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**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE**

**Heroin & Fentanyl Related  
Deaths in Cuyahoga  
County**

**MAY 31, 2016**

## CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

### No. of Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in May – 44

18 - City of Cleveland Residents

26 - Suburban Residents- Brecksville, Brook Park, Chagrin Falls, Cleveland Hts., East Cleveland, Lakewood (2), Maple Hts., Mayfield, Mayfield Hts., Oakwood, Olmsted Twp., Parma (5), Parma Hts., Strongsville and (5) out of County residents – Aurora, Chesterland, Elyria, Newbury and North Ridgeville.

### VICTIMS

Victims' ages range from 18 – 65

31 Male victims; 13 Female victims

8 African American victims; 36 Caucasian victims; (1 Hispanic victim)

### EXPONENTIAL RATE OF INCREASE

In 2015, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a drug overdose.

In 2016, during January and February, one person died every day in Cuyahoga County from a heroin or fentanyl overdose. January was a record for fentanyl deaths, broken again in February. Starting March 10, 2016 to months end, two people died every day in Cuyahoga County from a heroin or fentanyl overdose as well as from May 25<sup>th</sup> until the end of the month and set a new record for fentanyl deaths. At least **184** victims died already in 2016.

*Source: Cuyahoga County Medical  
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## **No. of Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in April – 33**

15 - City of Cleveland Residents

18 - Suburban Residents- Berea (2), Brook Park, Brooklyn, Euclid, Fairview Park, Garfield Hts. (2), Lakewood (3), Middleburgh Heights, Oakwood, Parma, Richmond Hts., Walton Hills, And (2) out of County residents – Chester Twp., Lorain

