2022 NH Overdose Deaths

as of 3/10/2023

Drug Category	Total
Fentanyl alone[1]	224
Fentanyl and methamphetamine[2]	77
Fentanyl and cocaine[3]	36
Fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine[4]	6
Fentanyl ± other drugs[5]	52
Methamphetamine[6]	9
Cocaine[7]	12
Methamphetamine and cocaine[8]	1
Other opioids ± other drugs[9]	14
Non-opioids[10]	29
Unknown drugs	3
Total confirmed drug deaths	463
Pending toxicology	14

[1]Fentanyl alone, without other drugs
[2]Fentanyl and methamphetamine with or without other drugs excluding cocaine
[3]Fentanyl and cocaine with or without other drugs excluding methamphetamine
[4]Fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine with or without other drugs
[5]Fentanyl with or without other drugs excluding methamphetamine and cocaine
[6]Methamphetamine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl and cocaine
[7]Cocaine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl and methamphetamine
[8]Methamphetamine and cocaine with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl
[9]Other opioids with or without other drugs excluding fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine
[10]Non-opioids excluding fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and all other opioids

'Drug Category' *refers to the drug(s) that caused death, not necessarily all drugs detected by toxicology testing..*

'Pending toxicology' *means that the death may be due to drug intoxication based on circumstances, scene investigation and/or autopsy findings but the final determination also depends on the results of toxicology testing. It can take up to 2 to 3 months to finalize the death certificate following a suspected drug intoxication death. This delay reflects the time required for specimen processing, toxicology testing and reporting and interpretation of the report by the pathologist.*

Three of the 463 confirmed drug deaths involved xylazine in combination with fentanyl and other drugs.

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Drug Deaths by Year

2011	201
2012	163
2013	198
2014	342
2015	444
2016	486
2017	490
2018	471
2019	415
2020	417
2021	436

