

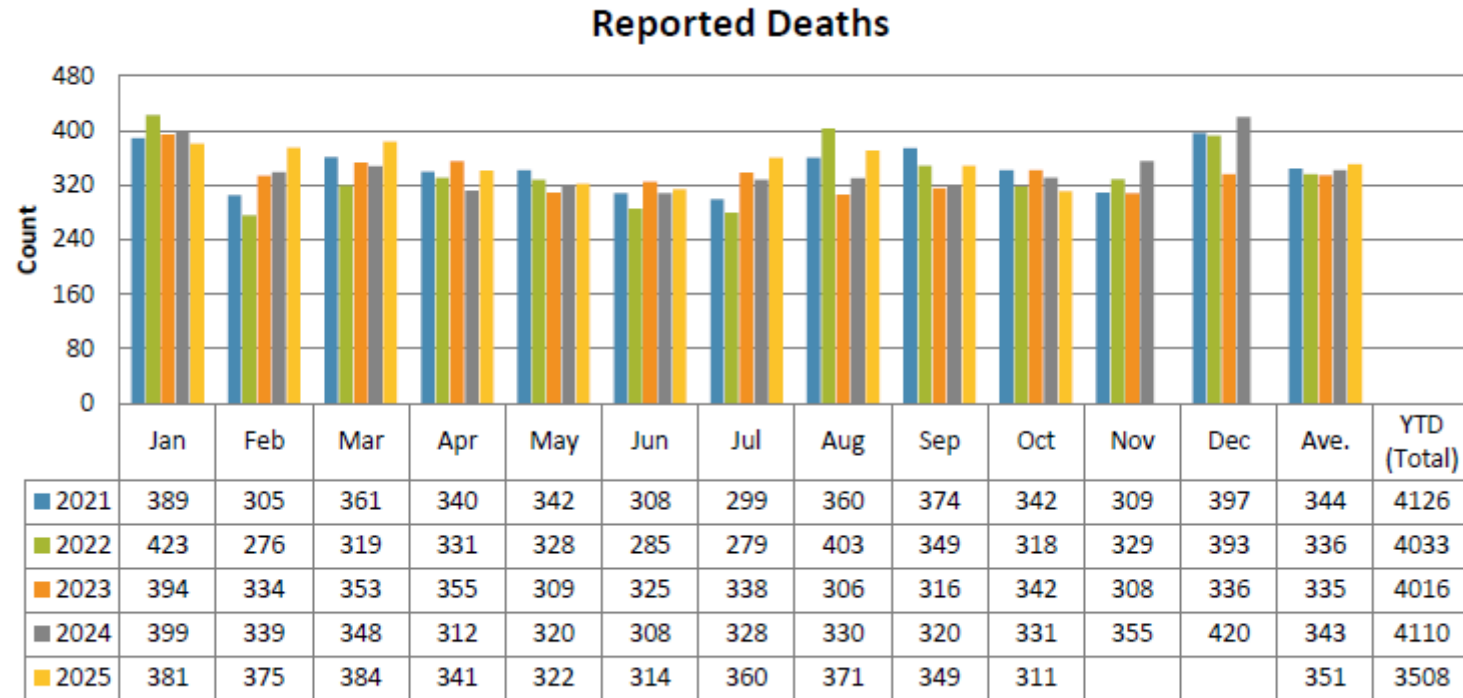
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ADVISORY BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

