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MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION SYSTEMS



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Attorney's Office and County Crime Lab



SACRAMENTO COUNTY



- **8th largest County in California**
- **Approximately 1.6 million residents**
- **7 Cities with several unincorporated communities such as Carmichael, Arden-Arcade, North Highlands**



Year	Accident	Homicide	Natural	Suicide	Undetermined	Total
2016	751	108	437	191	94	1,581
2017	850	91	475	213	85	1,711
2018	794	91	480	216	65	1,646
2019	924	92	499	212	77	1,804
2020	1,077	123	564	187	65	2,016
2021	1,185	112	667	199	100	2,264
2022	1,193	124	668	181	62	2,228
2023	1,272	95	606	200	72	2,245
2024	1,137	103	614	180	51	2,085

In 2025 there were 5,439 reportable deaths of which 1,852 were investigated and body was examined

Source: Sacramento County Coroner

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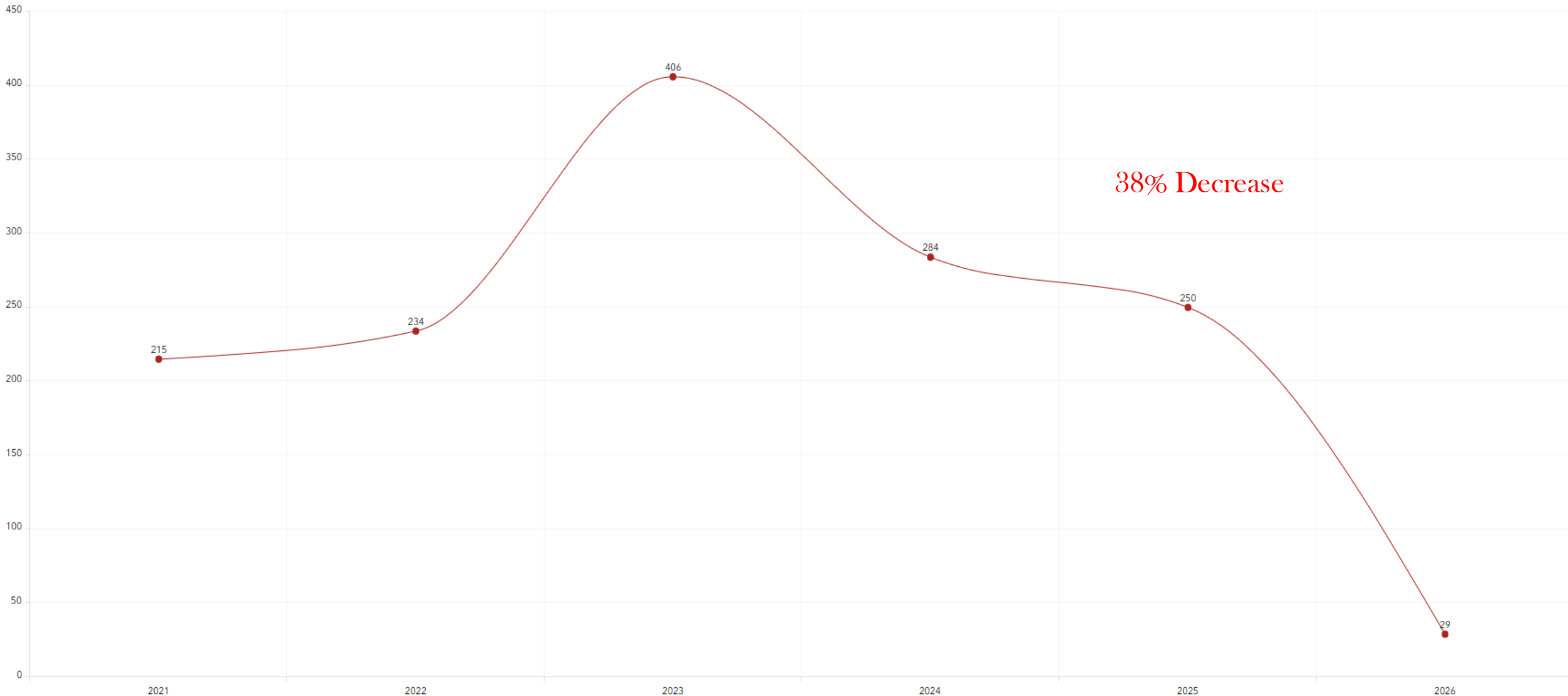
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TRENDS

