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

2022 October UPDATE DRAFT

November 14, 2022

CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –

Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl/analogs in October– at least **35 (14 cases pending testing)**

17 - City of Cleveland Residents

16 - Suburban Residents- Berea (2), Brook Park, Brooklyn (2), Cuyahoga Hts., East Cleveland, Garfield Hts., Gates Mills, Maple Hts. (2), Parma (3), Parma Hts., Strongsville, and

2- Out of County - Akron (Summit), Jefferson (Ashtabula)

VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from under 23 - 76

23 Male victims; 12 Female victims

13 African American victims; 22 Caucasian victims (3 Hispanic victims)

TRENDS

At least **401** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl/analog or in combination through October 2022. 2022 total is at least **461** 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

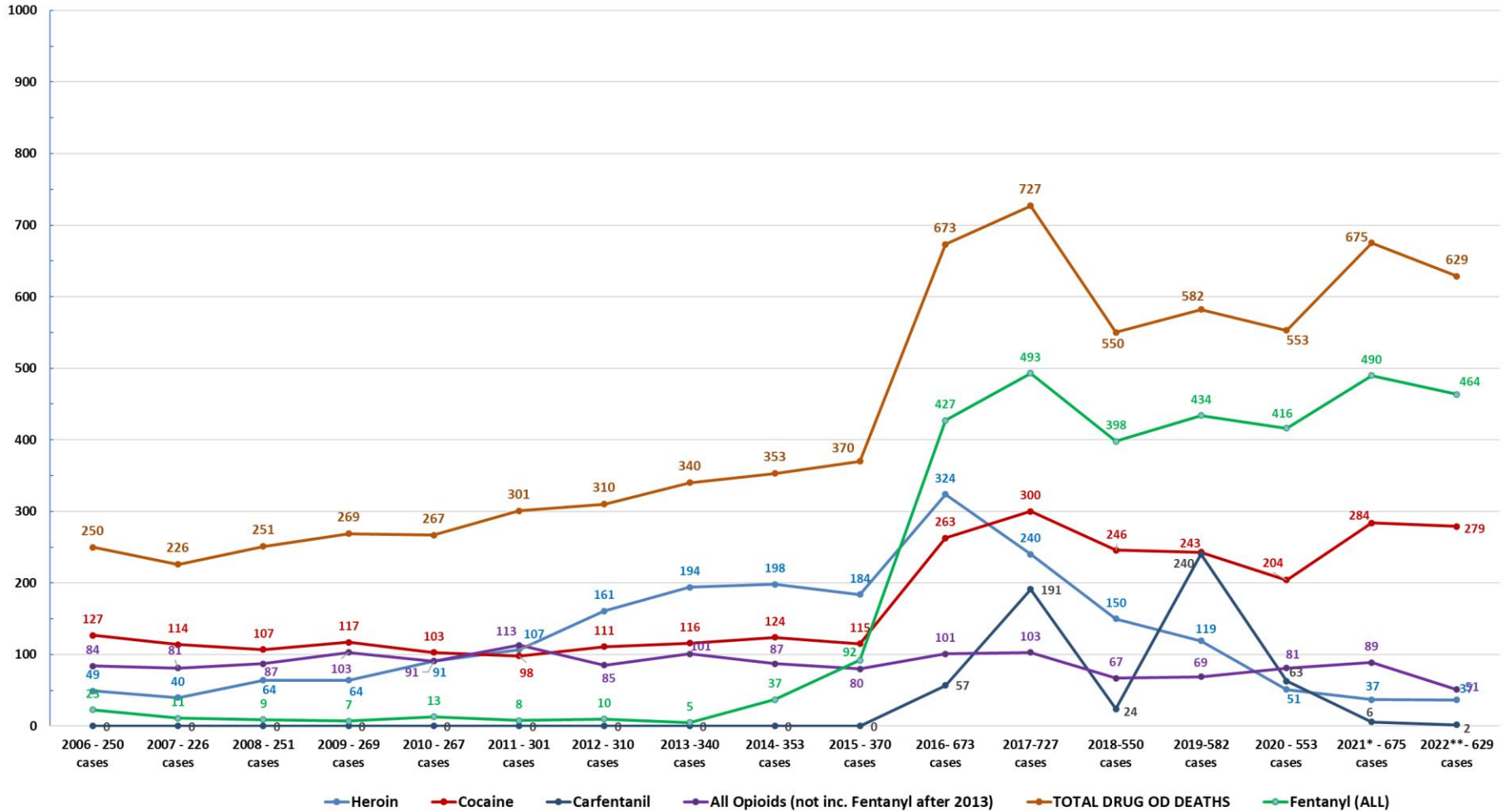
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is over one-third (35%) of all victims in 2022, a rate higher than all preceding years. As many as 29 cocaine related deaths occurred in October 2022 with as many as 20 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both.



Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2022*

Most Common Drugs

(*2022 projections based on data through November 14, 2022)

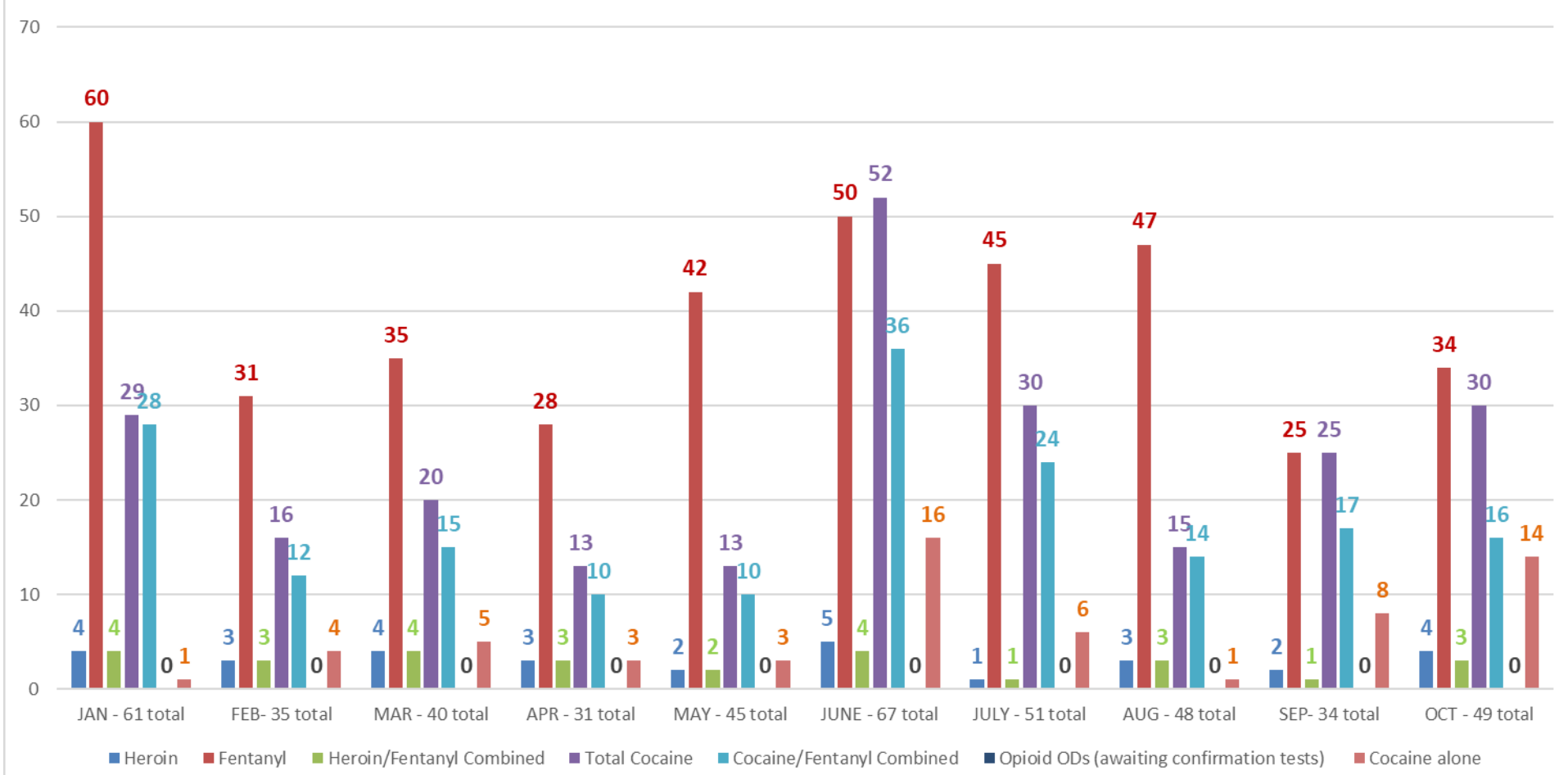


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2022 CCMEO Overdose Deaths, Most Common Drugs Involved *(thru October 30, 2022)