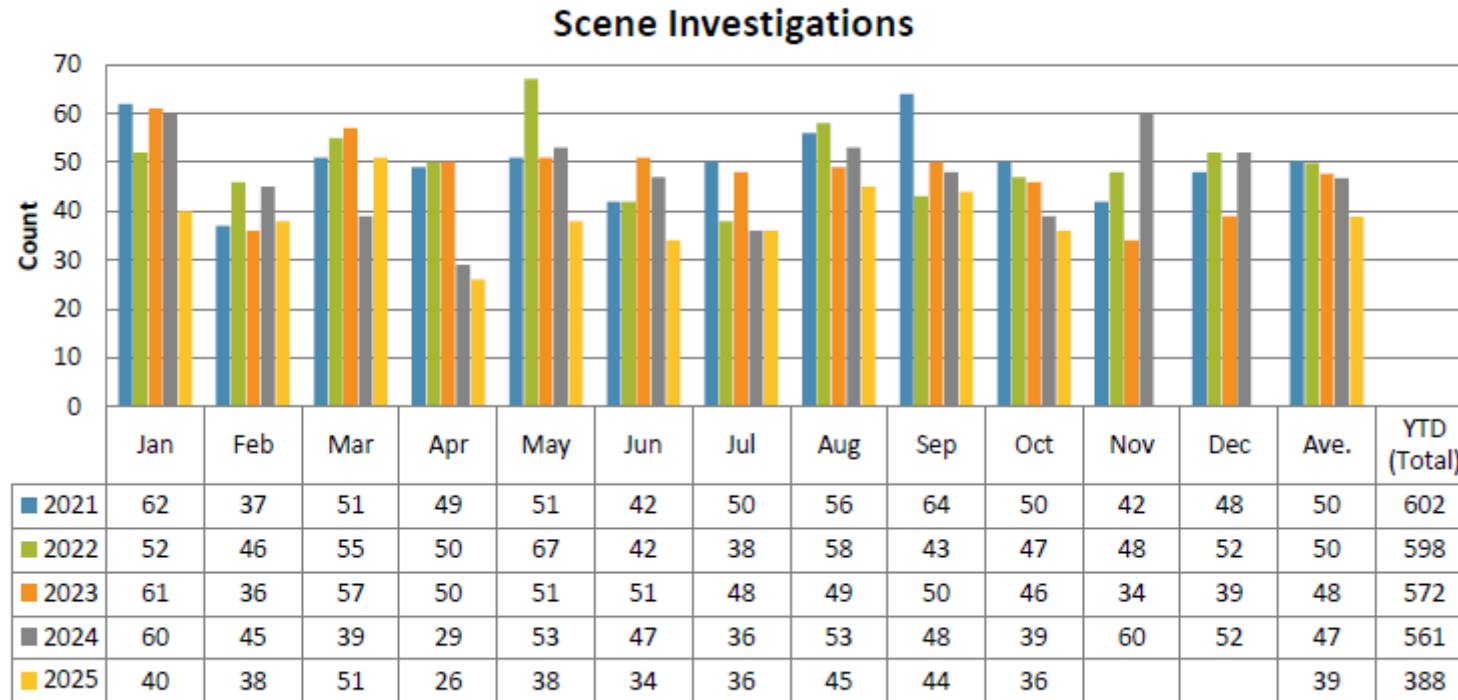
November 20, 2025



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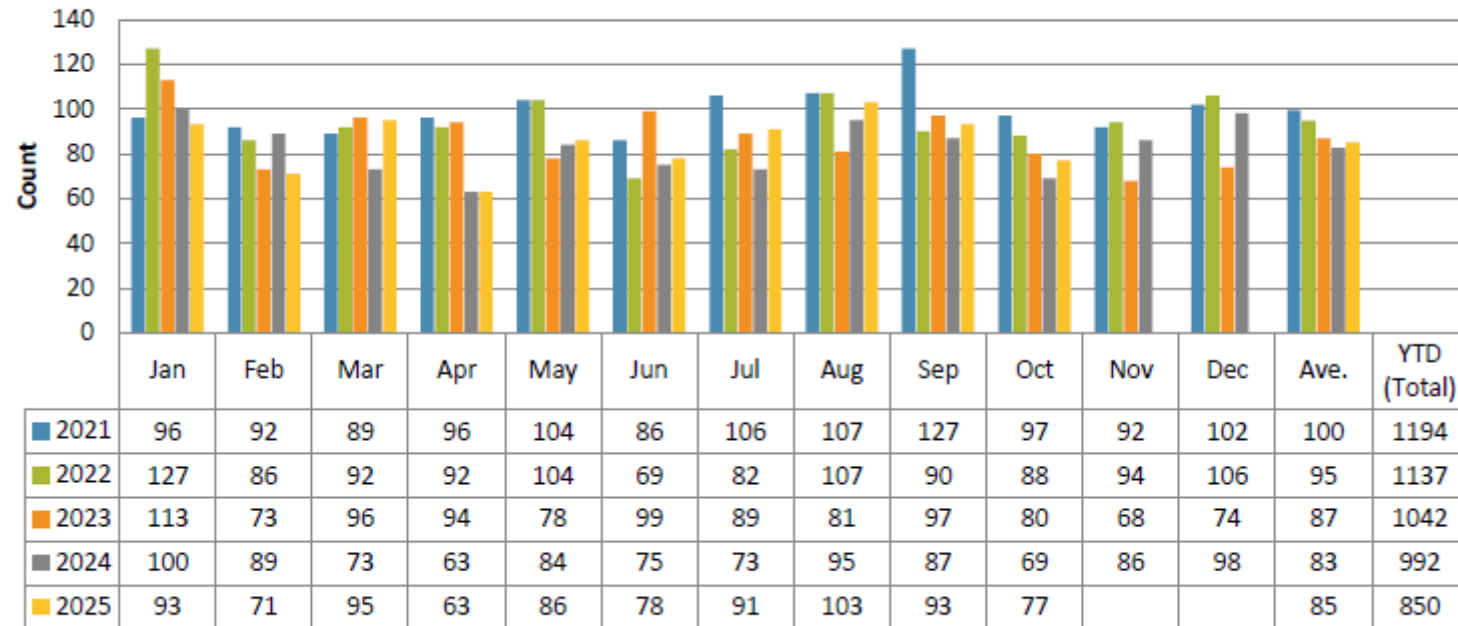


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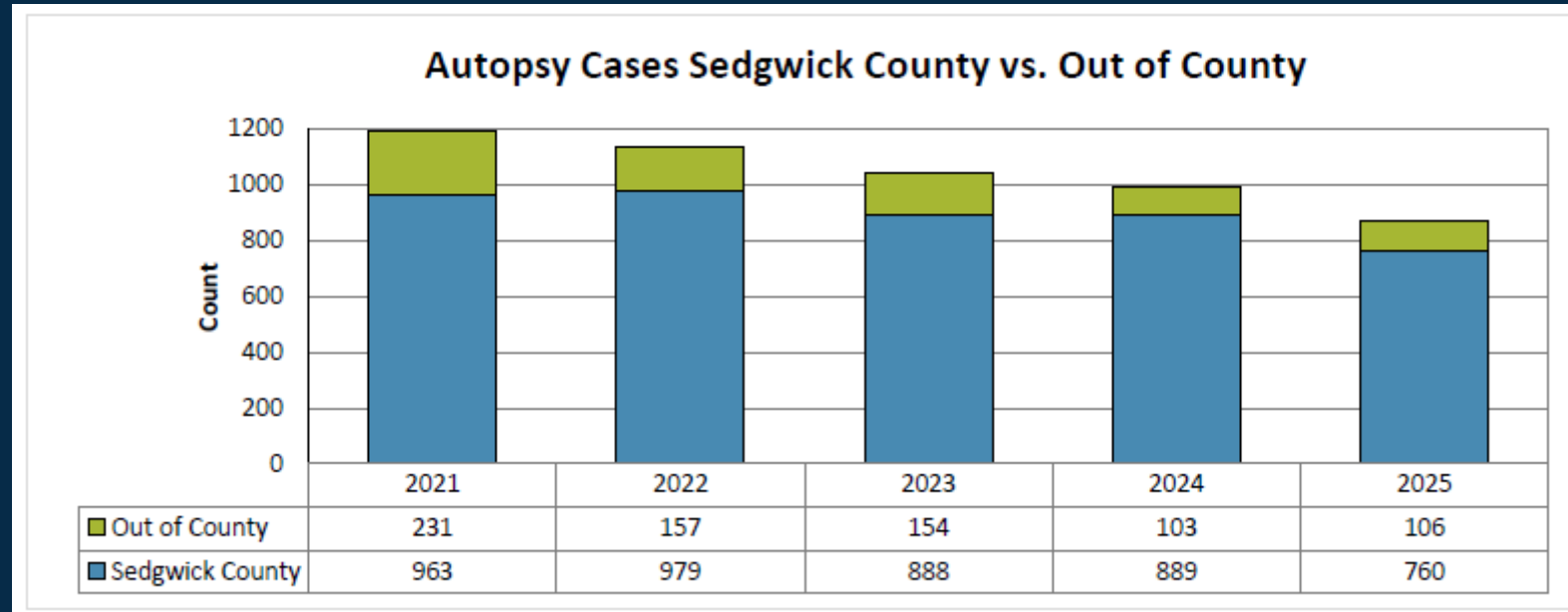


