



2022-23 BUDGET PRESENTATION

CUYAHOGA COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE & REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY



CCMEO- 2021 Accomplishments

MAJOR

- Continued full operations of the office and forensic lab through COVID19 pandemic.
- Provided ongoing surveillance data to Board of Health about COVID19 deaths reported.
- Firearms lab added to National Correlations Center (ATF)
- Provided drug chemistry services for the State of Ohio.
- Office and Labs continue to maintain full accreditations.

OTHER

- Out of County autopsies performed exceed 200 for tenth consecutive year (2011 – 174; 2012 – 224; 2013 – 202; 2014 – 217; 2015 – 240; 2016- 317; 2017- 434; 2018- 434; 2019 - 418; 2020 - 444) and over 400 for 5th time – projected to exceed 500 for 1st time ever (already 458 in 2021).
- Sexual Assault kit testing on-going with over 4,000 cases submitted since start in May 2012.
- Firearms lab marks 3,000 and 4,000 leads from submissions to NIBIN.
- Over 750 trained by CCMEO under new format remote Death Investigation training courses.

CCMEO- 2020 Accomplishments

MAJOR

- Continued full operations of the office and forensic lab through COVID19 pandemic.
- Provided surveillance data to Board of Health about reported COVID19 deaths to the Office.
- Developed a method for tracking daily fluctuations in reported deaths as a secondary method for monitoring COVID19 case spikes in real time.
- Office and Labs continue to maintain full accreditations.

OTHER

- Out of County autopsies performed exceed 200 for ninth consecutive year (2011 – 174; 2012 – 224; 2013 – 202; 2014 – 217; 2015 – 240; 2016- 317; 2017- 434; 2018- 434; 2019 - 418; 2020 - 444) and over 400 for 4th time.
- Sexual Assault kit testing on-going with over 3,750 cases submitted since start in May 2012.
- Firearms lab marks 2,000 leads from submissions to NIBIN
- Over 600 trained by CCMEO under new format remote Death Investigation training courses.

2022—23 BUDGET

- For the 2022-2023 Biennial Budget, the Medical Examiner Personnel Services was reduced to reflect an adjustment for Premium Holiday Pay for \$65.3K for 2022 and Worker's Compensation for \$42.1K each year.
- In addition, the budget for the Regional Forensic Science Lab in the amount of about \$6.0M each year has been included and now resides within the General Fund.