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

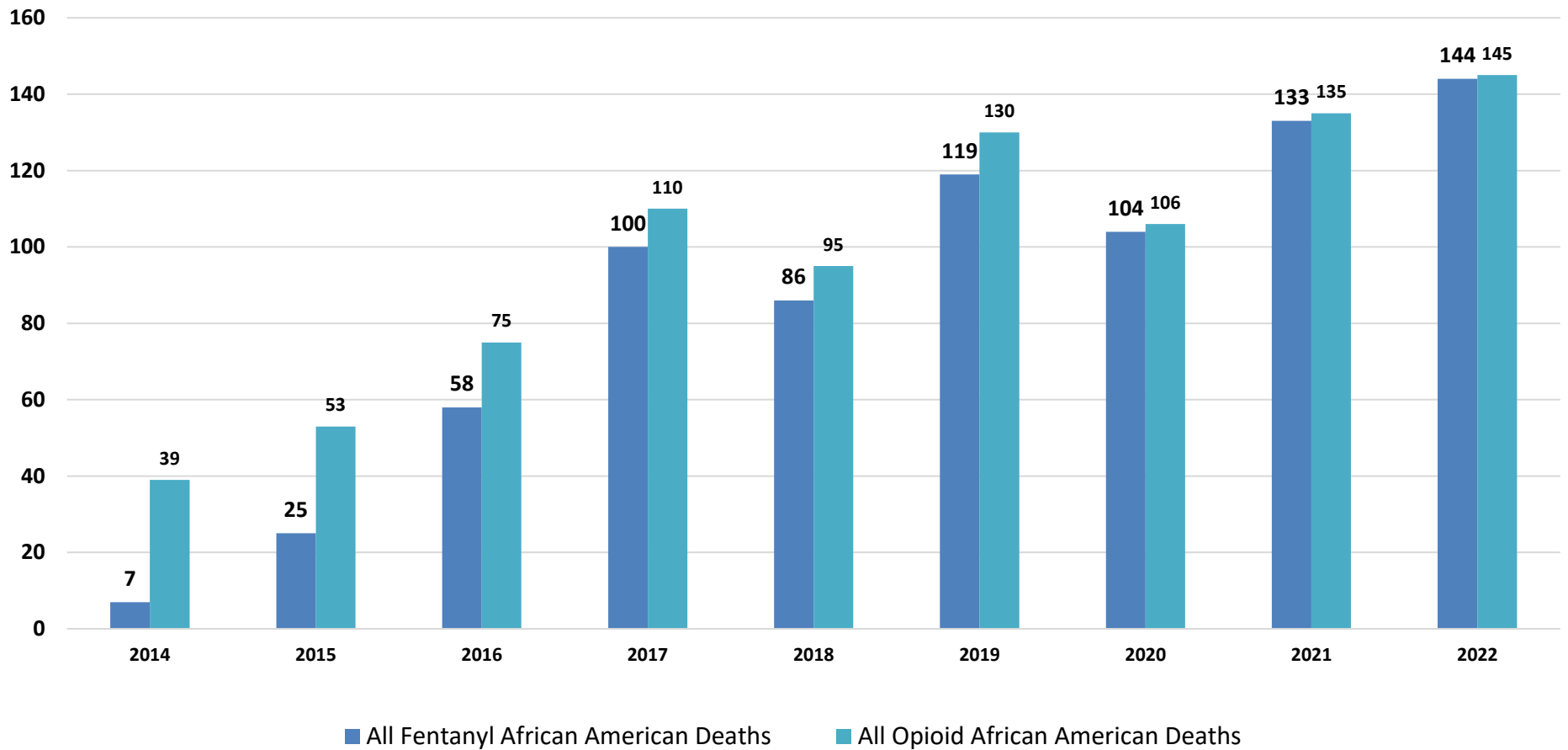


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CCMEO Fentanyl-related fatalities among African Americans 2014-2022*