Pathology

Autopsy Cases Received by Death Reported Year



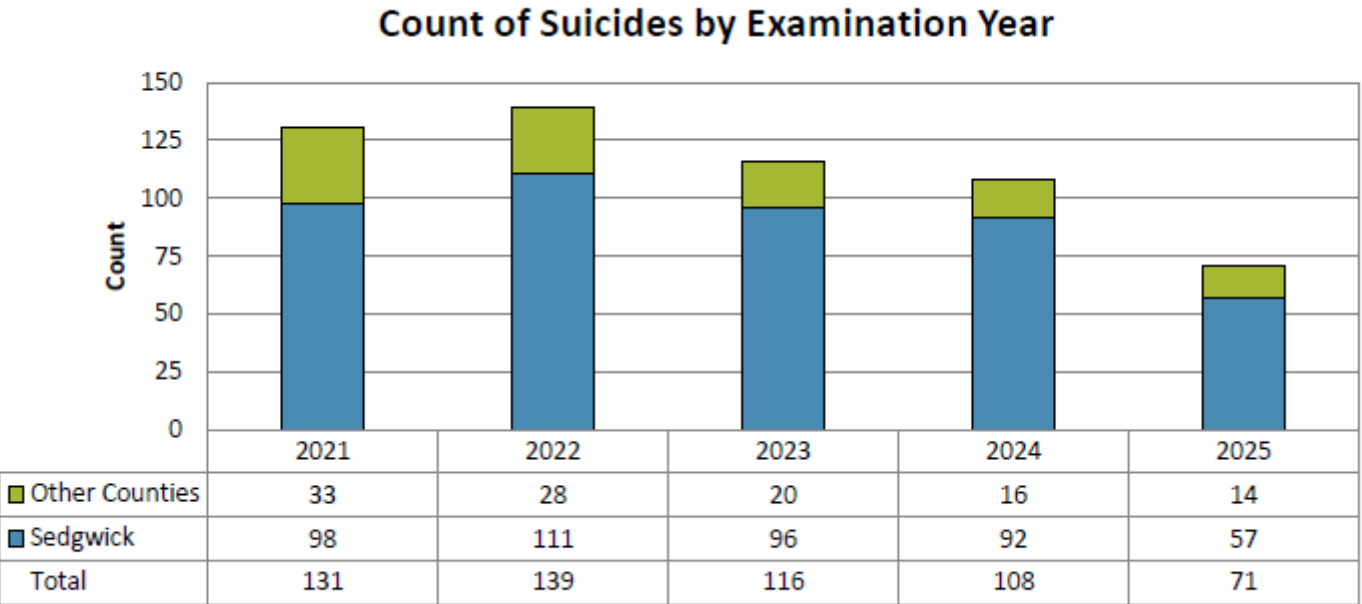
Pathology



2021 = 19% 2022 = 14% 2023 = 15% 2024 = 10%
Working on MOU with Riley County



Pathology



11%

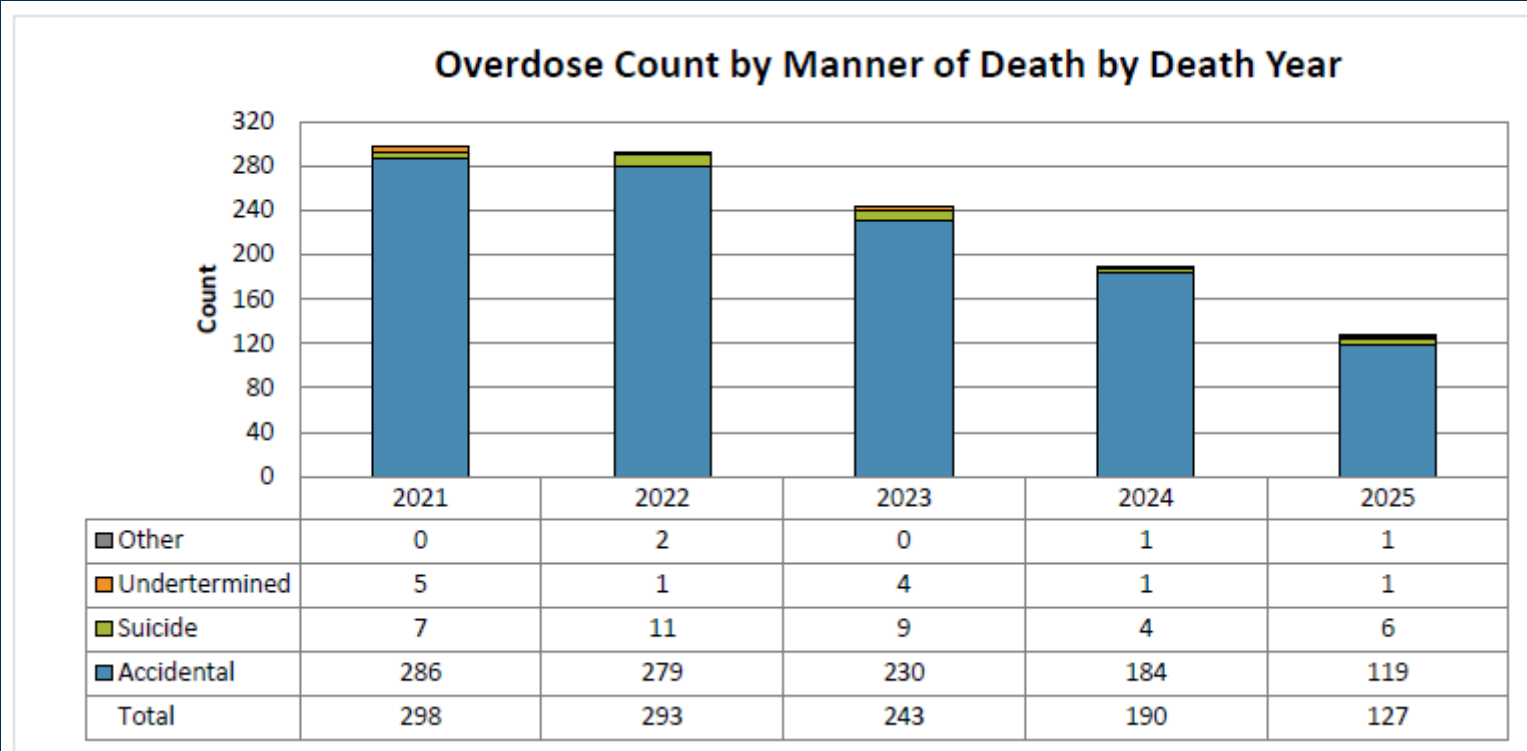
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Pathology



2020 = 18%

25%

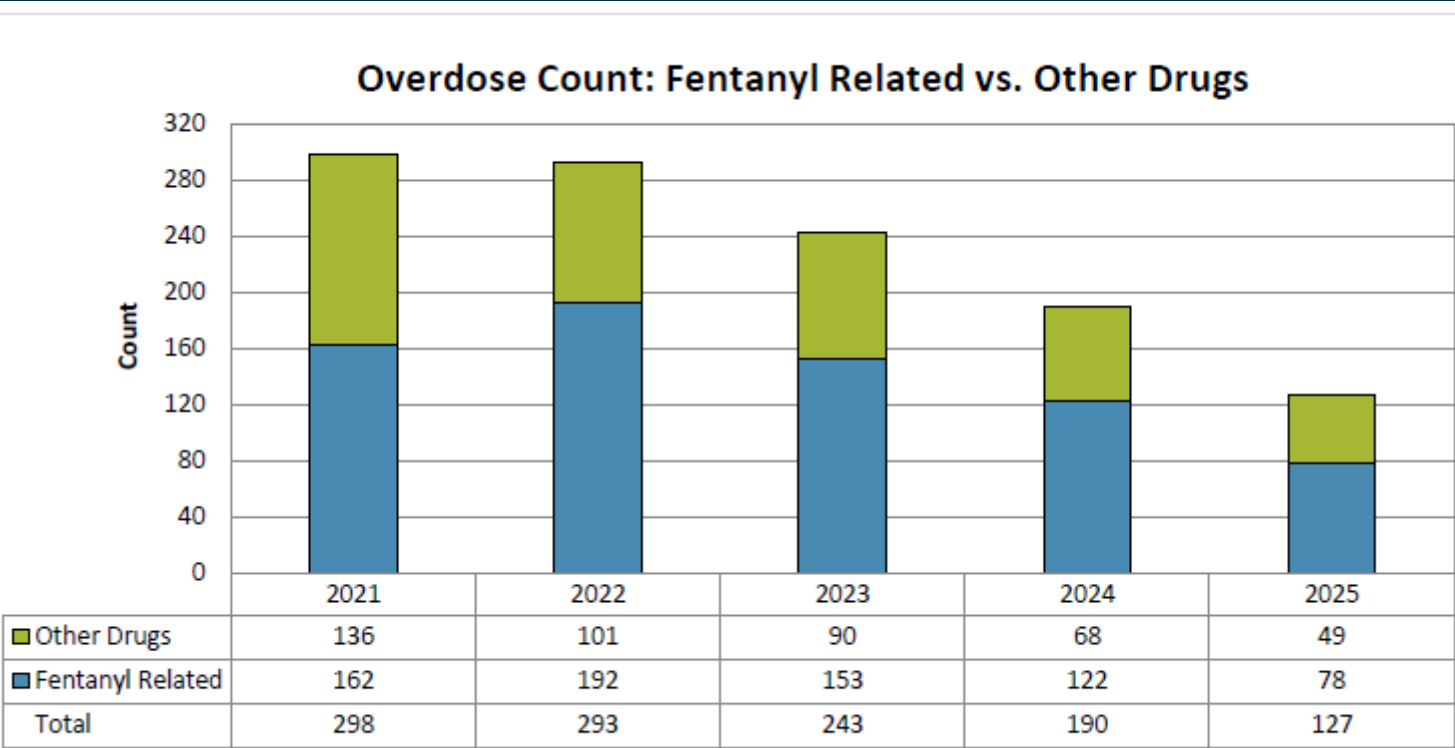
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23%

