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

2024 3RD QUARTER UPDATE DRAFT

October 3, 2024

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in September 2024—at least **23 (0 cases pending testing)**

16 - City of Cleveland Residents

6 - Suburban Residents- Brooklyn, Parma (2), Parma Hts., Richmond Hts., Shaker Hts.

1– Out of County – Aurora (Portage Co)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 21 – 70

17 Male victims; 6 Female victims

5 African American victims; 19 Caucasian victims

TRENDS

At least **230** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through September 2024. 2024 total is at least **338** fatalities when including cocaine and meth 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; 6 confirmed in 2024

Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 39.54% of all victims for 2024. As many as 28 cocaine related deaths occurred in September 2024 with as many as 14 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin, Meth or some combination.

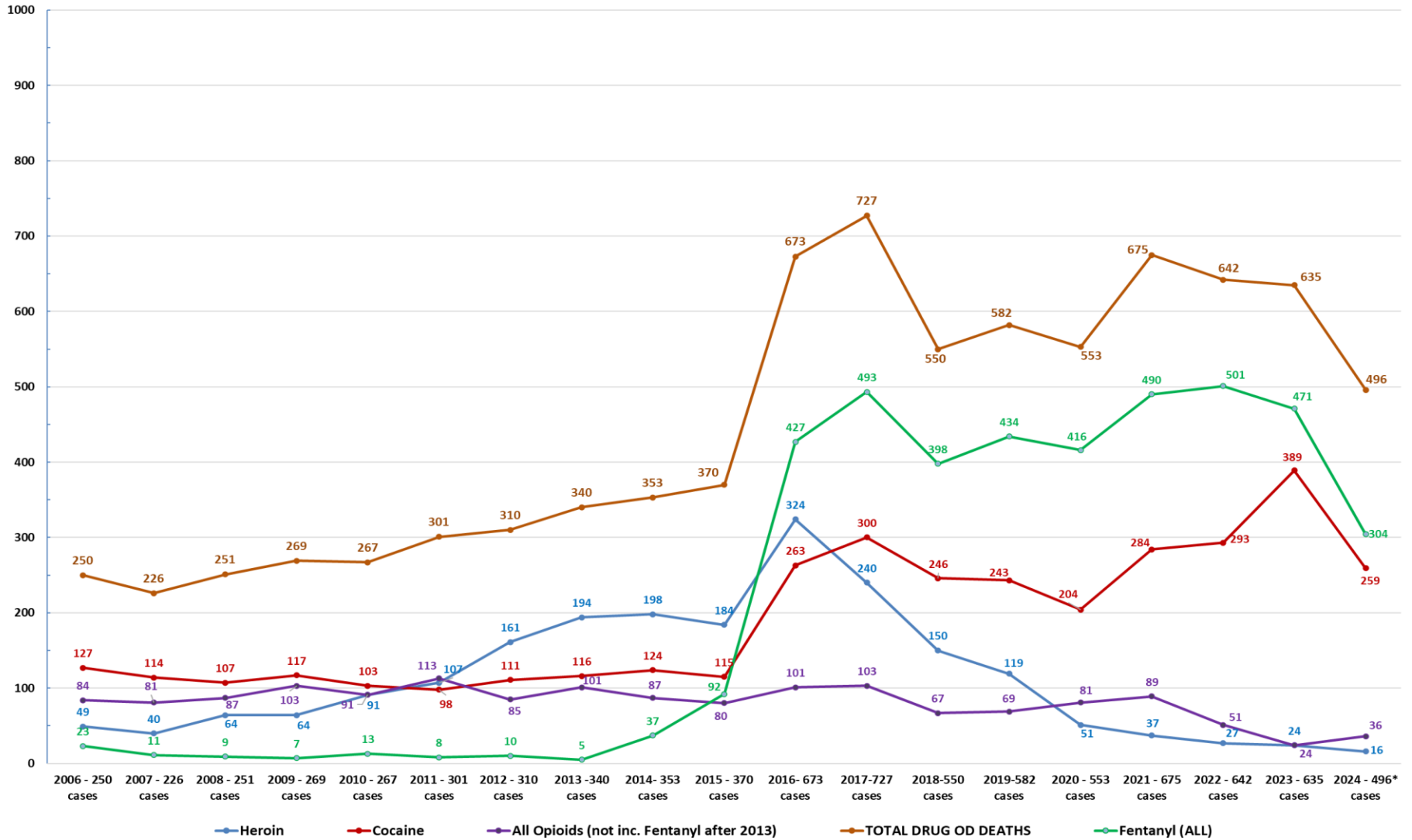
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Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2024*

