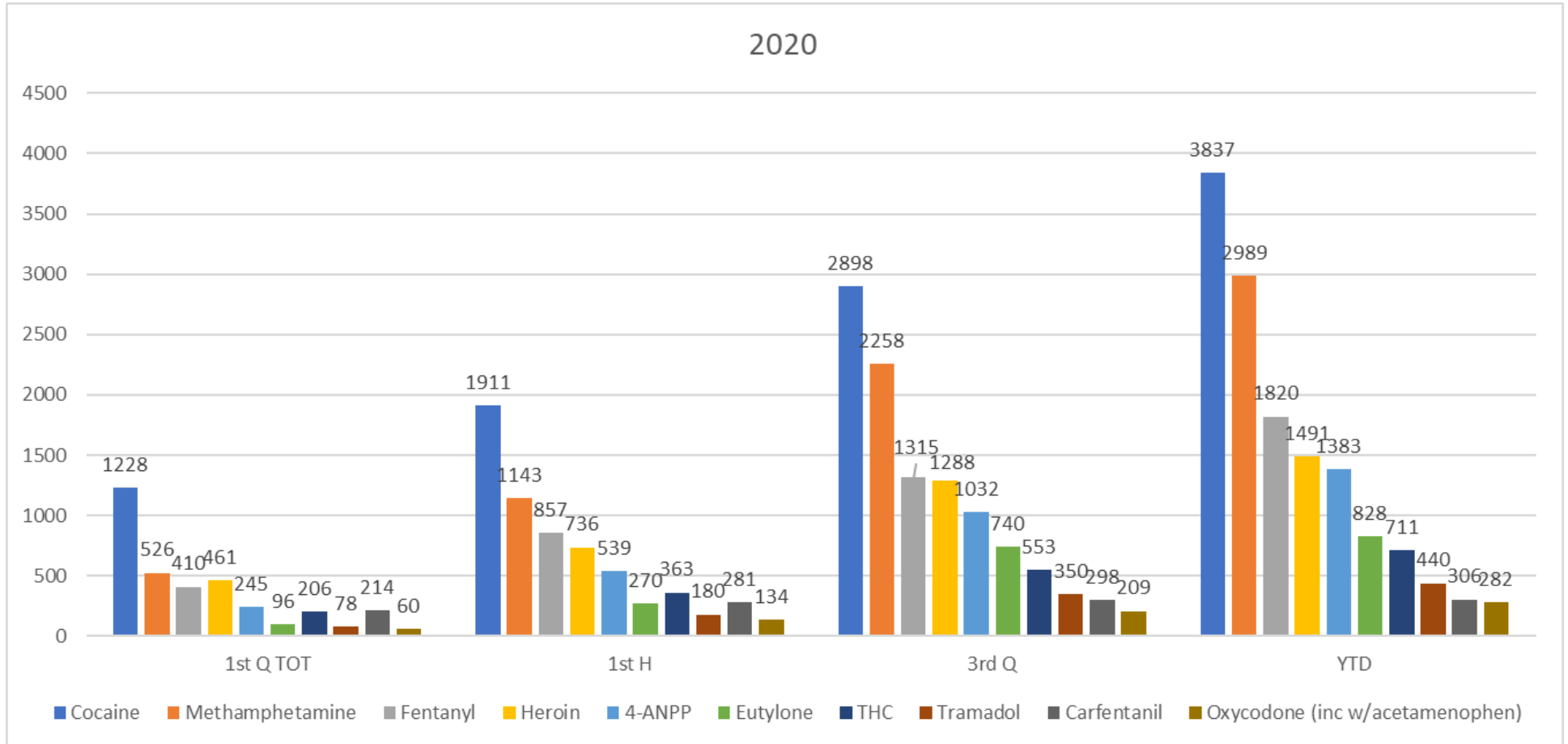
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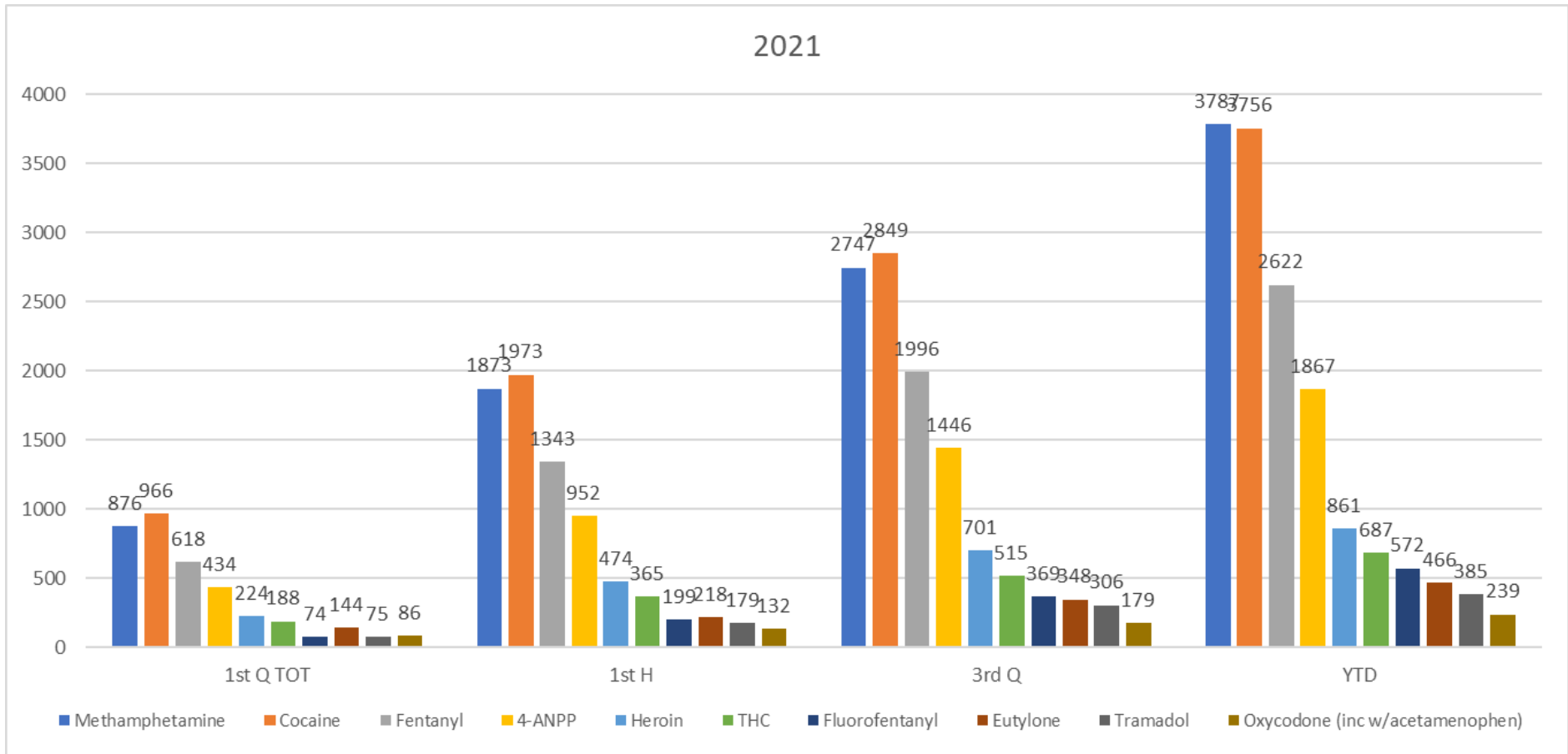