19%



Pathology



54%

66%

63%

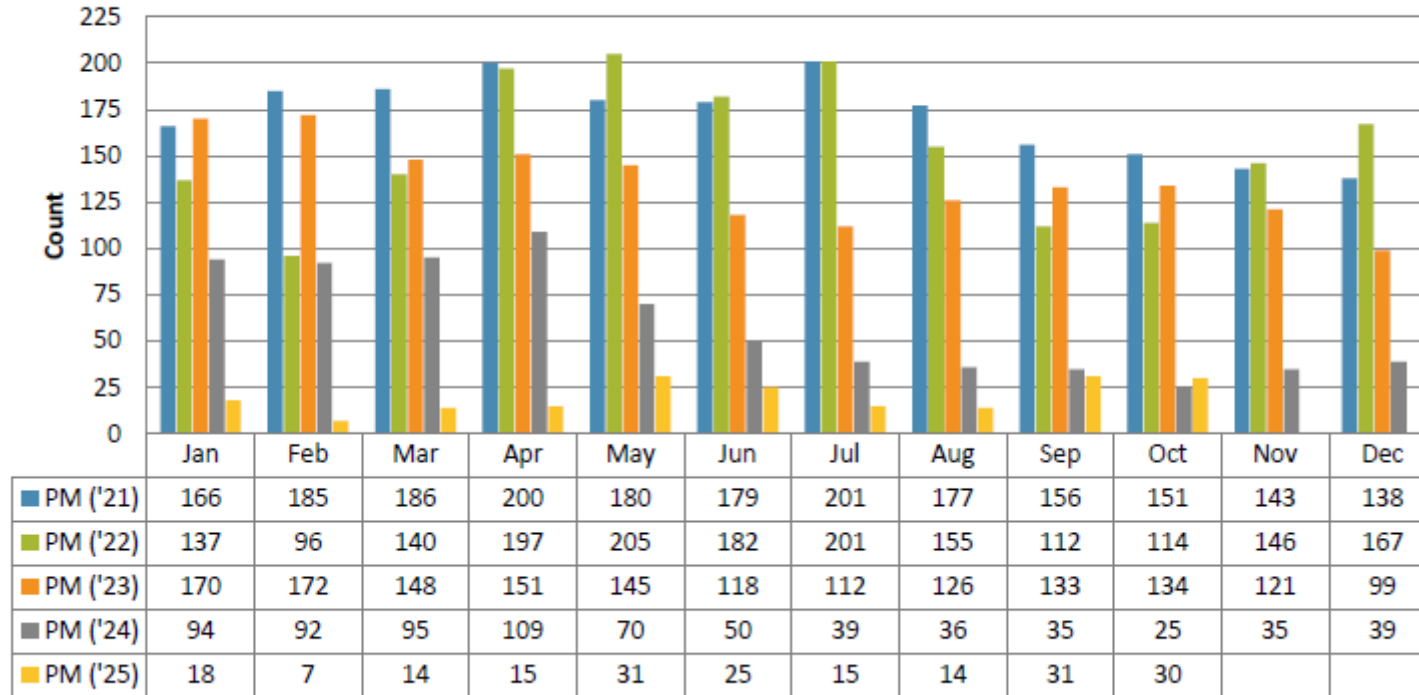
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~61%



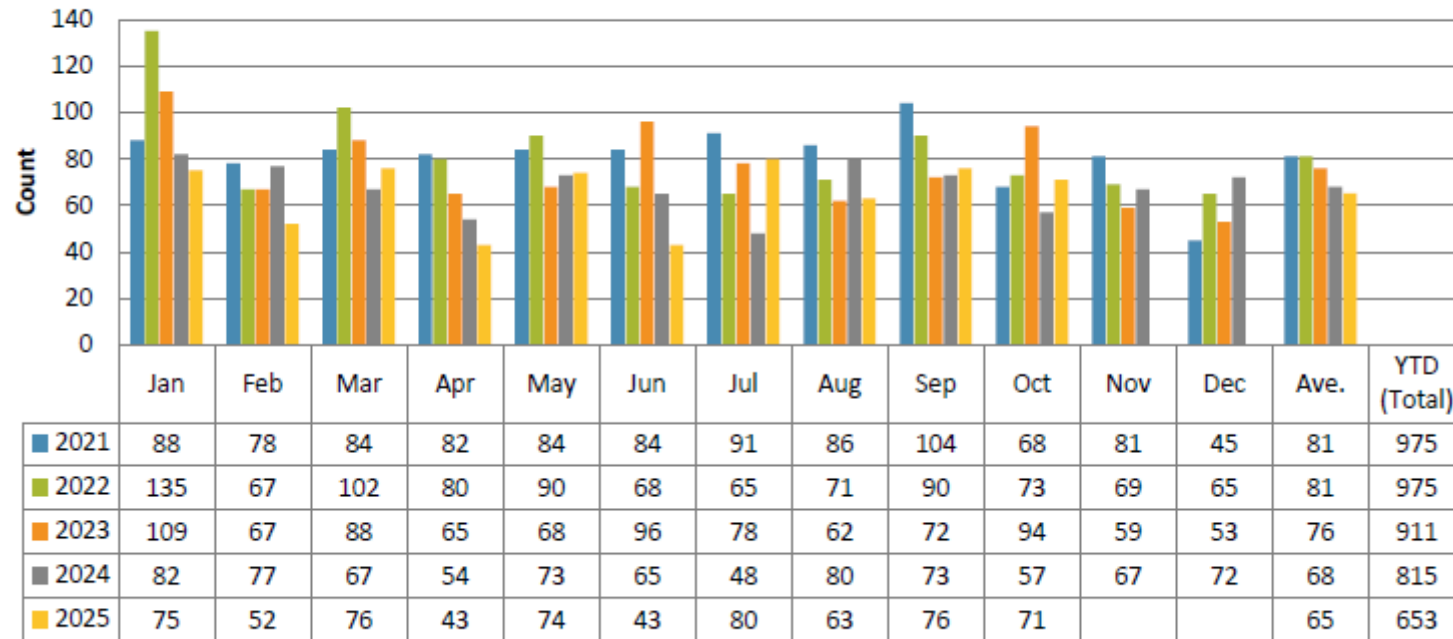
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PM - Toxicology Backlog (> 60 Days)



