

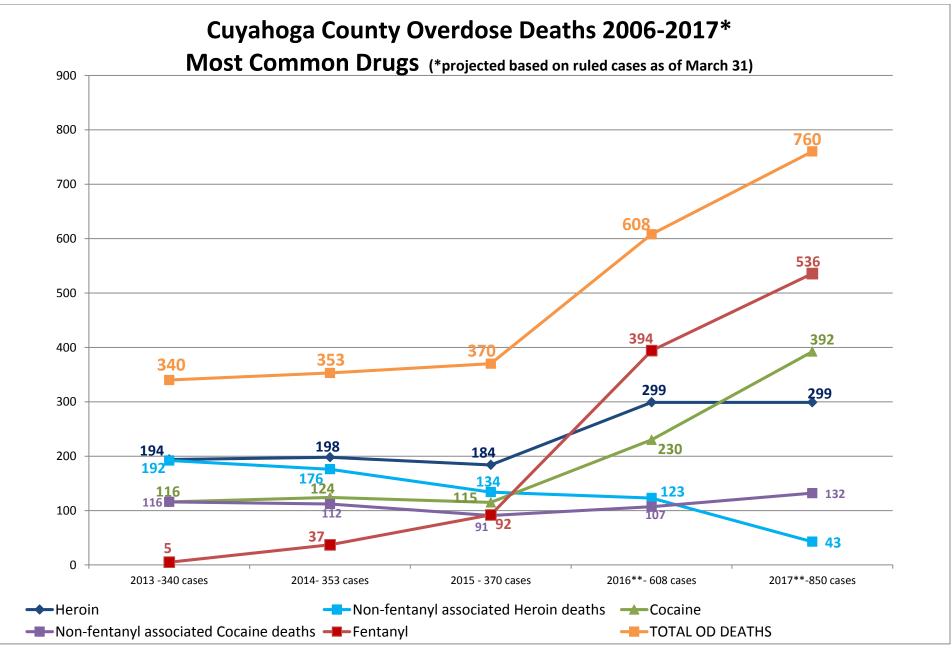
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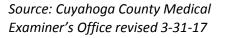
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#### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

# MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE Heroin/Fentanyl/Cocaine Related Deaths in Cuyahoga County

**MARCH 31, 2017** 







### **CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS** — At least 9 fatalities in April to date

#### Fatal Cases due to heroin/fentanyl in March-at least 35 (10 cases pending additional testing)

21 - City of Cleveland Residents

14 - Suburban Residents- Euclid (4), Garfield Hts. (2), Mayfield, Parma (3), Parma Hts., Westlake with (2) Out of County – North Ridgeville, Navarre.

#### **VICTIMS**

Victims' ages range from 17 – 66 (First adolescent heroin/fentanyl fatality recorded)

25 Male victims; 10 Female victims

5 African American victims; 30 Caucasian victims (1 Hispanic victim)

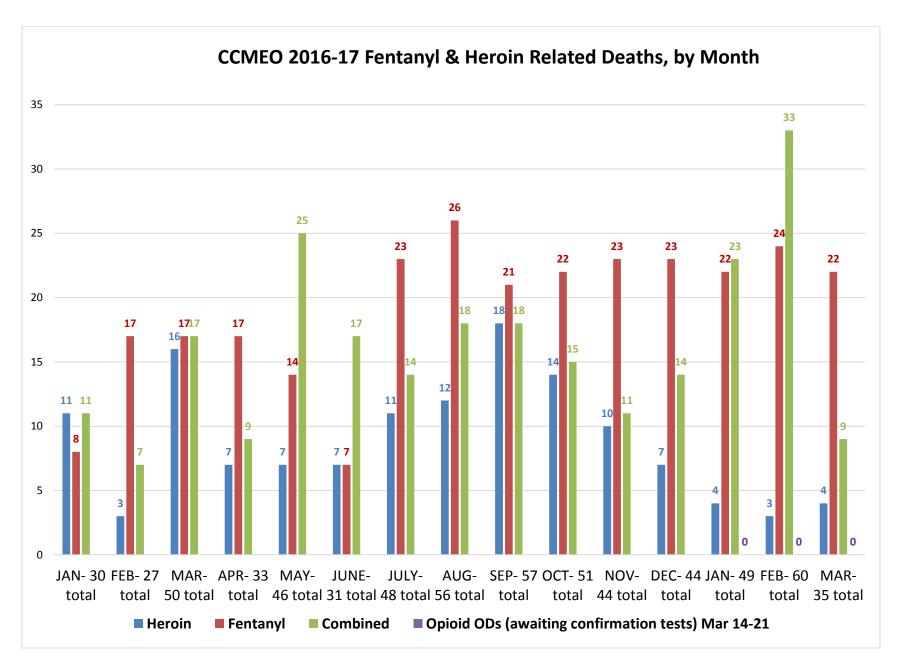
#### **TRENDS**

At least **152** victims have died from heroin/fentanyl or in combination in 2017 (January total increased to 49). This compares to 107 in first quarter of 2016 and at least **517** in 2016 which was more than double the 228 from 2015. Cocaine deaths are projected to have doubled from 115 to 230 in 2016. The 2017 total is at least **186** fatalities when including cocaine as well.