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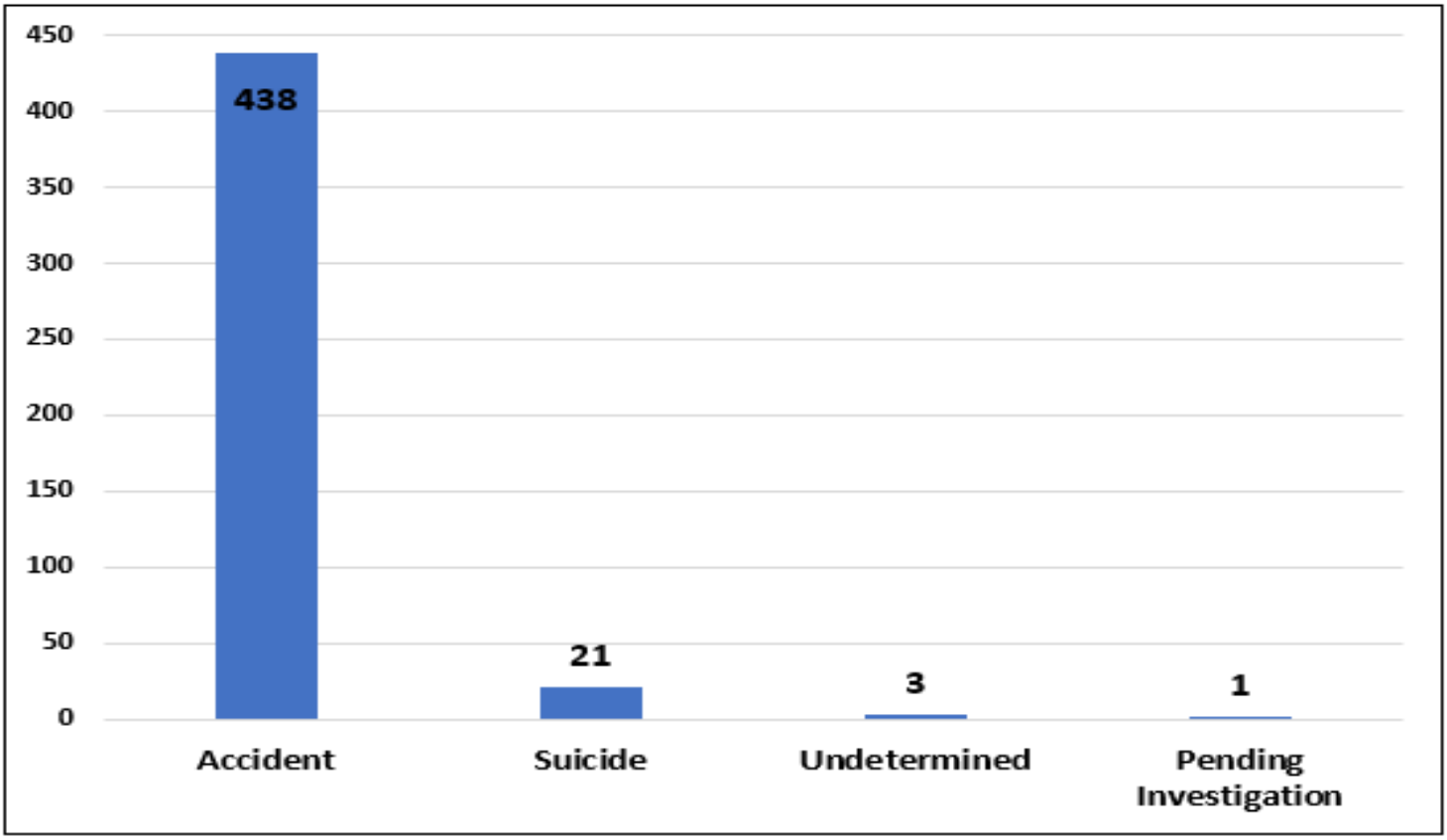