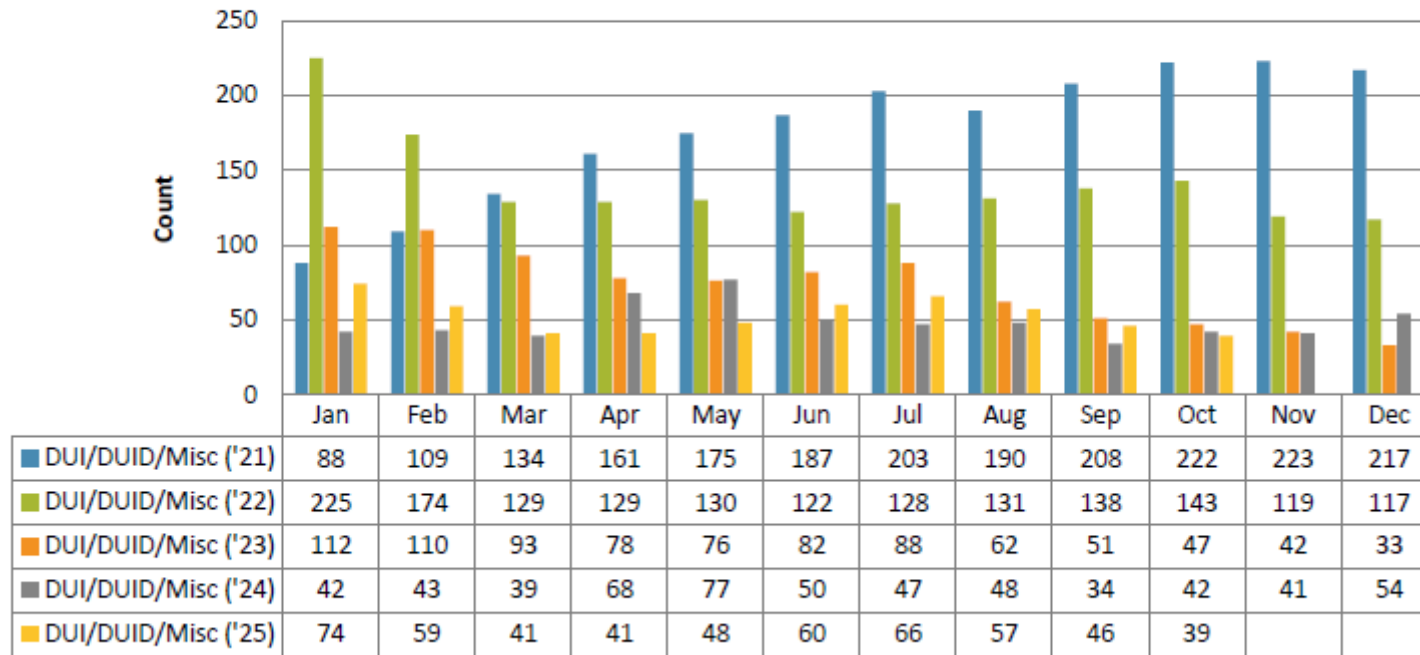
Toxicology

Newly Submitted PM Toxicology Cases



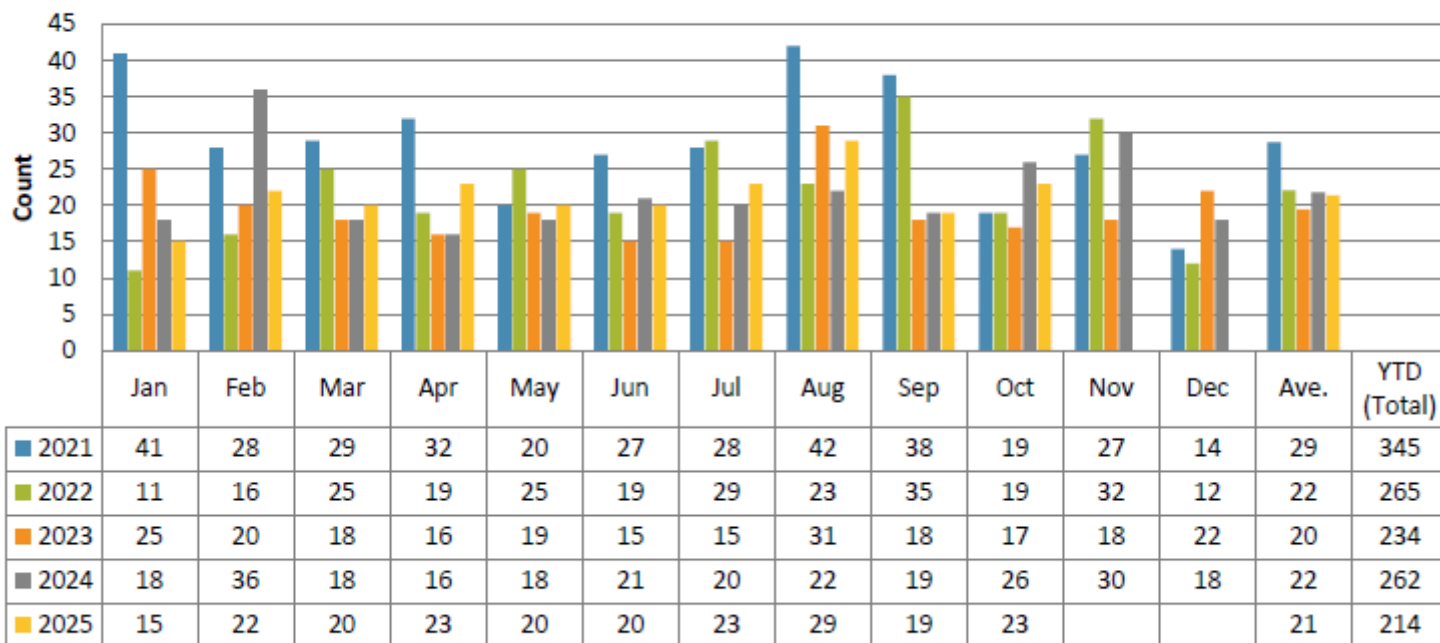
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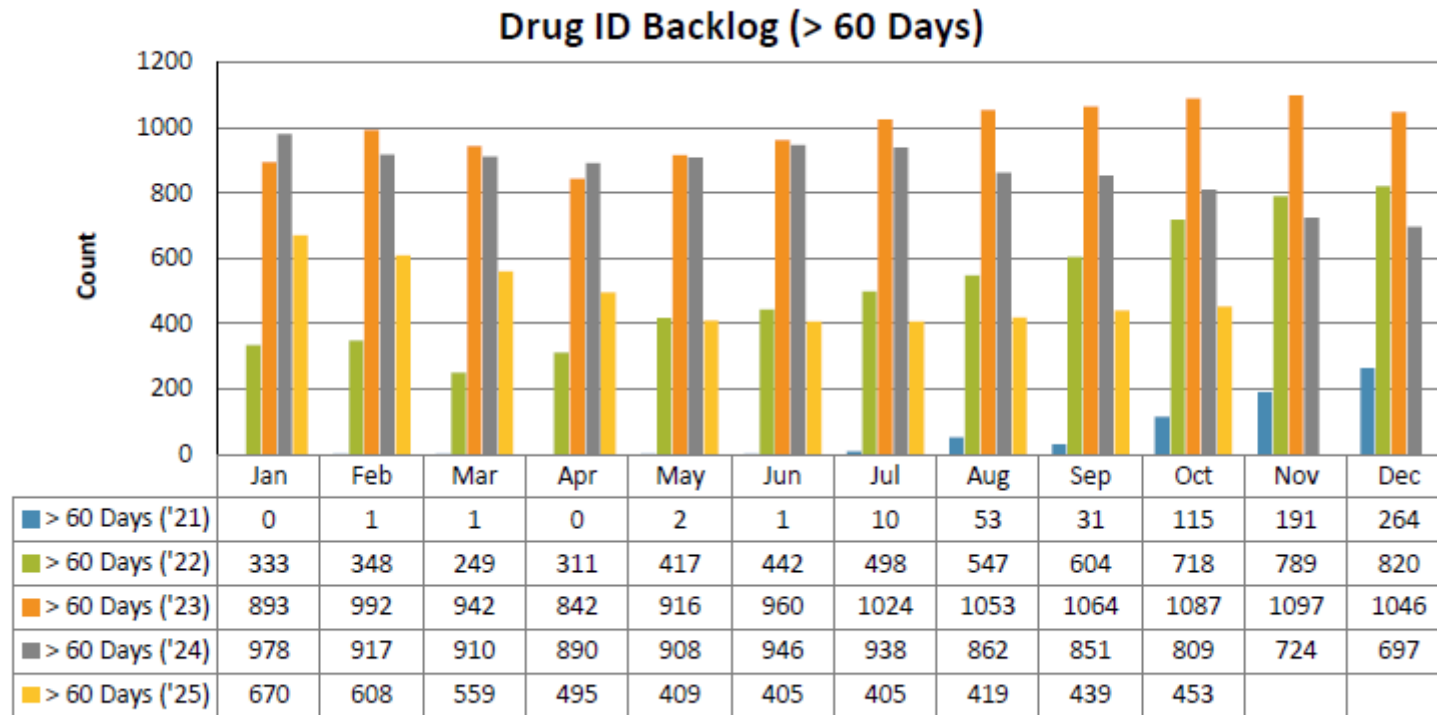