2020-21 BUDGET REVIEW

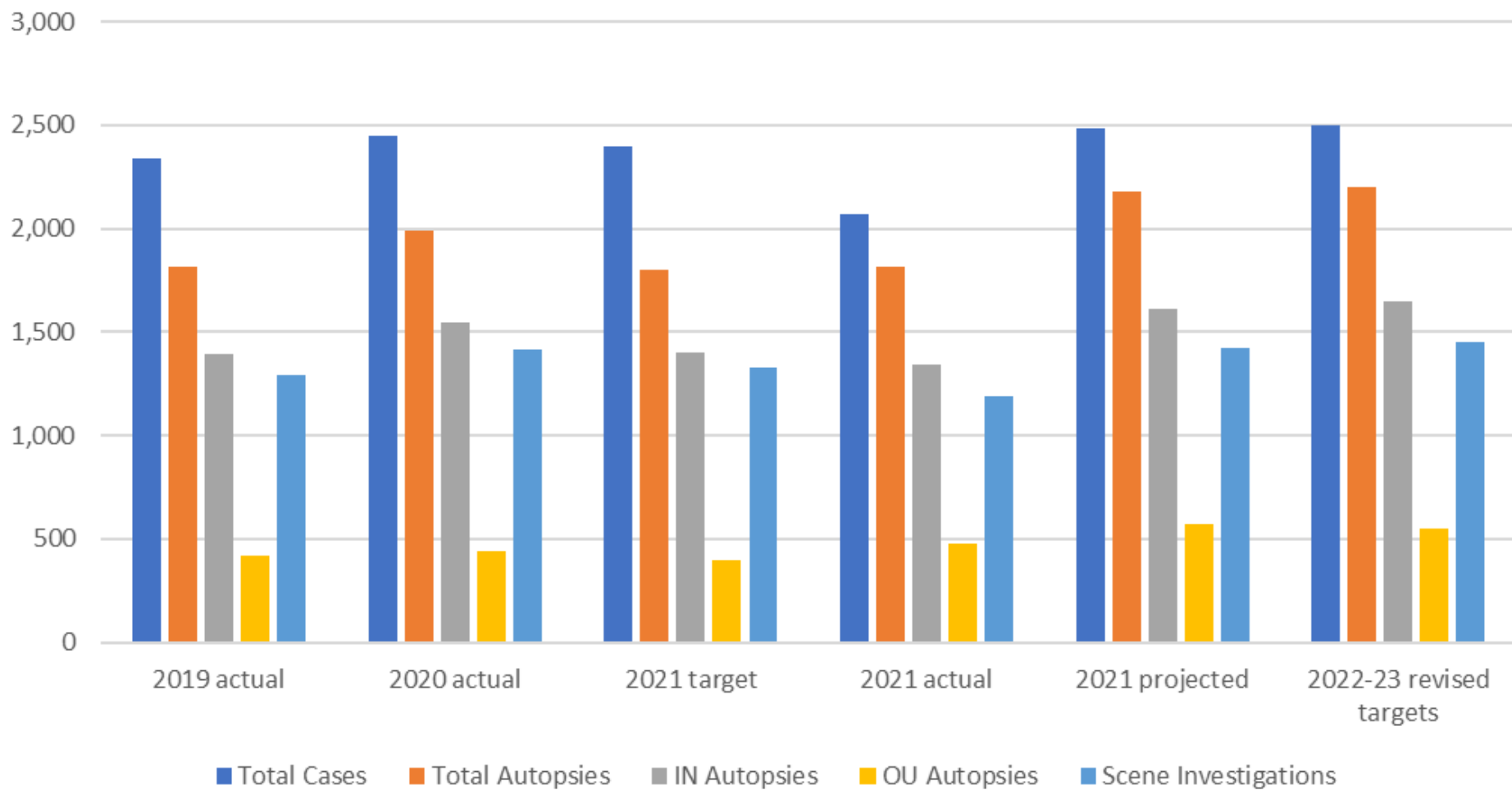
- Nearly \$250,000 increase in 2020-21 budget.
 - Additional staff for forensic labs
 - Drug chemistry, DNA and trace evidence to maximize turn around time capabilities to assist with lowering jail wait times even further.

Additional staff added in These 3 areas. COVID, unusual forensic staff turnover and high gun homicides in 2020, 2021 has put a pause in substantial turn around time improvements.