### **VICTIMS**

Victims' ages range from 20 – 64

24 Male victims; 9 Female victims

3 African American victims; 2 Hispanic victims; 30 Caucasian victims

### **EXPONENTIAL RATE OF INCREASE**

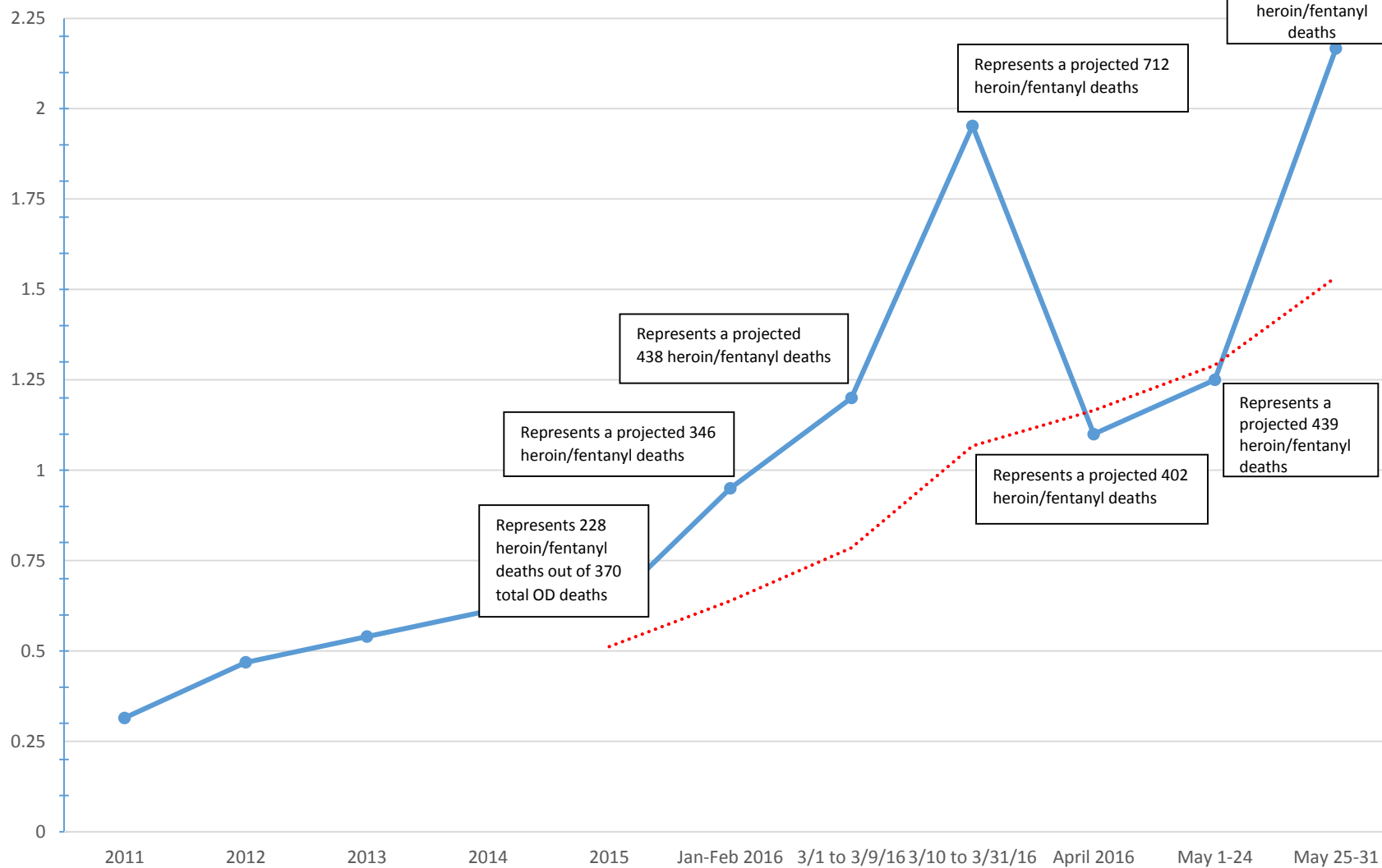