Most Common Drugs

(*2024 projections based on data through October 3, 2024)

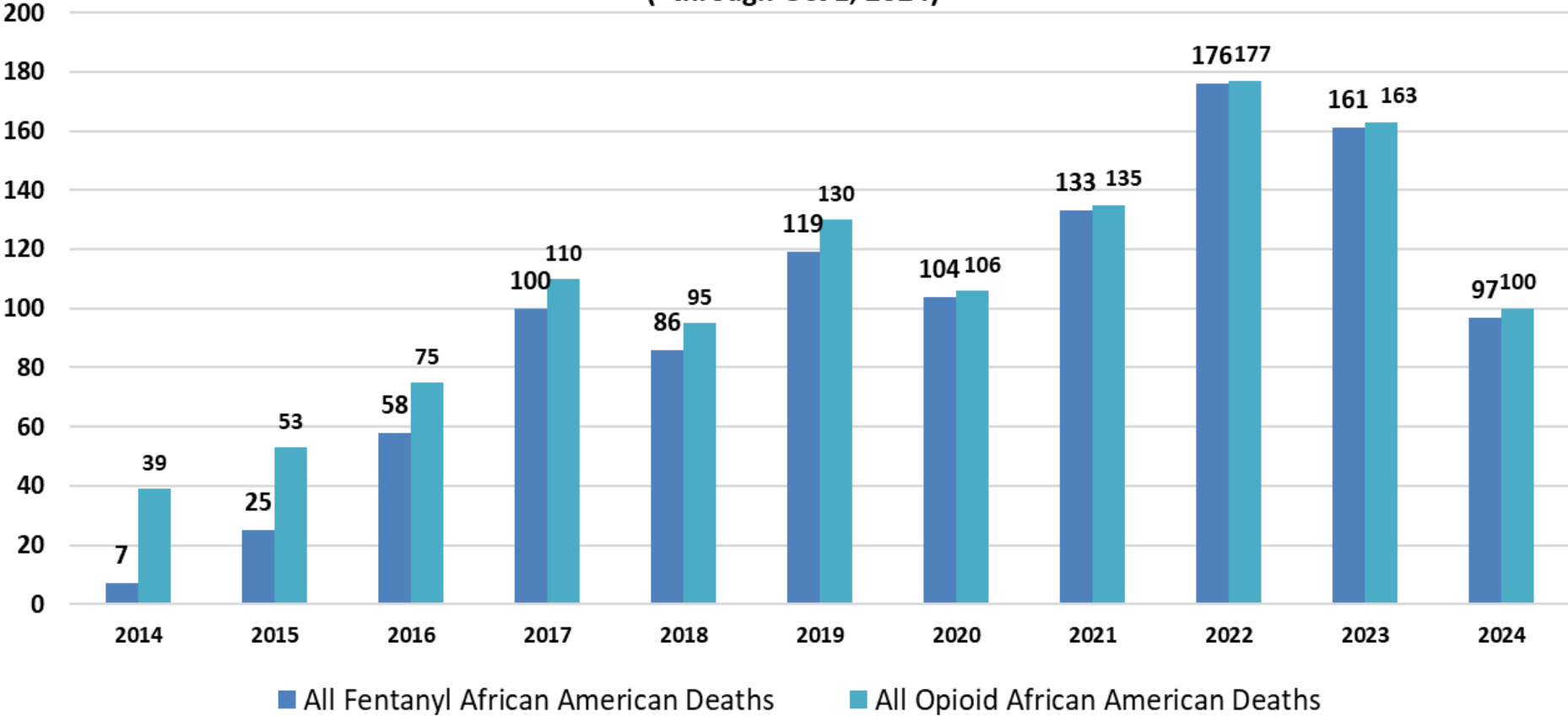


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2024*