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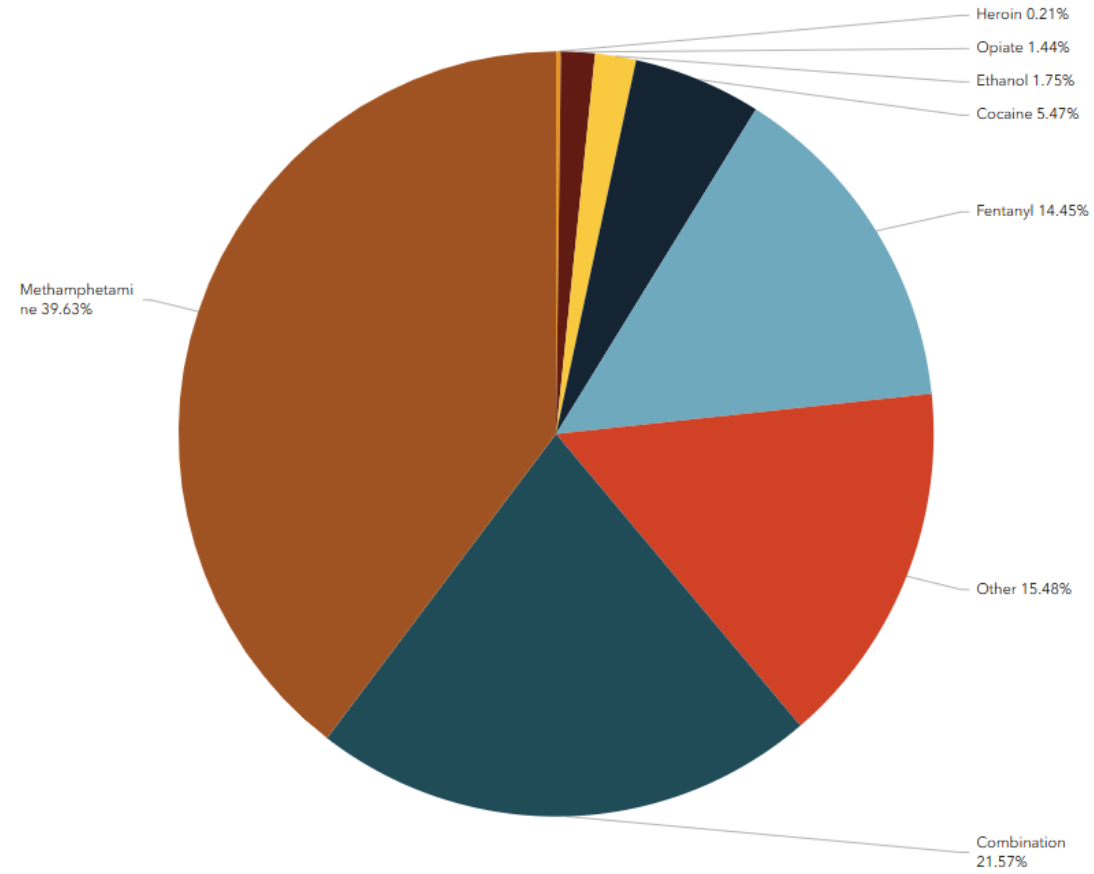