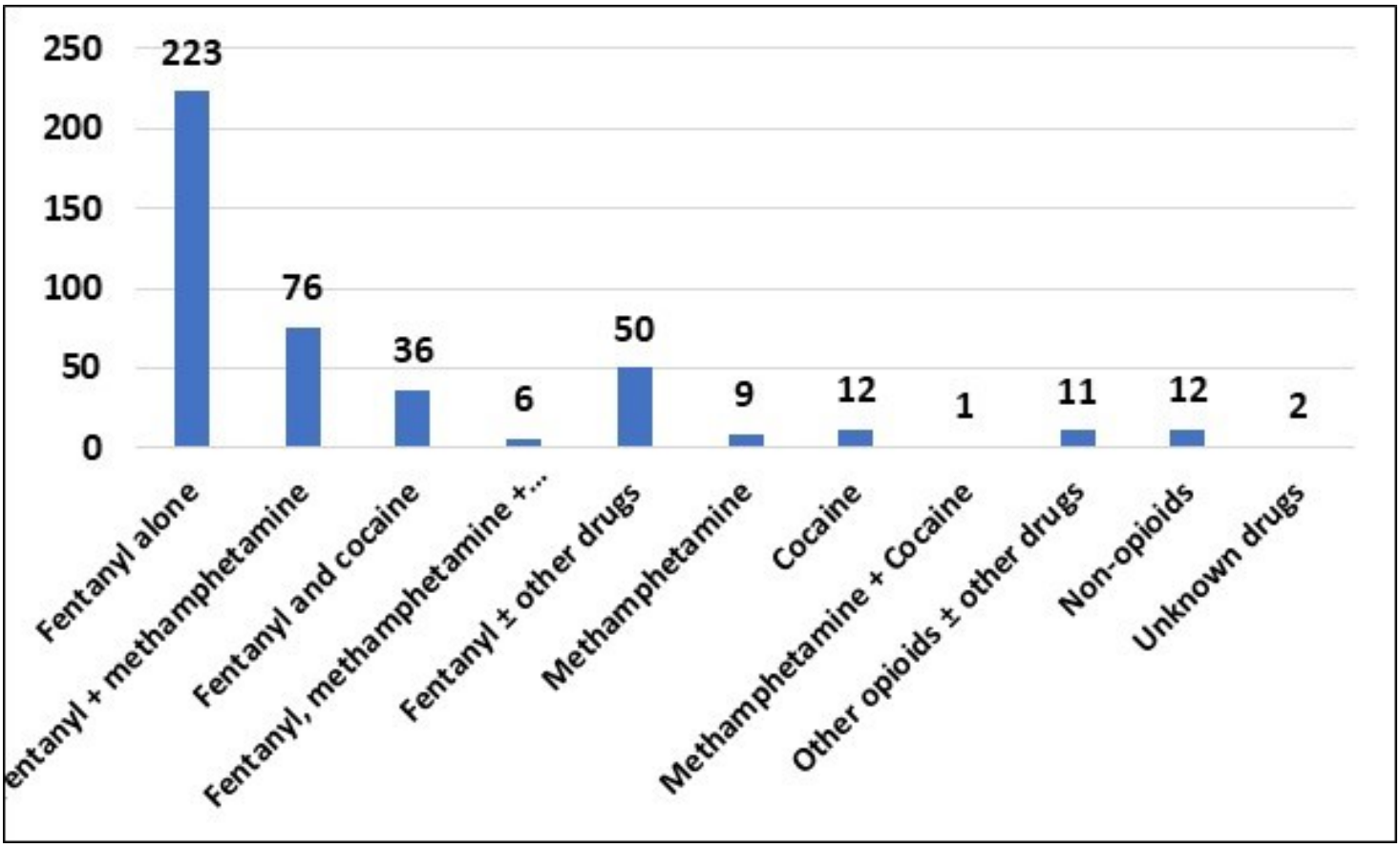
Confirmed Overdoses by Manner of Death