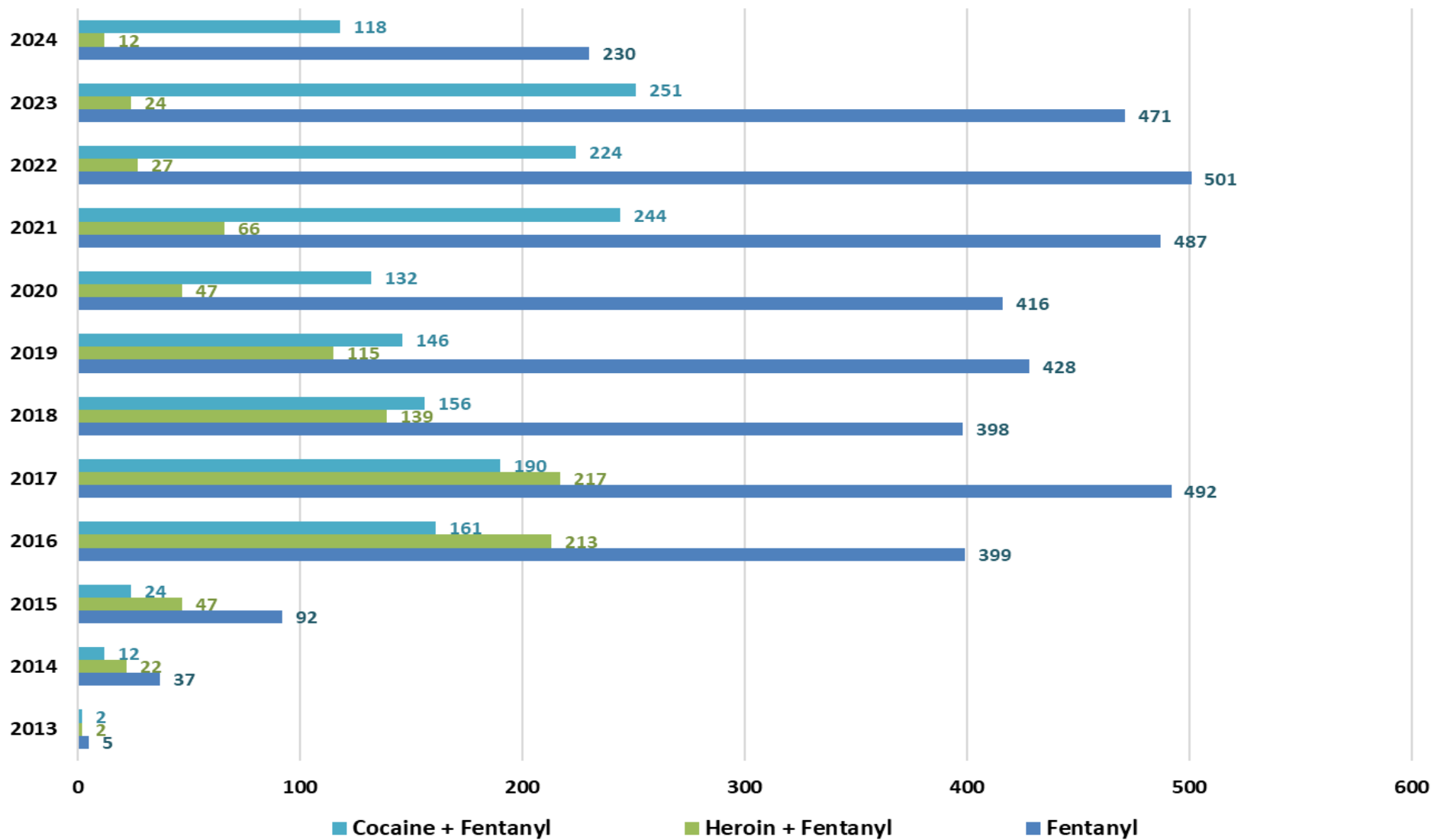
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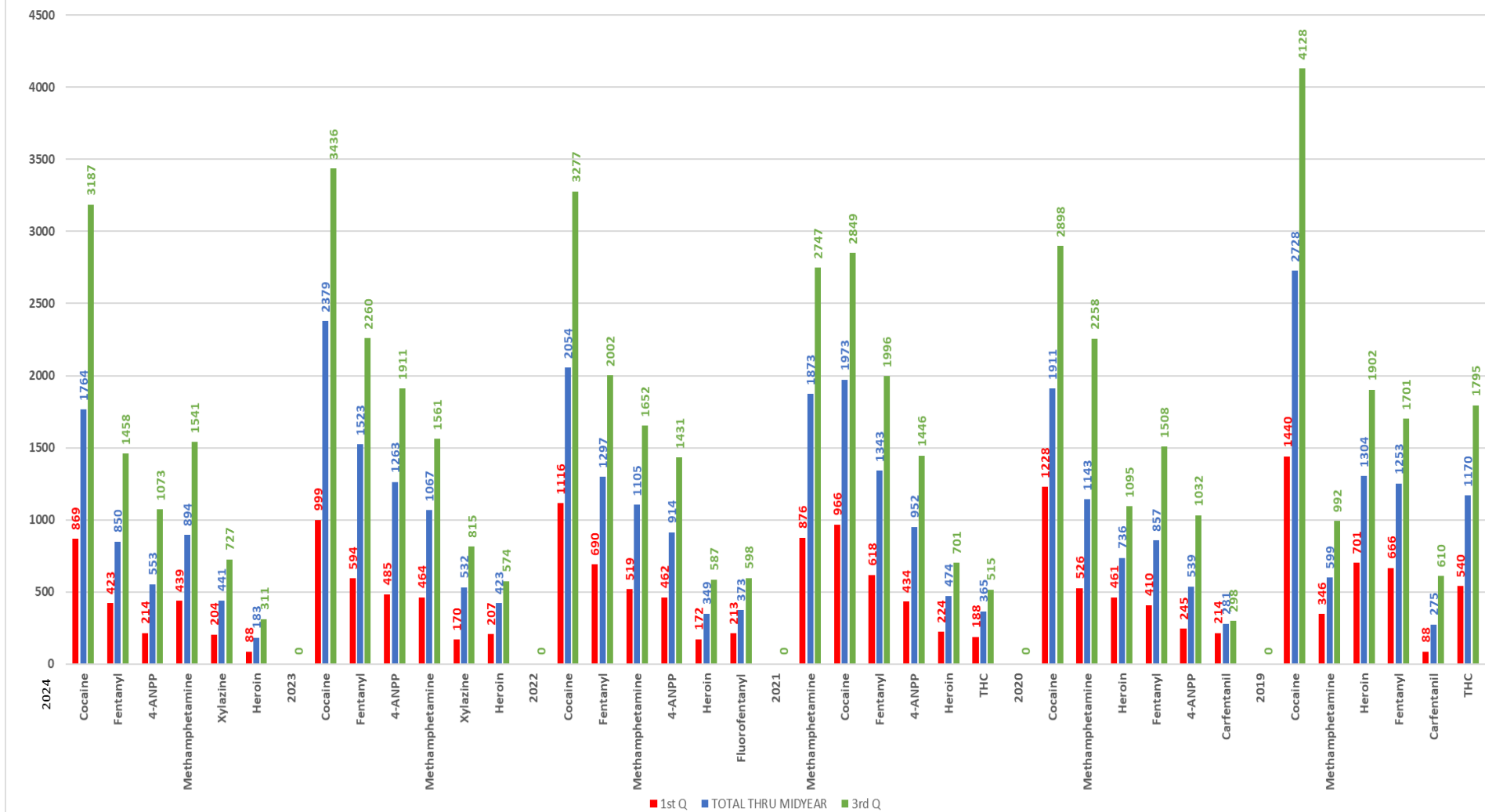
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2024* (*October 1, 2024)



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CCMEO 2019-2024 3RD QTR TOTAL Drug Lab Submissions



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