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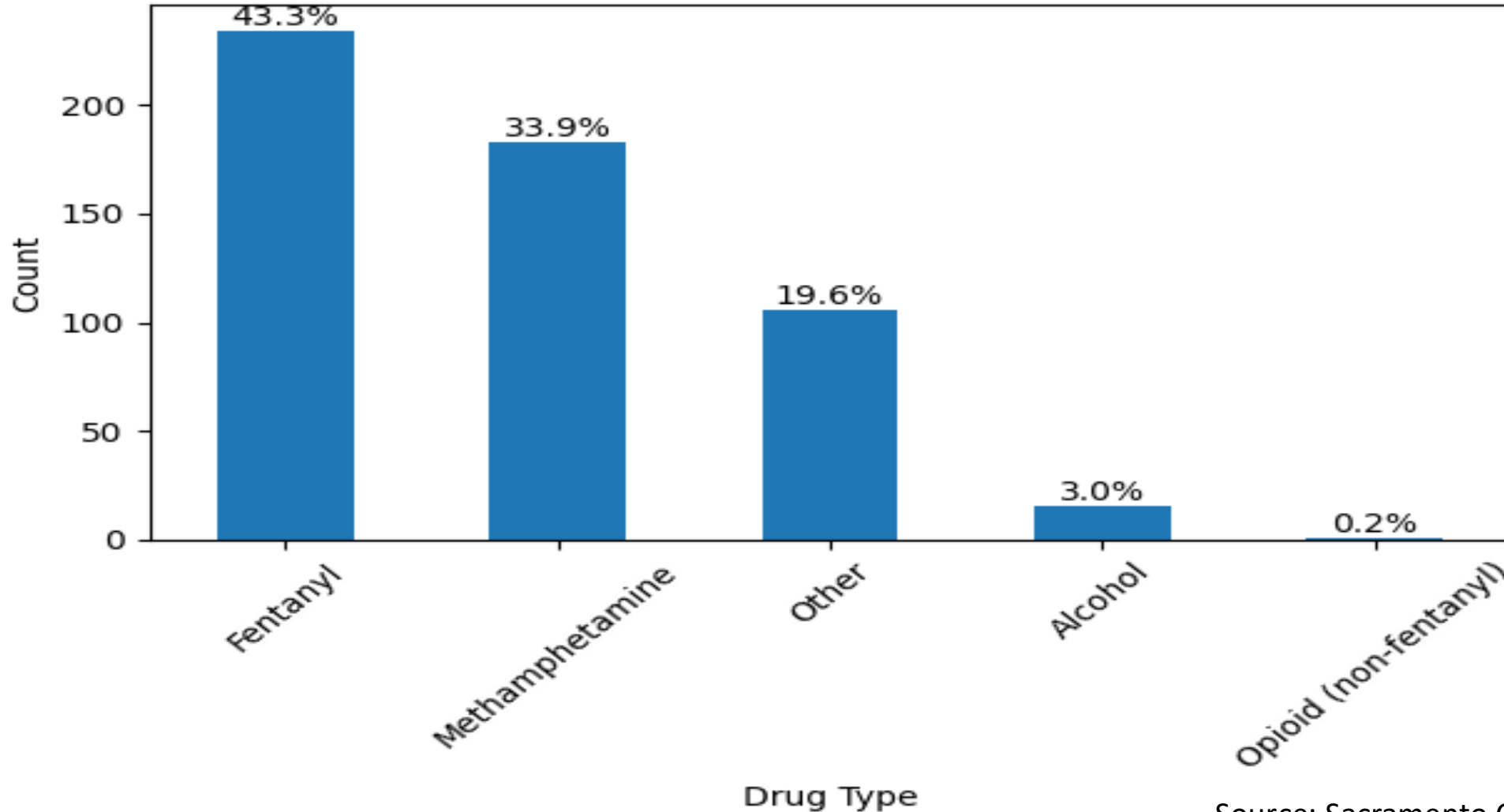
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