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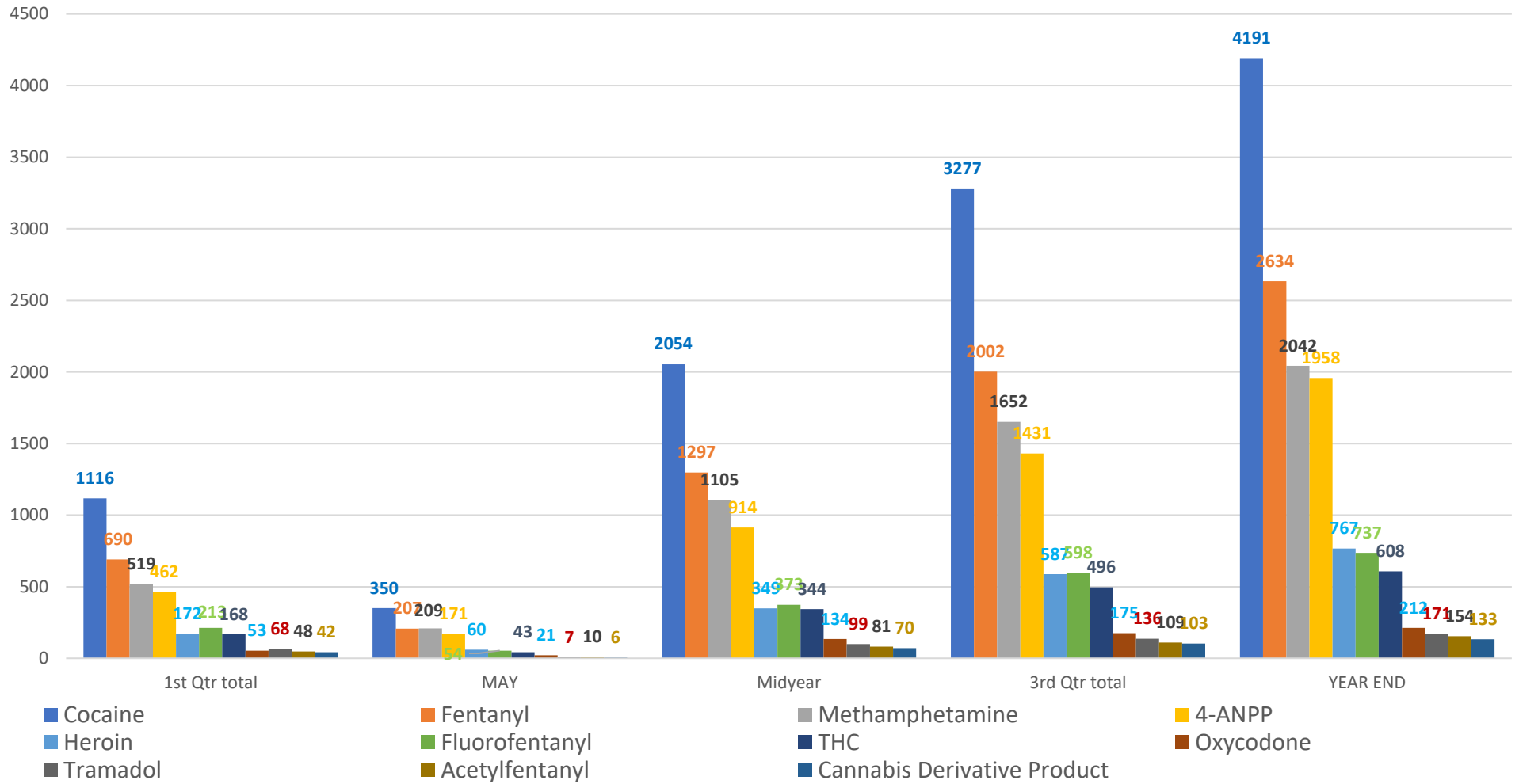