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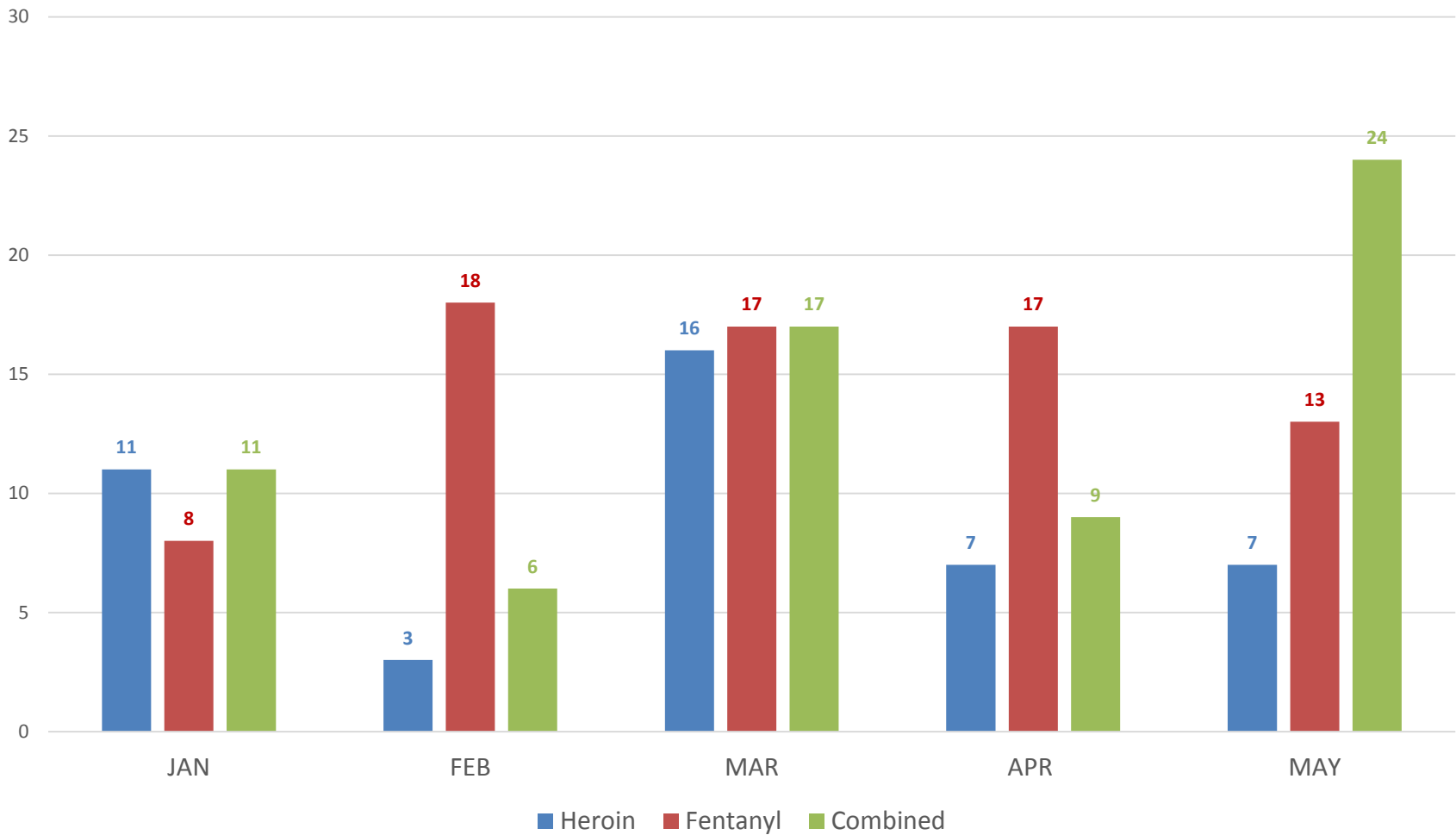
### Cuyahoga County Deaths per Day due to Heroin and Fentanyl or in Combination