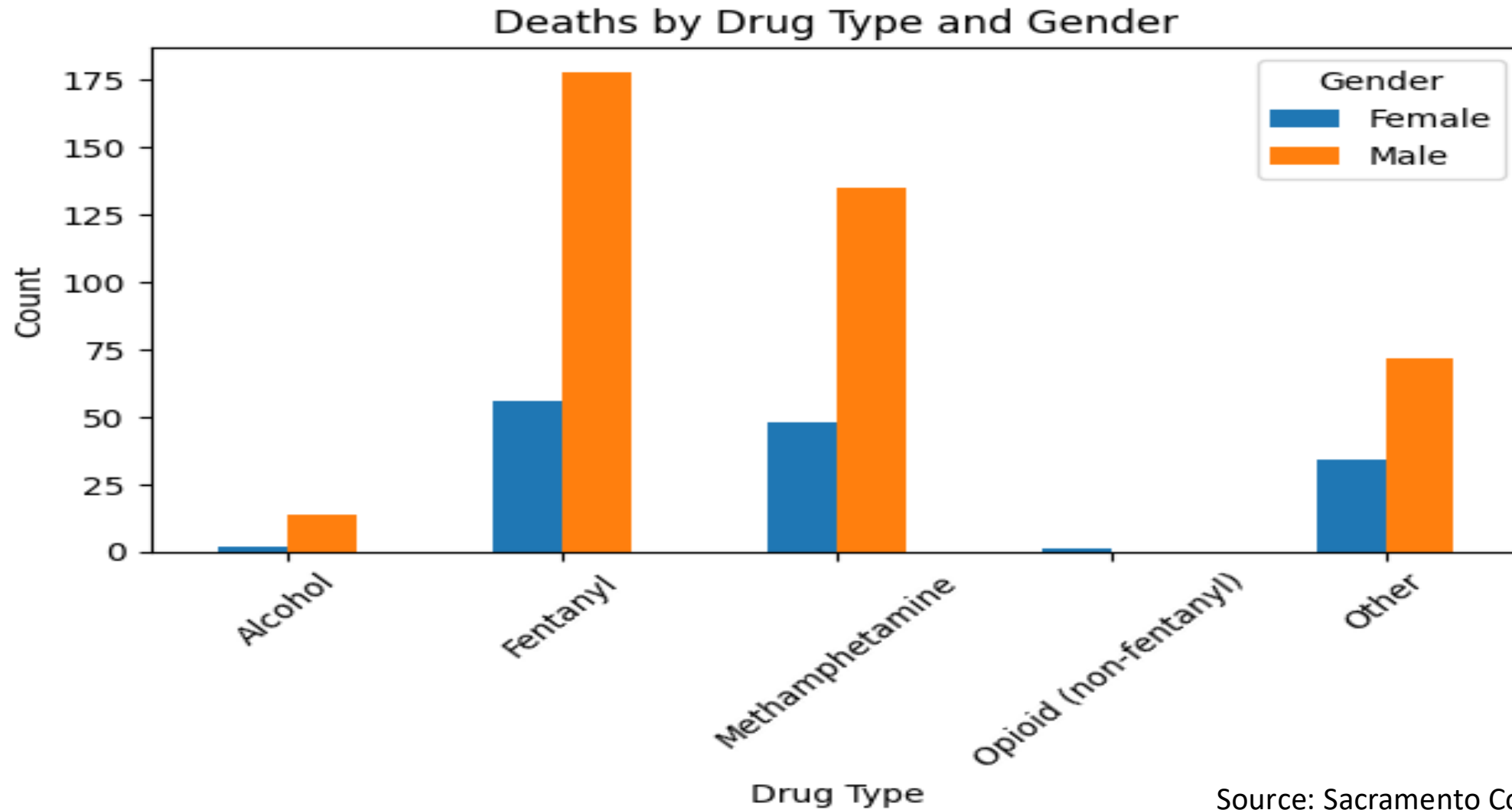
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DRUG-RELATED DEATHS OVERVIEW FOR 2025