Confirmed Accidental Overdoses by Drug Category



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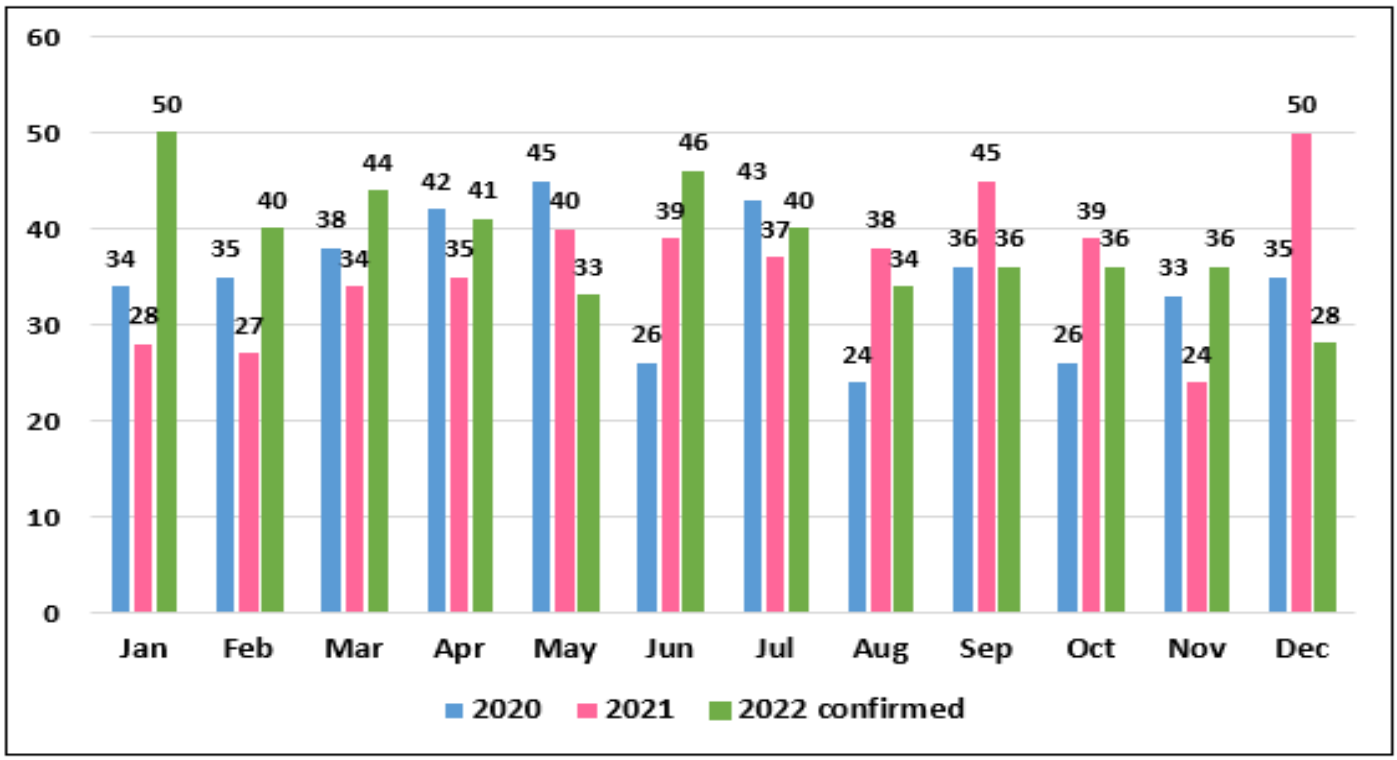
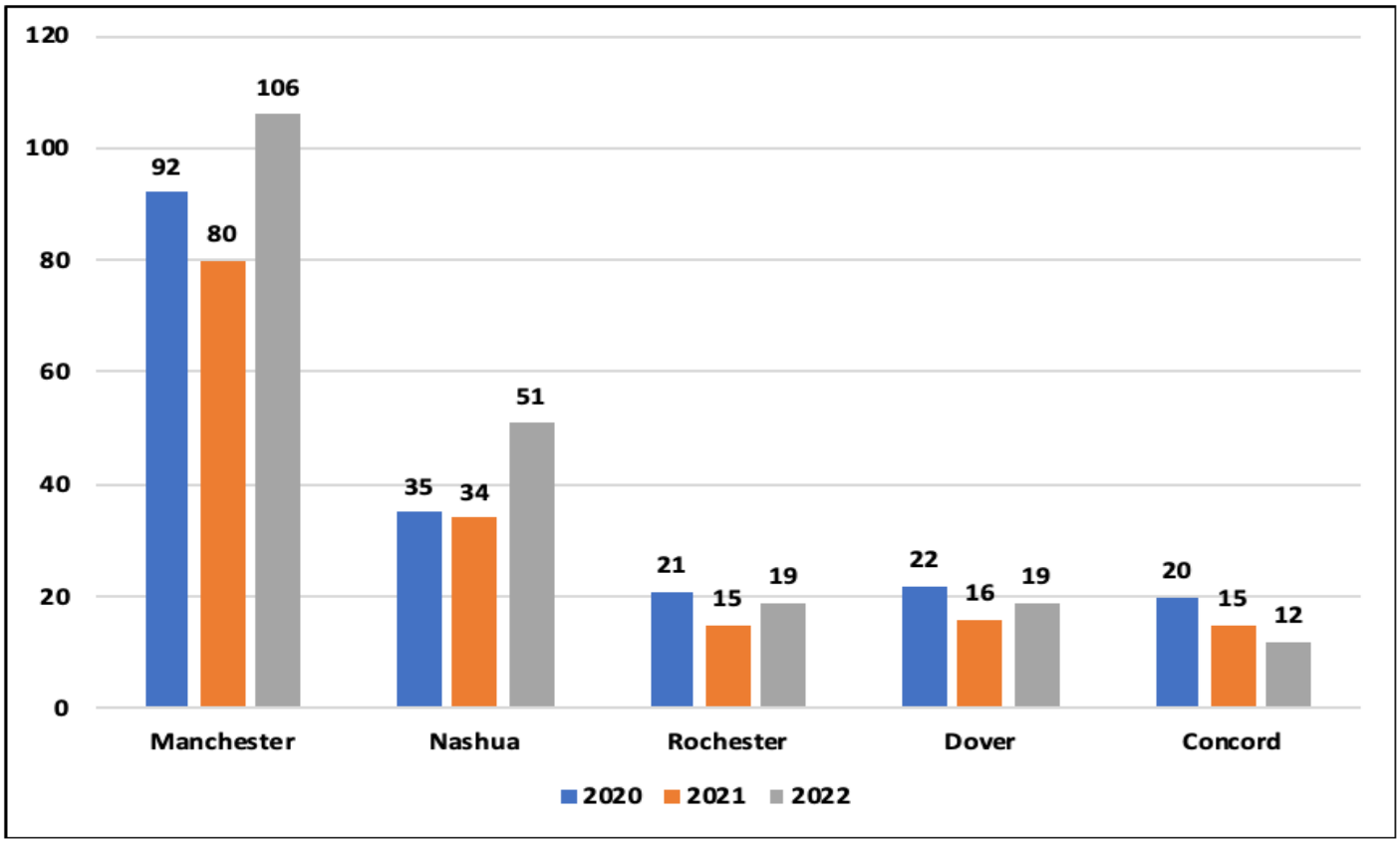
Confirmed Overdoses by Month



Confirmed Overdoses by Top 5 Cities/Towns



Numbers refer to the city/town where drug use occurred, not necessarily the city/town where death occurred.