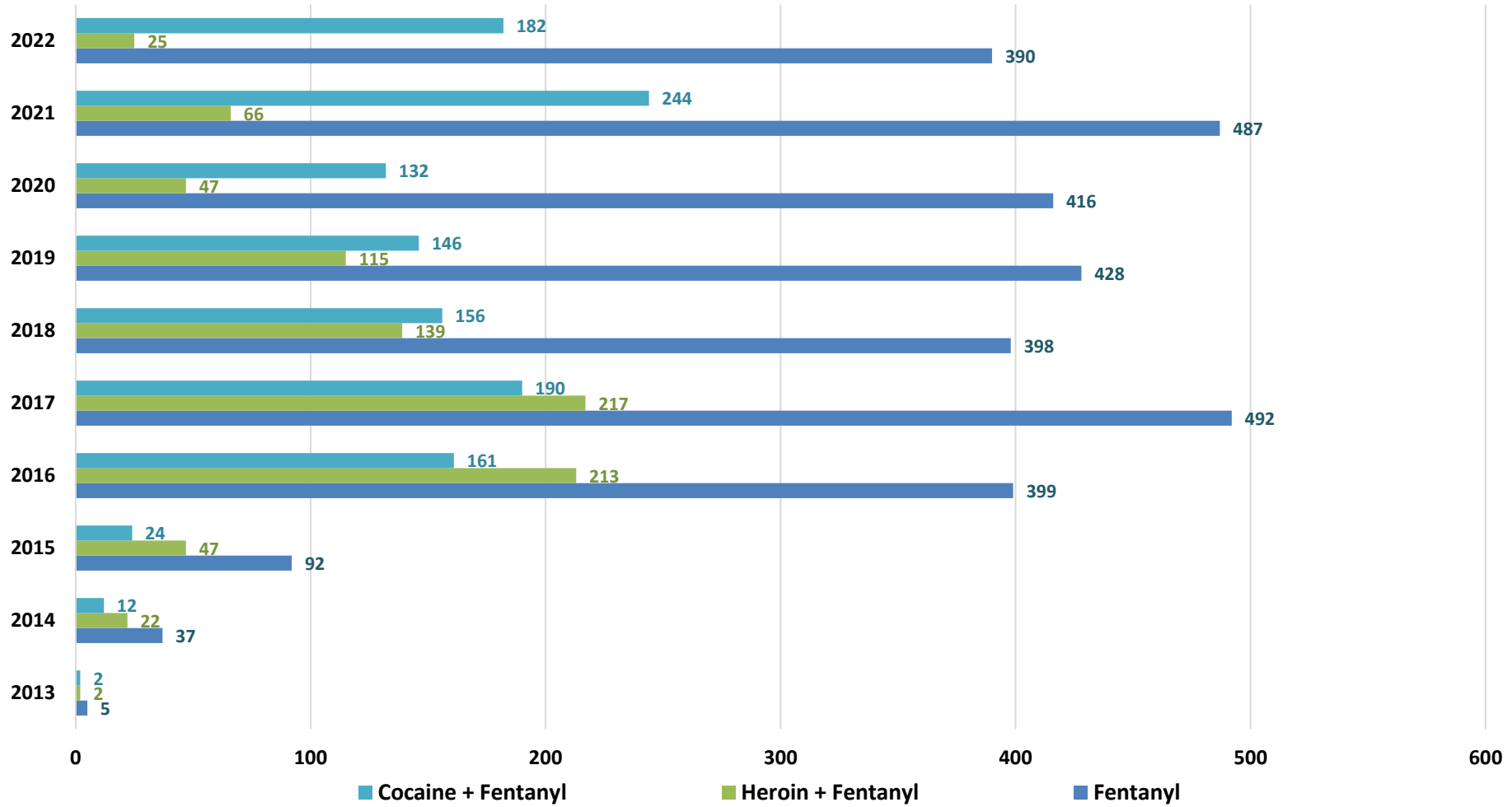
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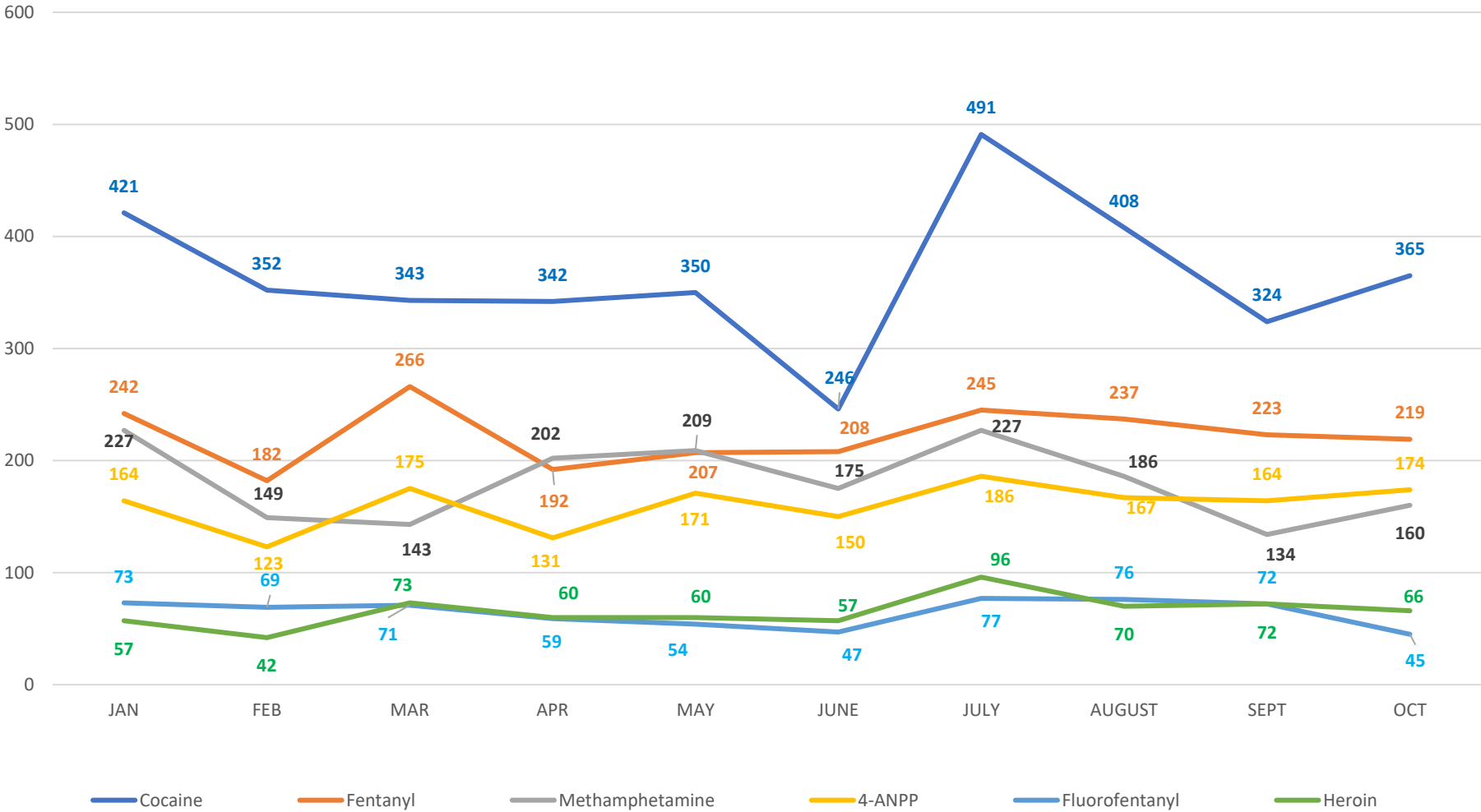
CCMEO, Proliferation of Heroin/Fentanyl and Cocaine/Fentanyl mixtures in fatalities 2013-2022* (* thru Oct 31, 2022)