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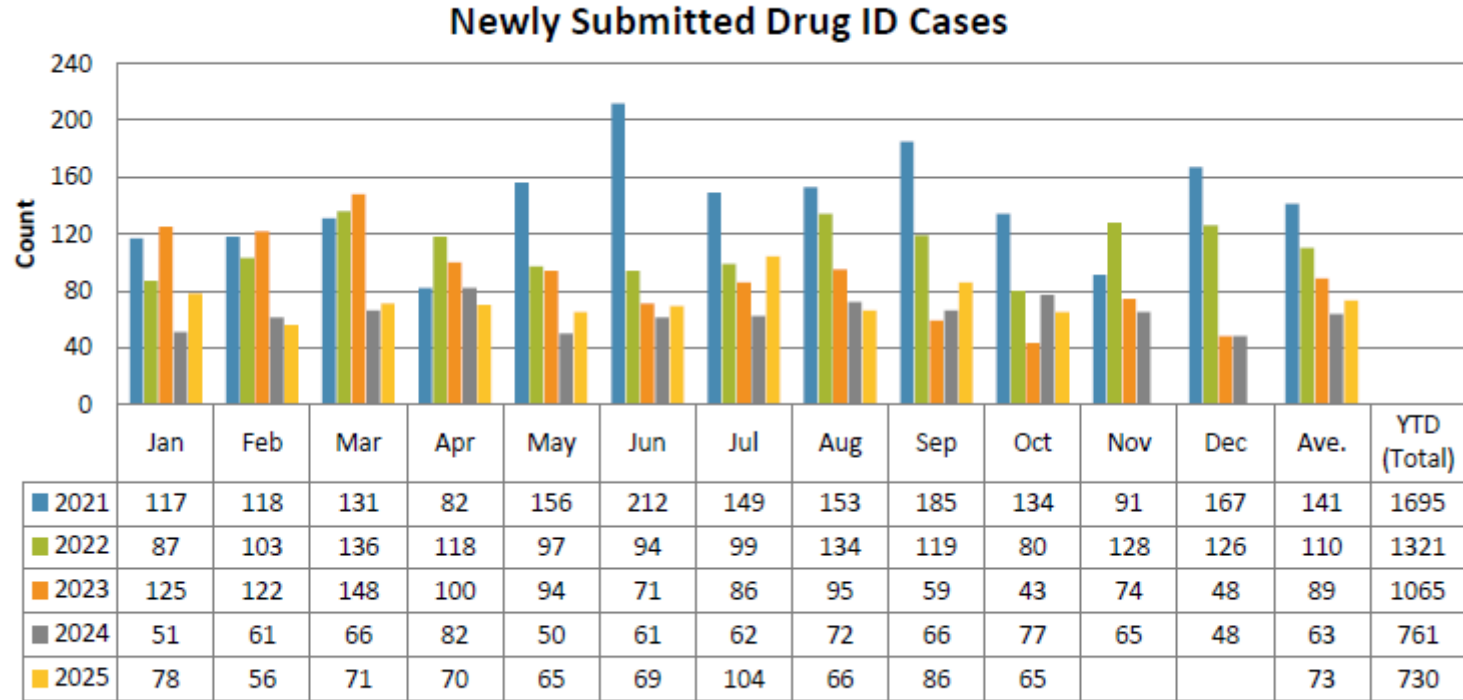
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Drug Identification



Drug Identification

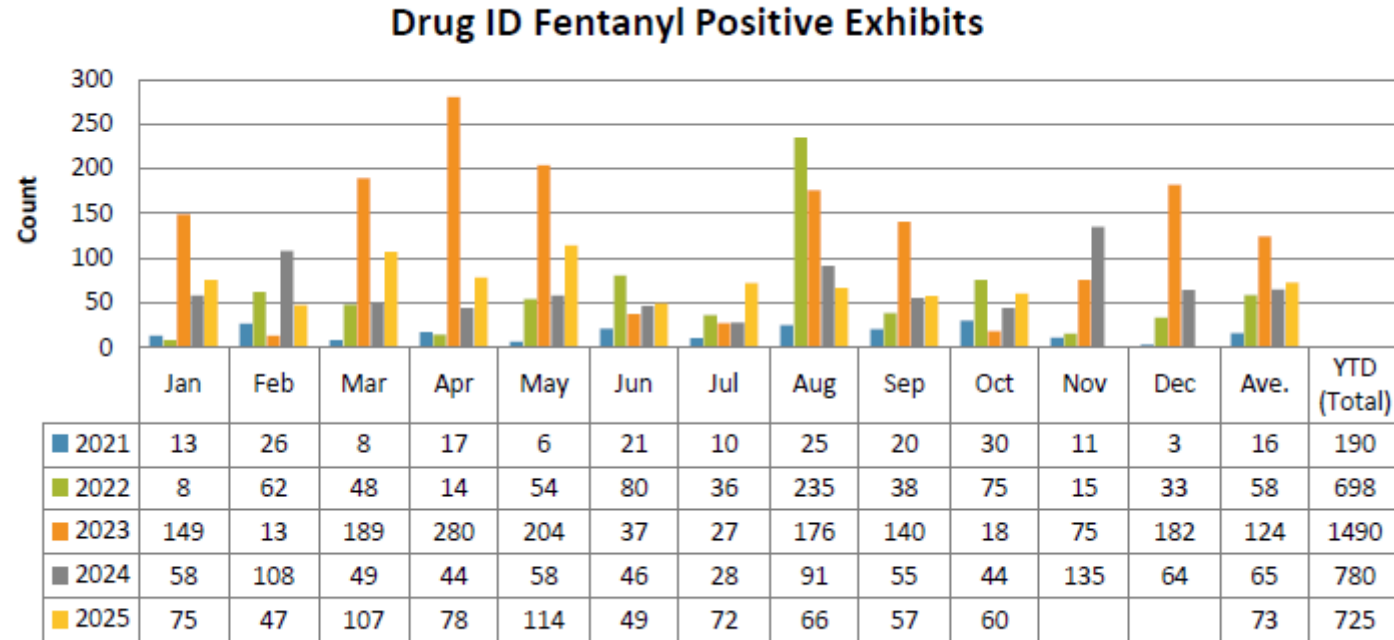


Drug Identification

2 arrested, drugs and weapons seized in raid on 6 Wichita area dispensaries, 2 homes