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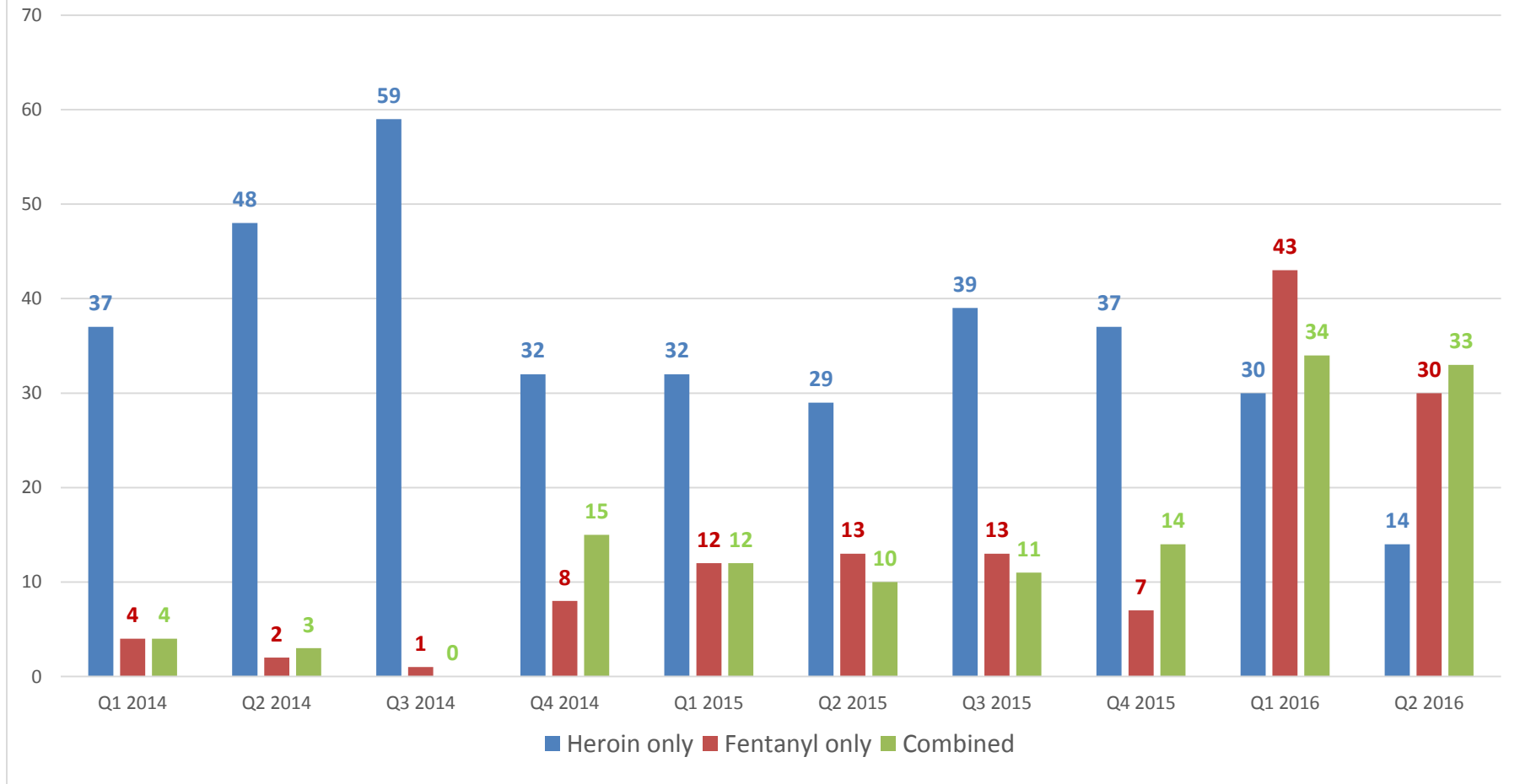
CCMEO 2016 Fentanyl & Heroin Related Deaths, by Month  
(\*Monthly totals through May)