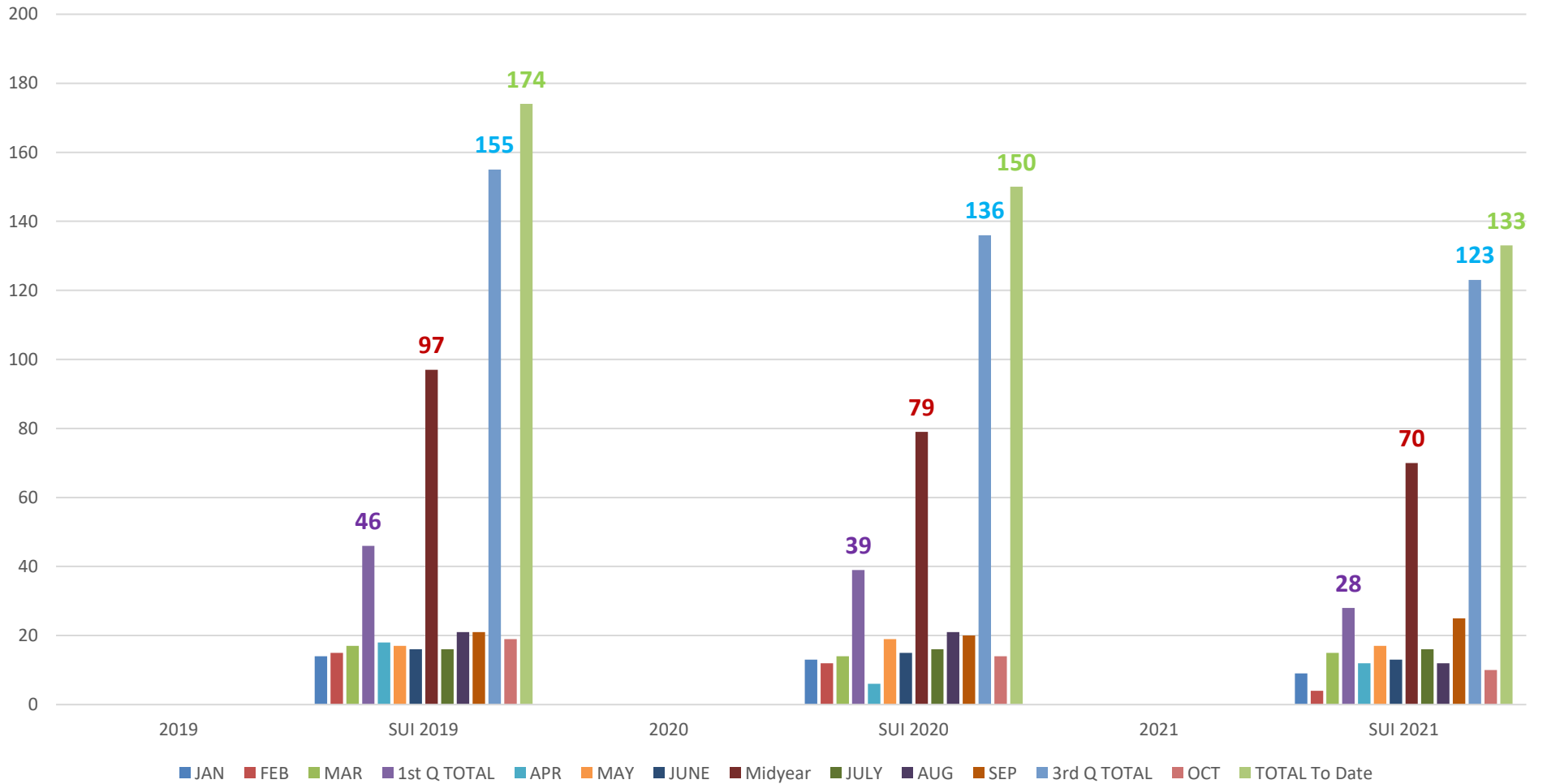
- Upgrade the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)
 - End of life of existing system and accompanying contract is 2019
 - Current system replacement scheduled for 2020

AFIS was upgraded and replaced and is now housed at CCMEO and is on Cuyahoga County Public Safety Network