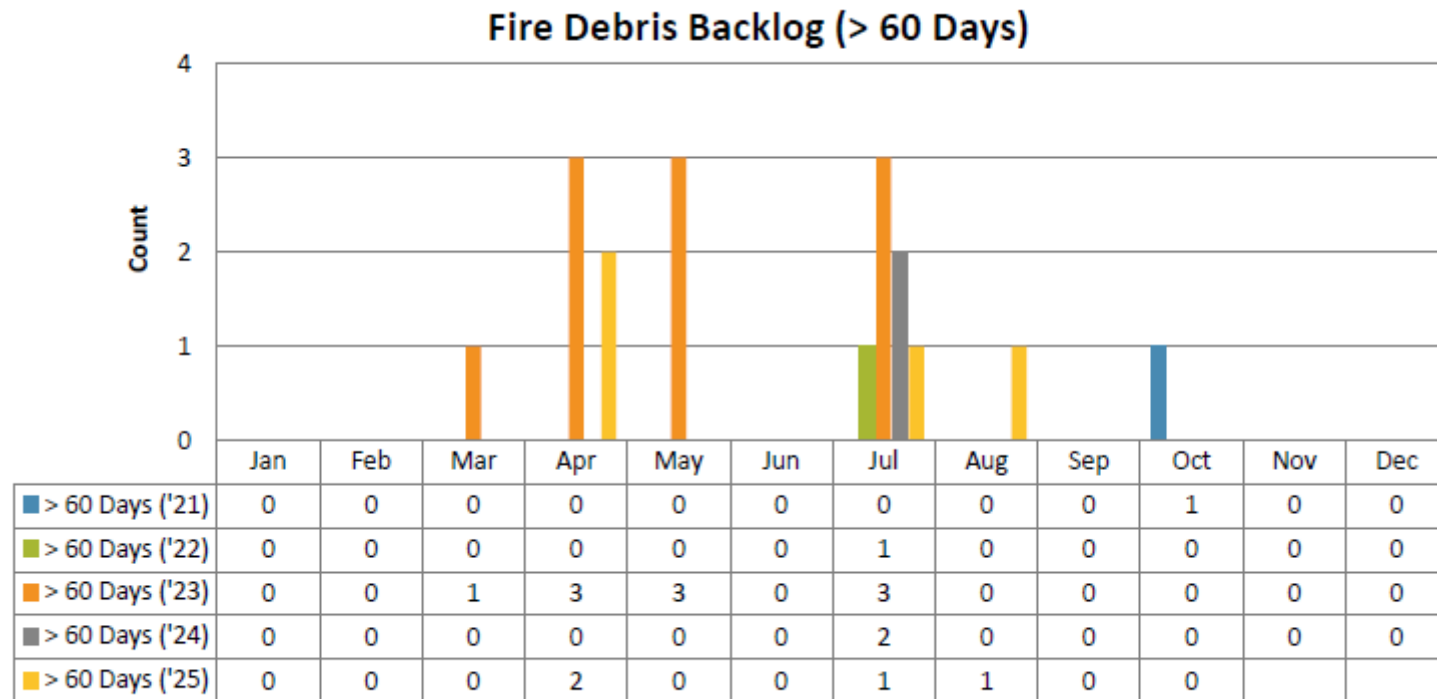
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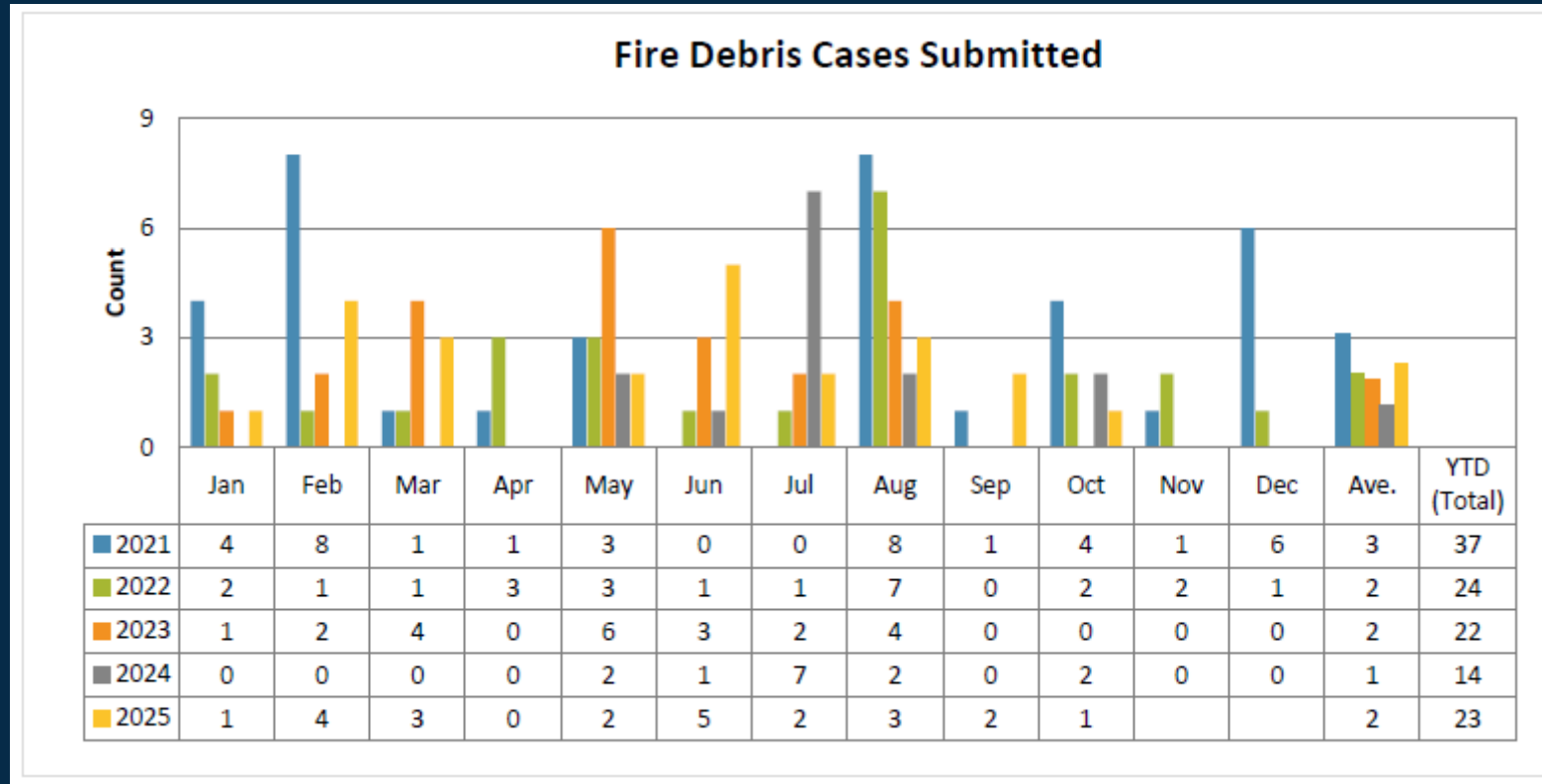
2023 increased 684% from 2021