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Heroin and Fentanyl related Overdose Deaths by Quarter,  
 January 2014 - May 2016  
 (2nd quarter 2016 only through May)

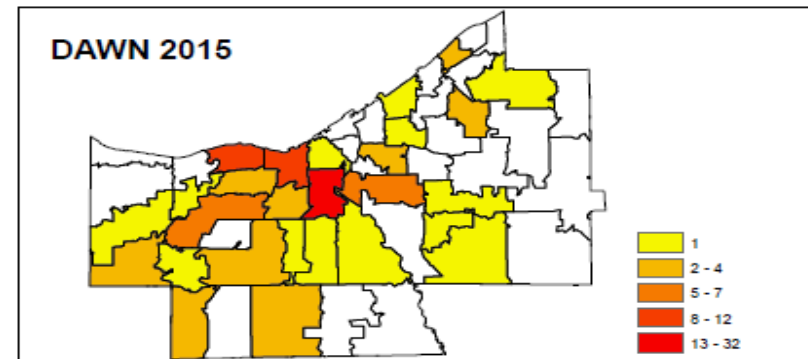
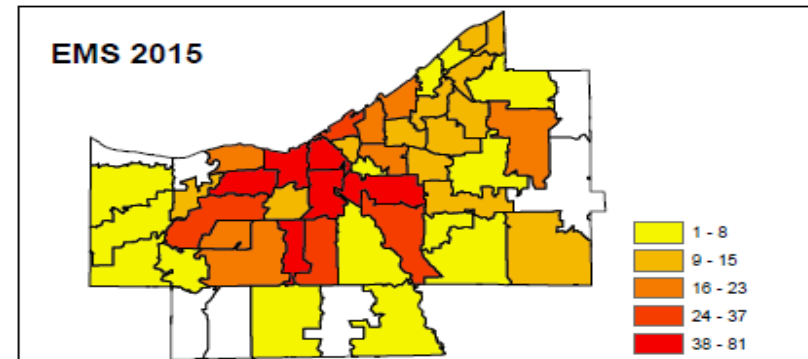
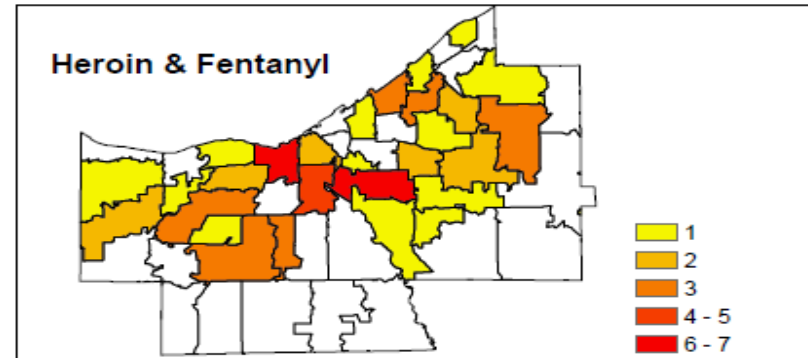
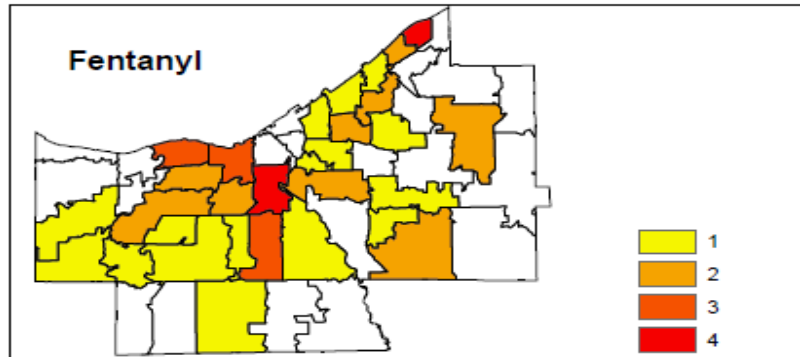
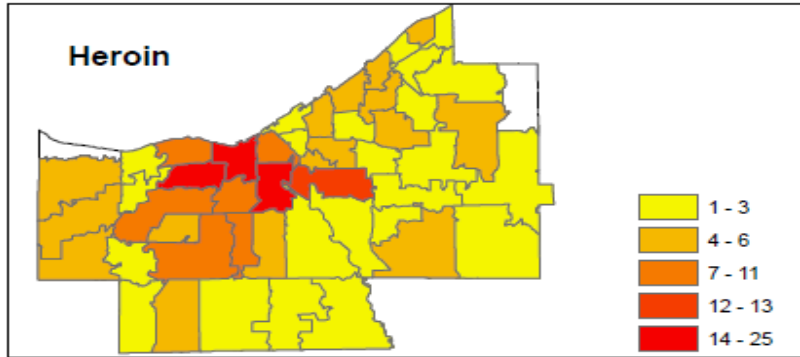