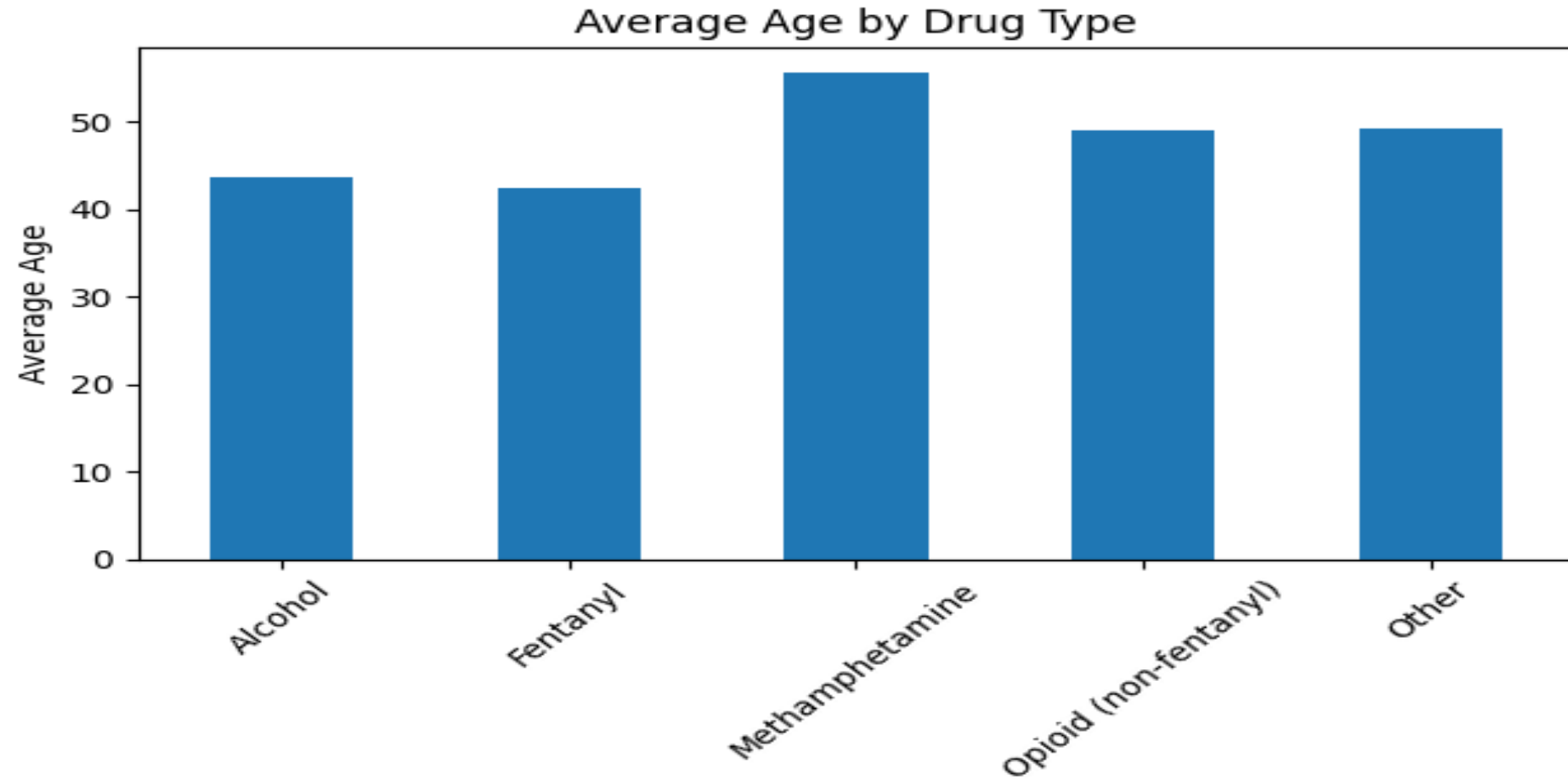


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GENDER



Age



UNCOMMON FINDINGS



Kratom is a herbal substance that has a stimulant and opioid-like effect. Kratom stimulant effects include alertness, rapid heart rate, and increased energy. Kratom can also cause effects such as relaxation, confusion, and pain relief similar to opioids and sedatives effect. Kratom is usually taken as raw plant material either in a capsule, in powder form mixed into drinks or food, tea made with leaves, or as liquid kratom extract. In the US, kratom has been used as an alternative agent for muscle pain relief, diarrhea, and as a treatment for opiate addiction (such as prescription narcotics or heroin), and withdrawal.

www.drugs.com

Since 2000, there have been 23 deaths; mostly a mixed toxicity. Mitragynine is the active alkaloid, effects similar to opioid overdose (respiratory distress). Of the 23 decedents, 8 decedents were female, 15 were male, between 20 and 65 years of age; with most deaths in the 30's age range. Of the 23 deaths, 19 were accident, 3 were suicide and 1 undetermined. In 2025, there were 3.

Xylazine

Xylazine, known as "tranq" or "sleep cut," is a veterinary tranquilizer approved for use in large animals as a sedative, analgesic, and muscle relaxant. It is not approved for human use in the United States. It is a non-opioid sedative that can slow the brain, breathing, heart rate, and lower blood pressure. Xylazine is sometimes added to illicit drugs such as fentanyl, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine to prolong effects, enhance euphoria, or increase street value. www.cdc.gov



Synthetic Cannabinoids

Laboratory-made substances marketed as being like THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol). THC is the main psychoactive chemical in the cannabis plant that can be smoked as cannabis or used in other cannabis products like edibles. Despite the resemblance in name, SC are not the same as plant-based cannabis and its chemical structures bear no resemblance to the chemical structure of plant-based THC from the cannabis plant. Unlike THC, SC are not one substance, but hundreds of different chemical combinations categorized in a new class of substances called novel psychoactive substances (NPS). www.oasas.ny.gov



QUESTIONS?

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