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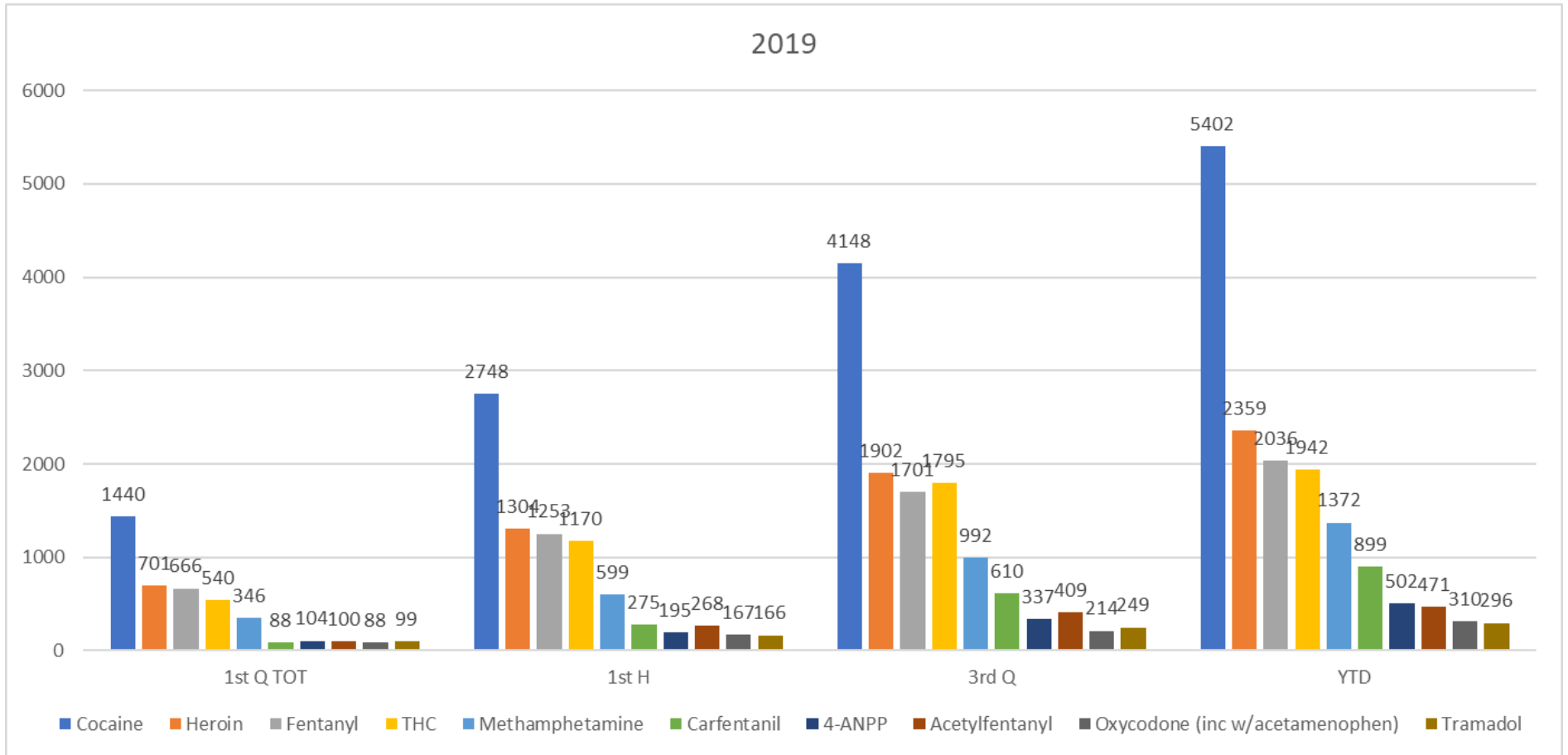
2022 CCRFSL Drug Lab Submissions Top 6, Year To Date (as of October 31, 2022)