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# Medical Examiner 2014/2015

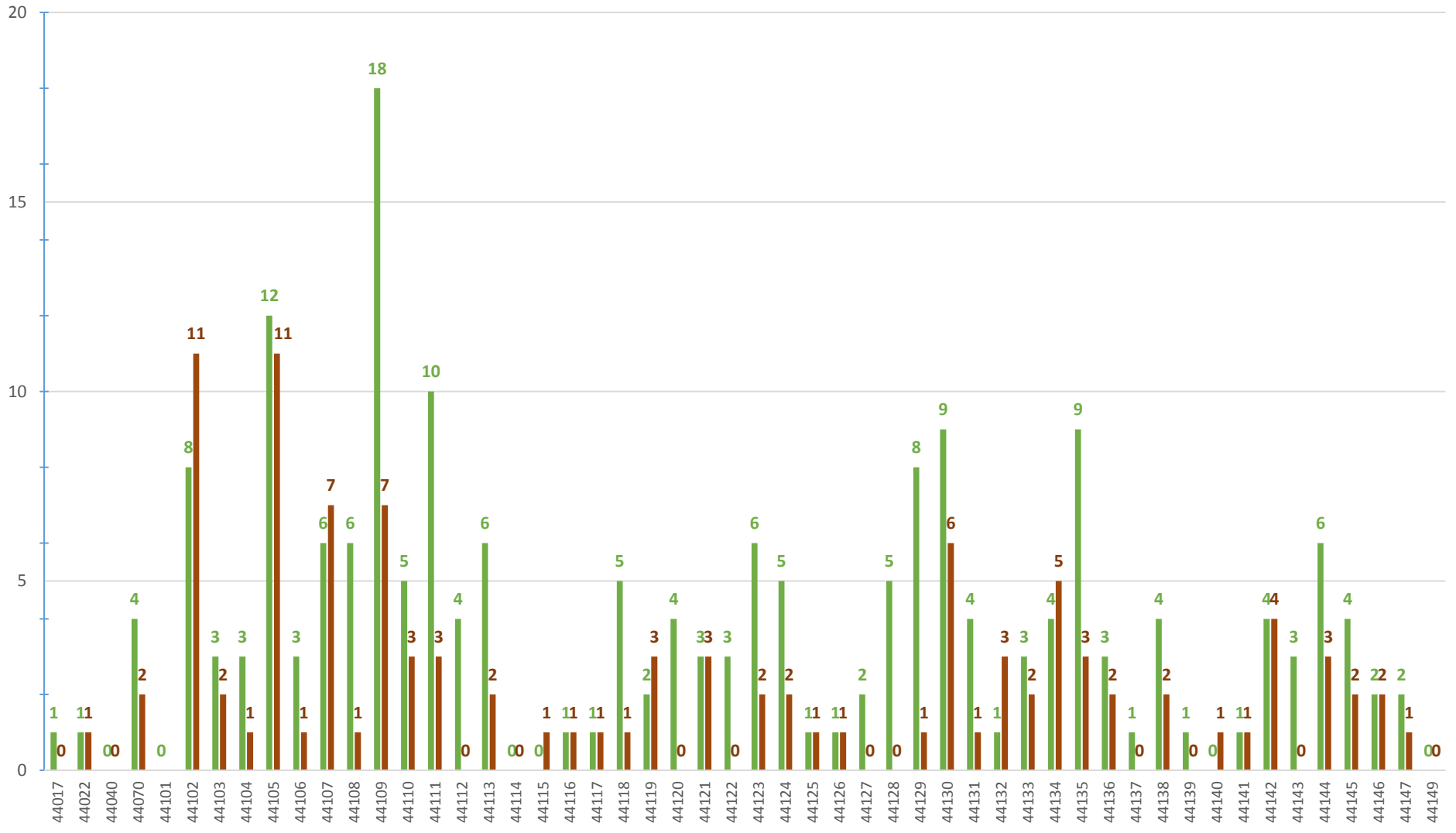


# Cuyahoga County Heroin/Fentanyl Related Overdose Deaths and Naloxone Use, in 2015/2016 1st Quarter, by Zip Code



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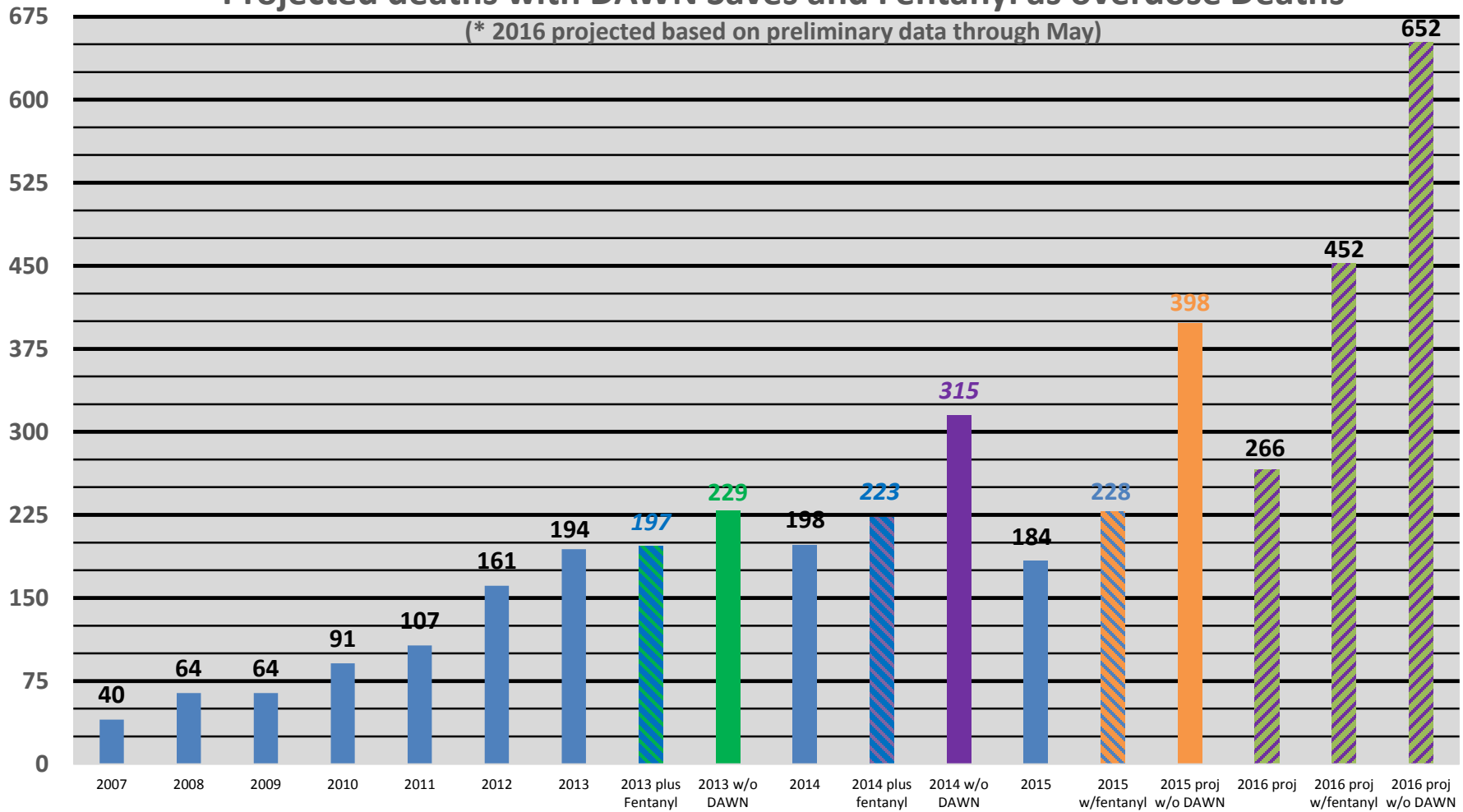
■ 2015 Deaths ■ 2016 Deaths (Thru April 7)