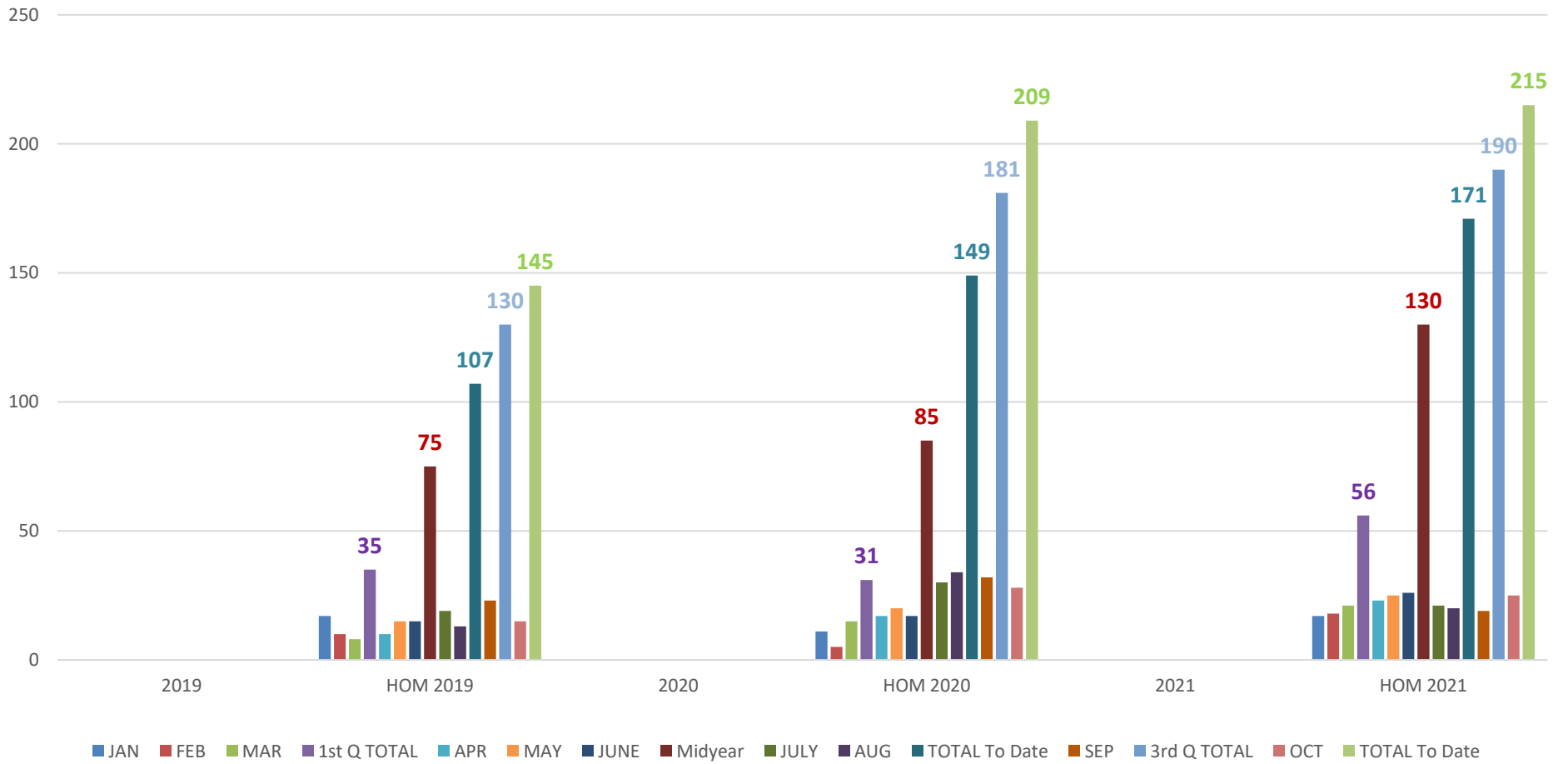
CCMEO Case Work Thru October



Suicides 2019, 2020 & 2021 By Month, Jan - Oct Comparisons

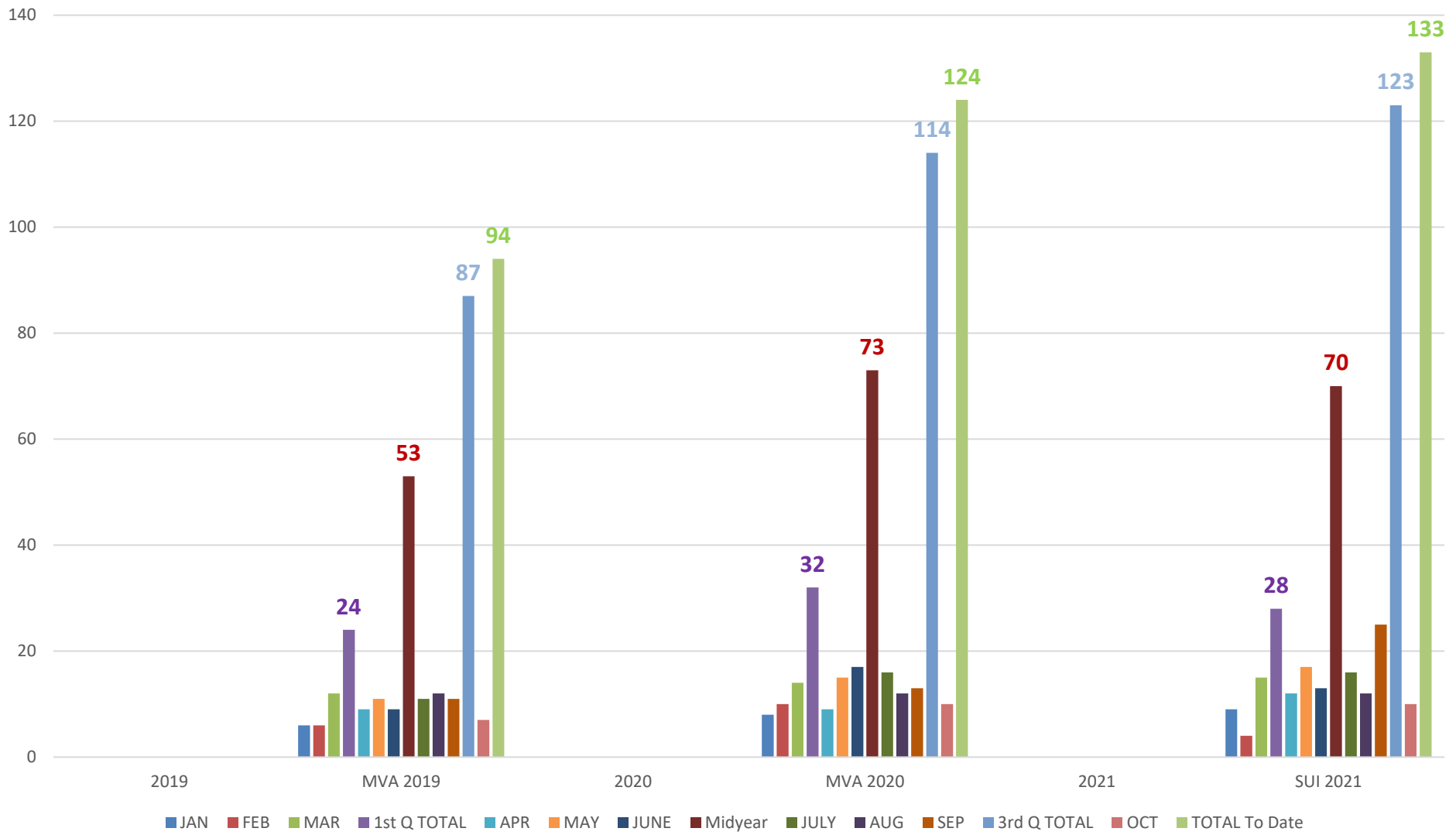


Homicides 2019, 2020 & 2021 By Month, Jan - Oct Comparisons