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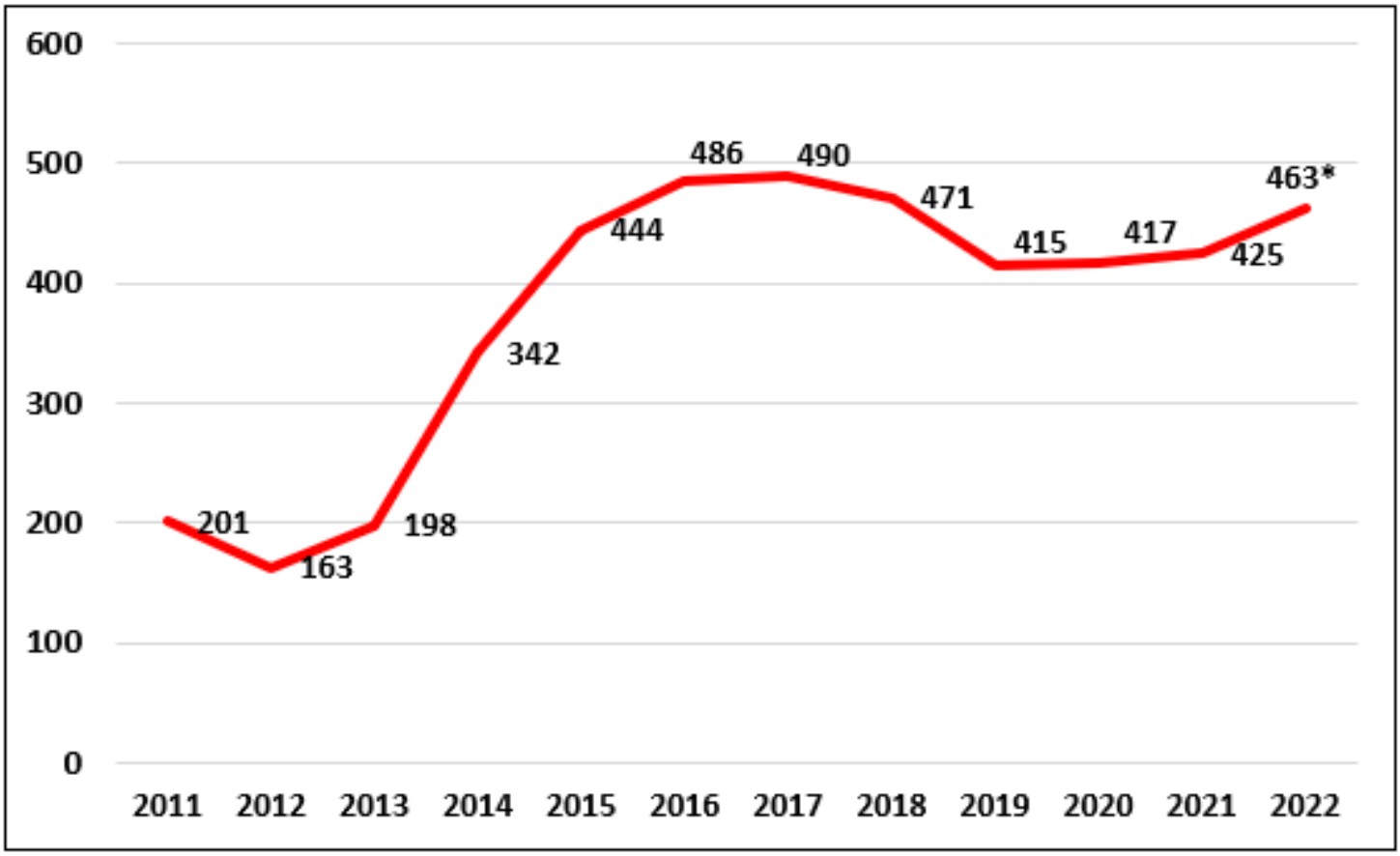

***463 confirmed overdoses in 2022 as of 3/10/2023. There are an additional 14 suspected overdoses still pending toxicology results. It is also possible that unsuspected overdoses in presumed natural deaths will be identified once outstanding toxicology results are received. Thus the final number of fatal overdoses in 2022 will not be known until all toxicology testing is complete.**

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