## Cuyahoga County Heroin Related Overdose Deaths 2007-2016\*

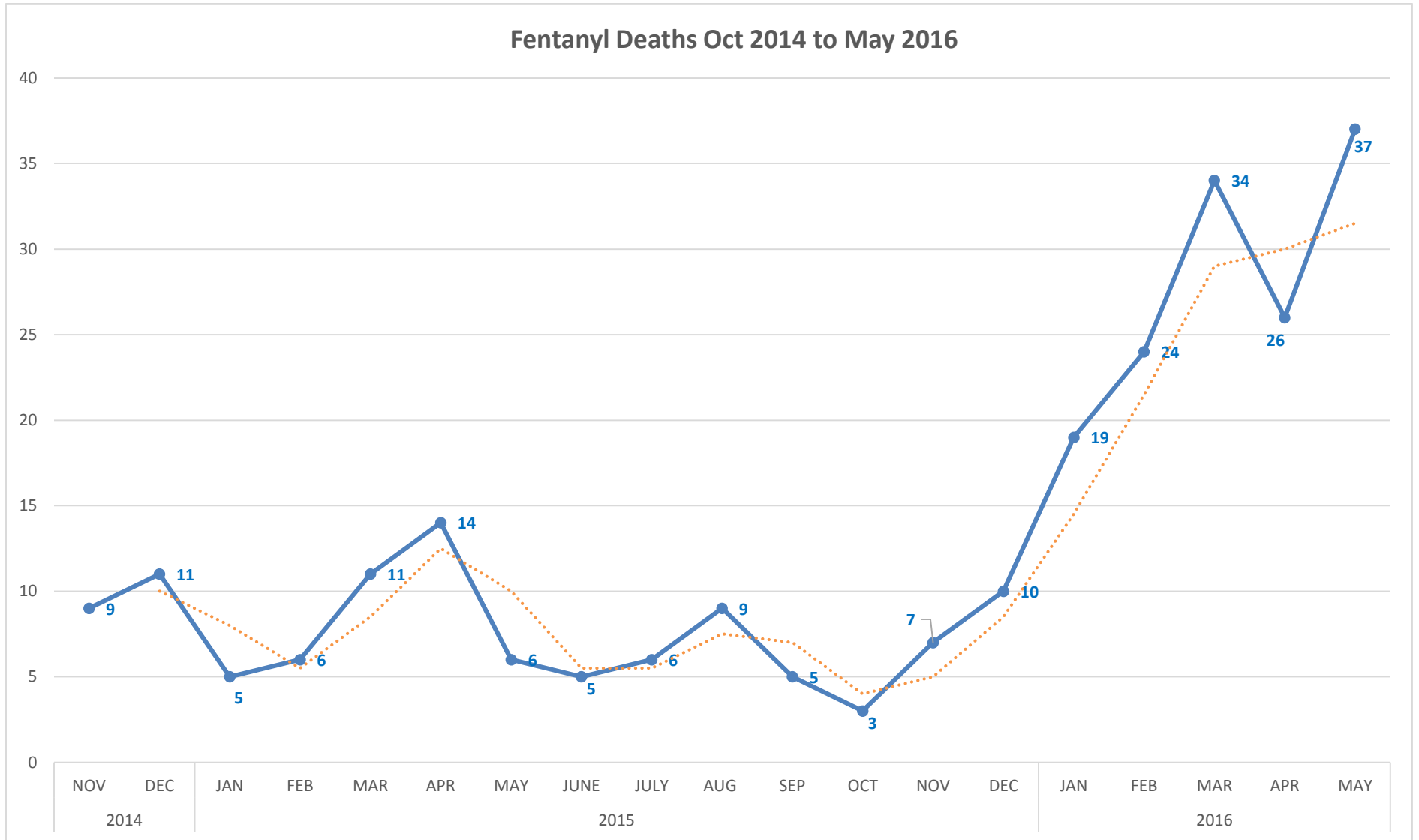
### Projected deaths with DAWN Saves and Fentanyl as overdose Deaths