MVAs 2019, 2020 & 2021 By Month, Jan - Oct* Comparisons

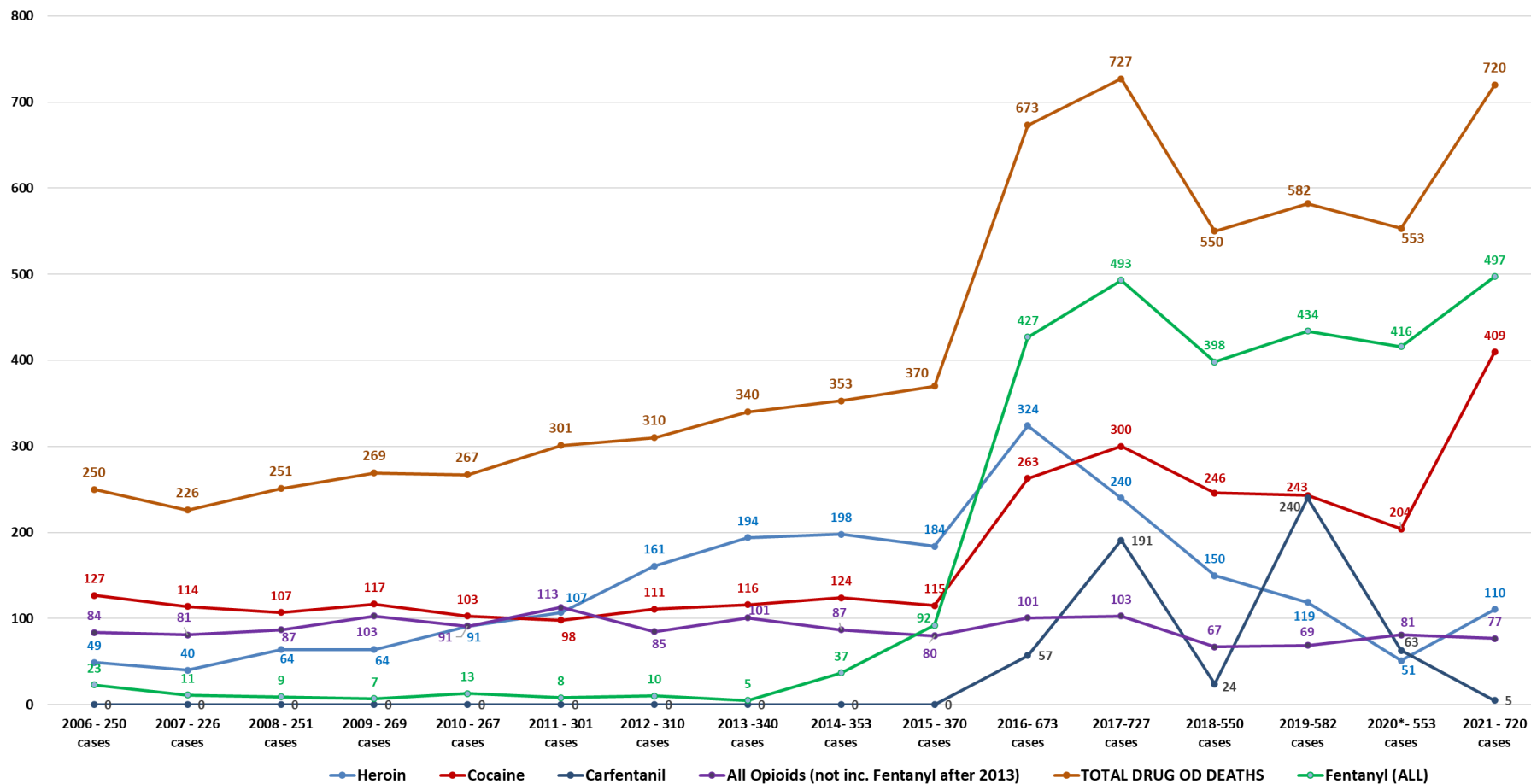
(*Sept/Oct rulings thru Nov 1)



Cuyahoga County Overdose Deaths 2006-2021*

Most Common Drugs

*(2021 projections based on data through October 31, 2021)



CCMEO Gun Related Homicides/Suicides, Total Homicides/Suicides and Total Gun Related Deaths 2001-2021* (*2021 data through October)