#### **Carfentanil: 46 CONFIRMED FATAL CASES TO DATE in 2016**

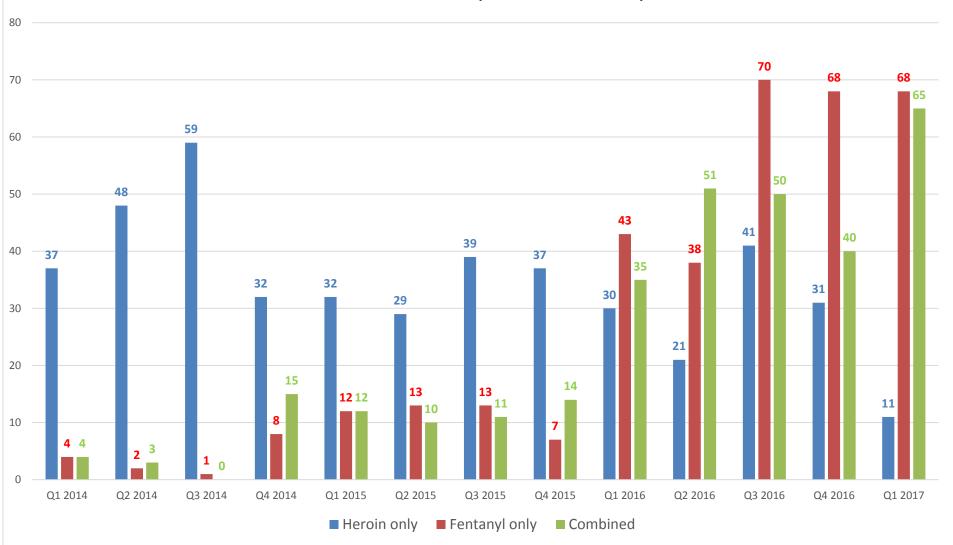
Rate of African American deaths involving fentanyl is 22% of all victims, nearly double the rate in 2016 (13%). At least 22 cocaine related deaths occurred in March (at least 95 for 2017), with 10 being mixed with Fentanyl, Heroin or both (at least 66 for the year).





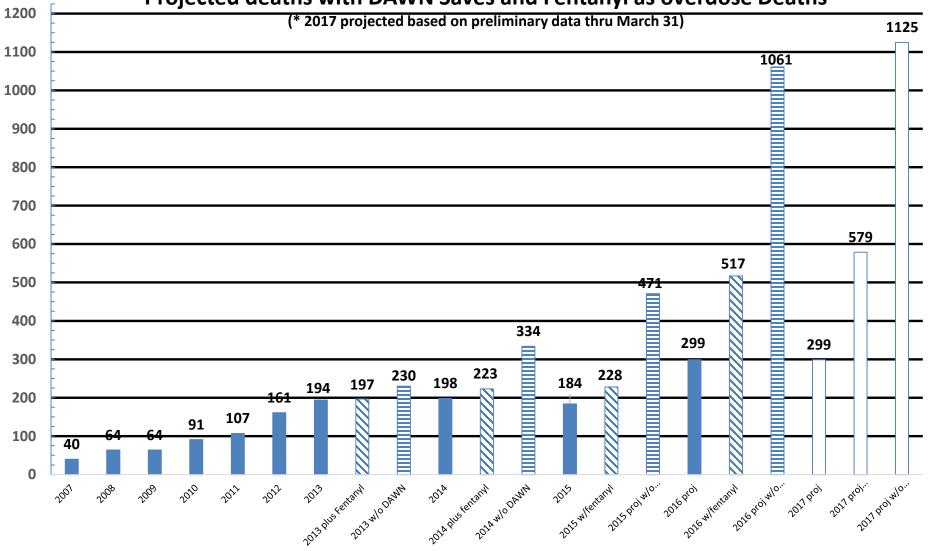








## Cuyahoga County Heroin Related Overdose Deaths 2007-2017\* Projected deaths with DAWN Saves and Fentanyl as overdose Deaths



Source: Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office revised 3-31-17

DAWN includes all documented naloxone saves through DAWN including police reversals. Does not include EMS administration (nearly 1,000 in 2015, and over 2,000 thru October 2016).