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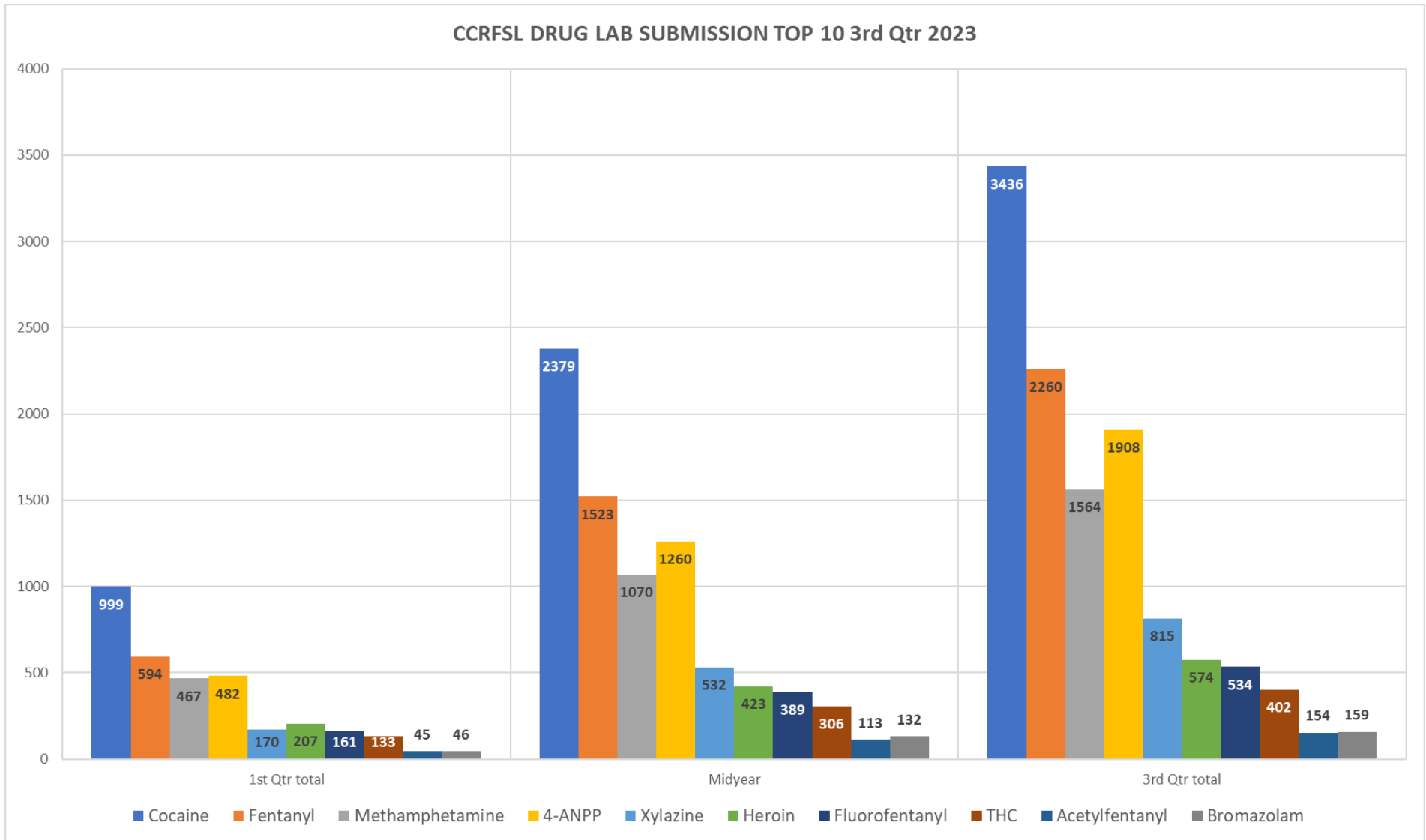


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