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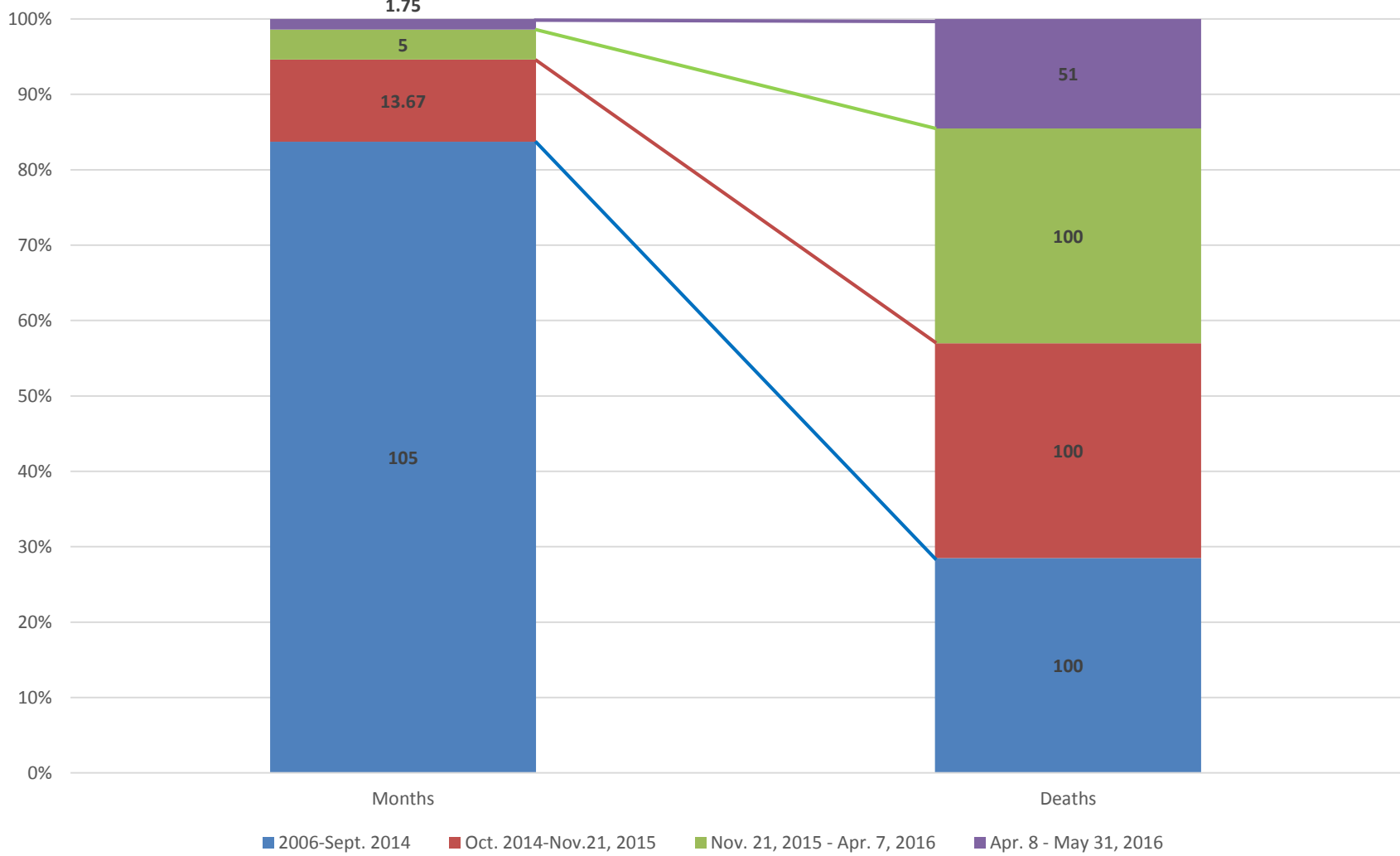
### Fentanyl Deaths Oct 2014 to May 2016



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### Cuyahoga County Fentanyl Deaths 2006-2016



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