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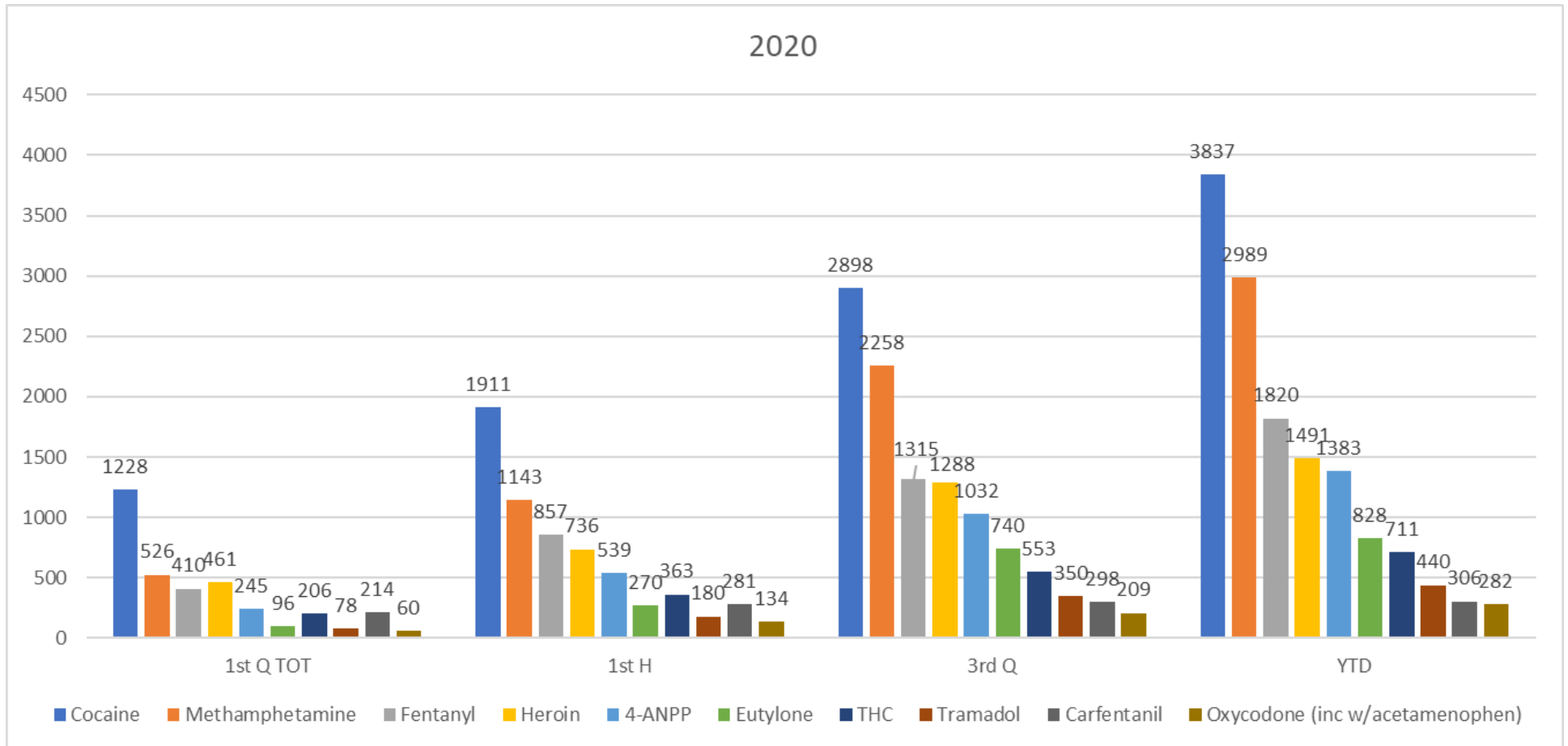
TOP TEN SUBMISSIONS TO DRUG CHEMISTRY LAB BY YEAR:



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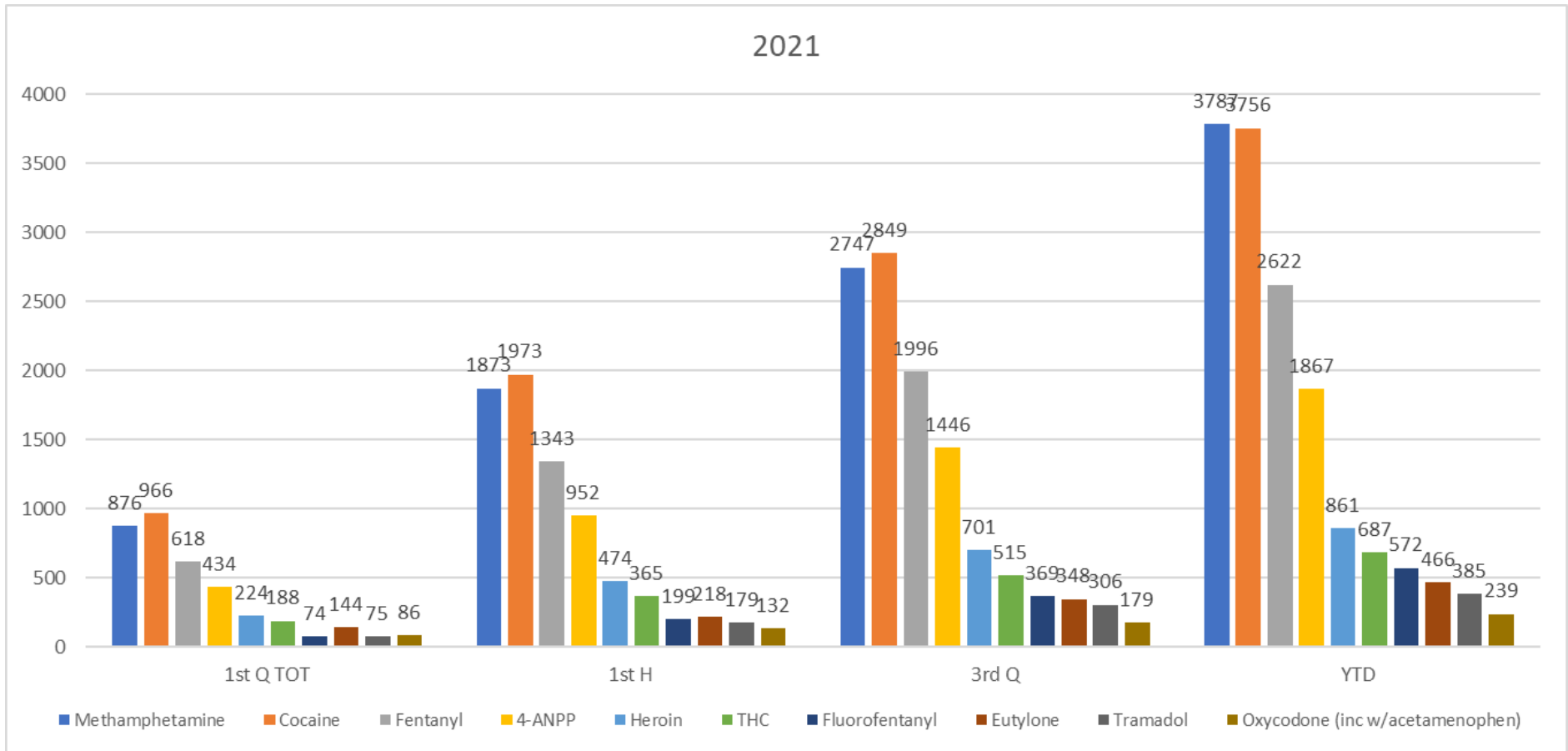
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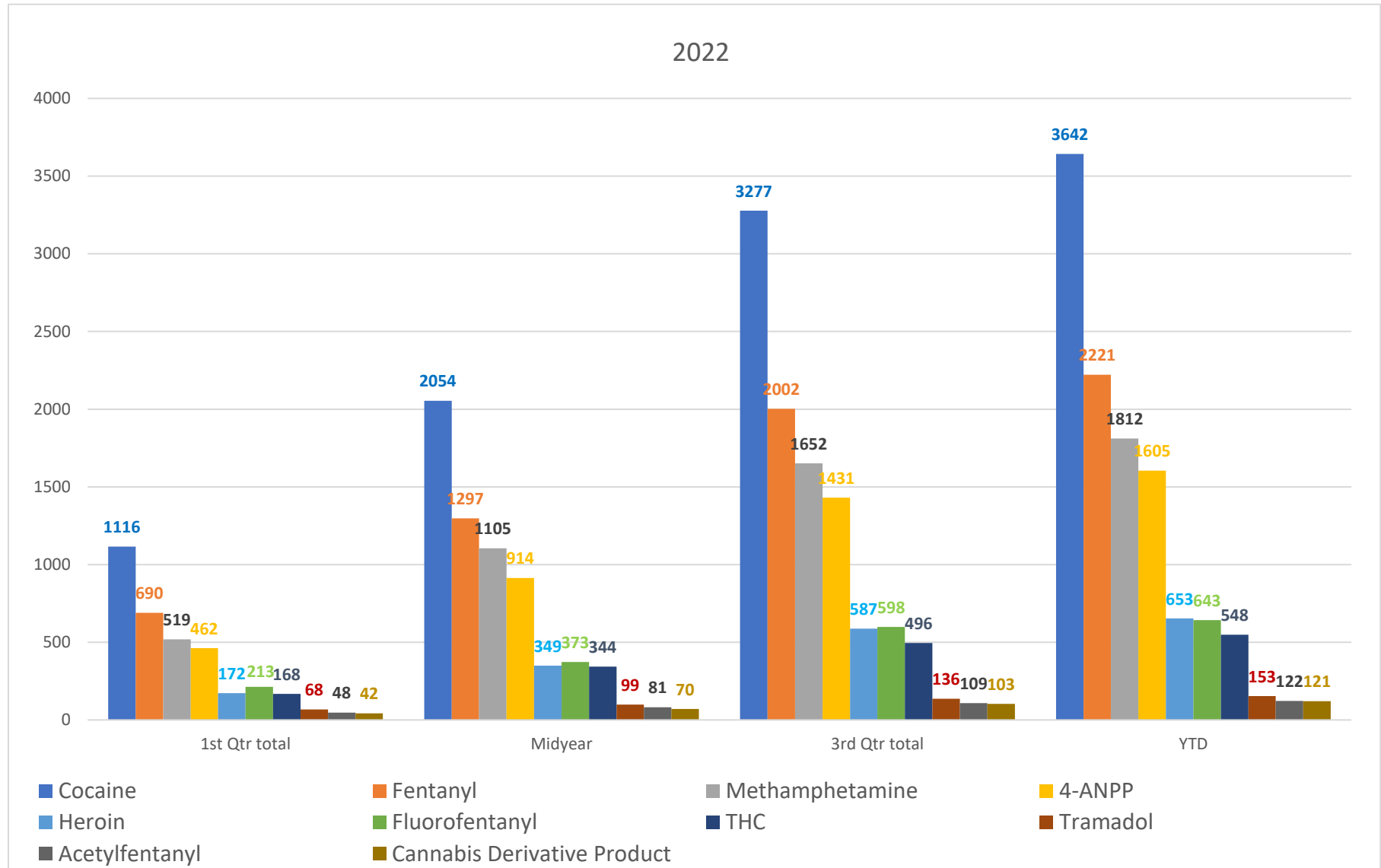
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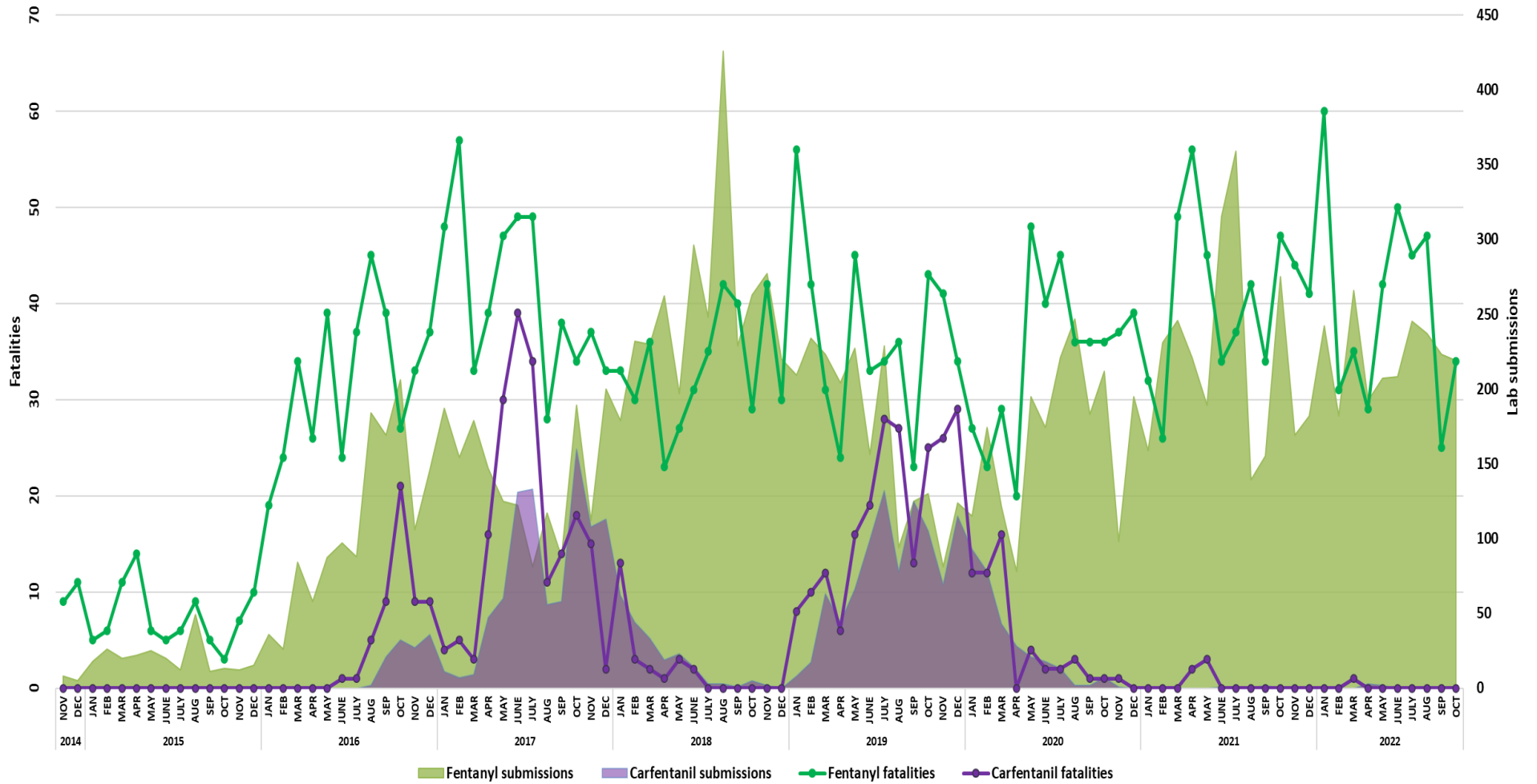
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CCMEO/CCRFSL Relationship of Fentanyl and Carfentanil Fatalities and Fentanyl and Carfentanil Lab Submissions 2014-2022)



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