Fire Debris



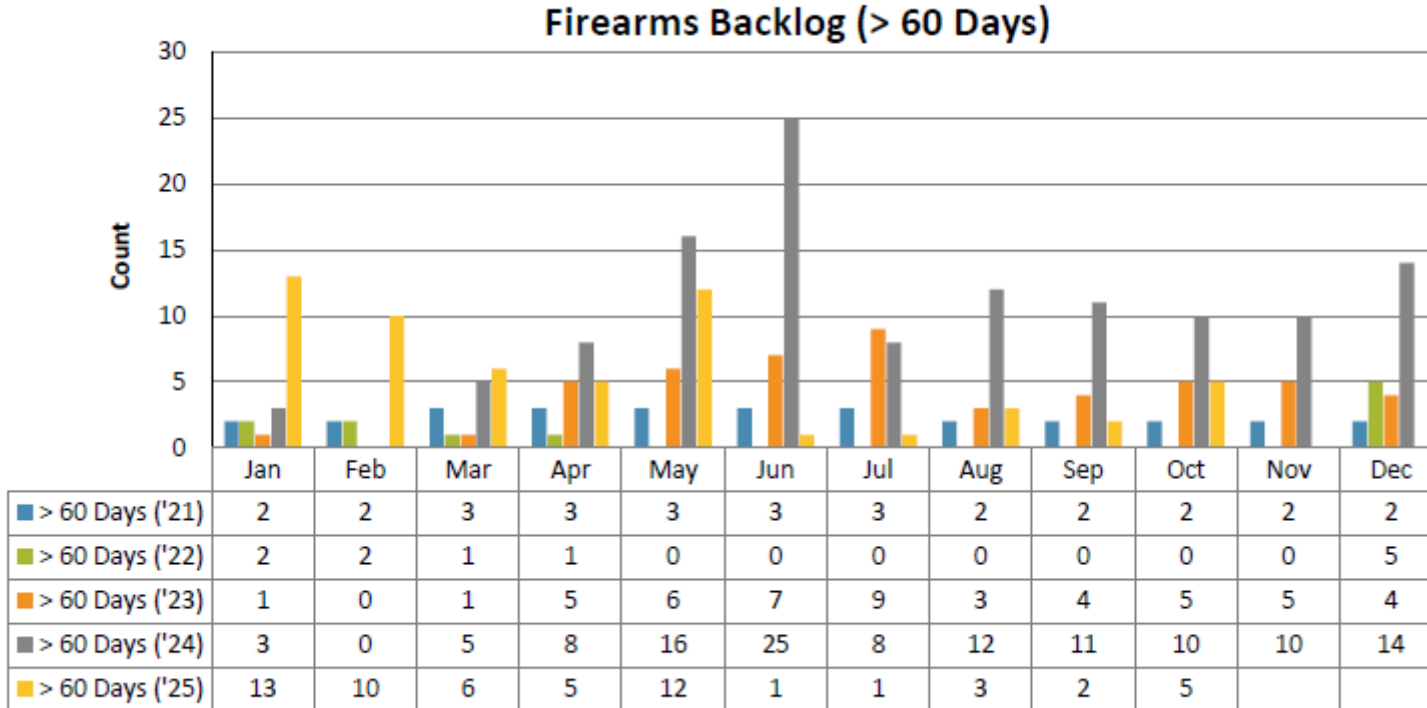
Fire Debris



Ten (10) cases were received May-July while analysts were in training; training was completed in 2024 and testing is currently underway.



Firearms

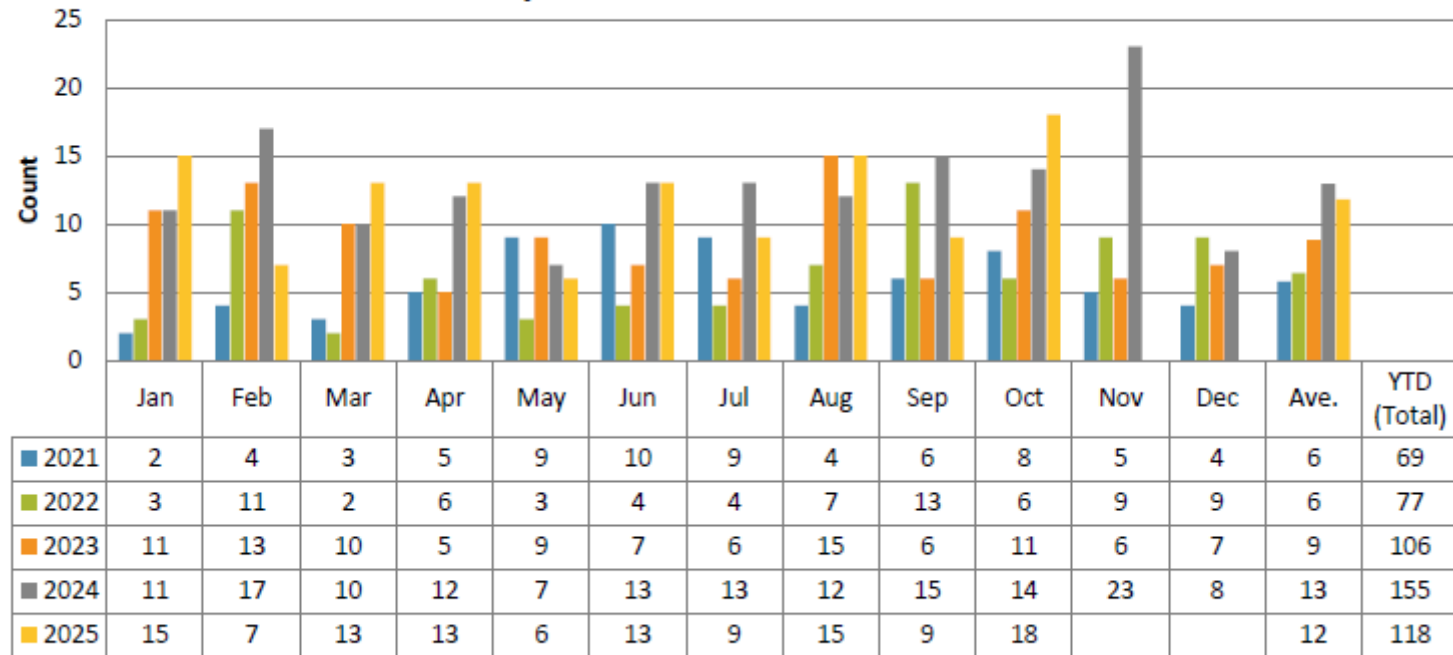


Backlogged cases May-August 2024 were awaiting review by a secondary laboratory since RFSC had one fully trained examiner.

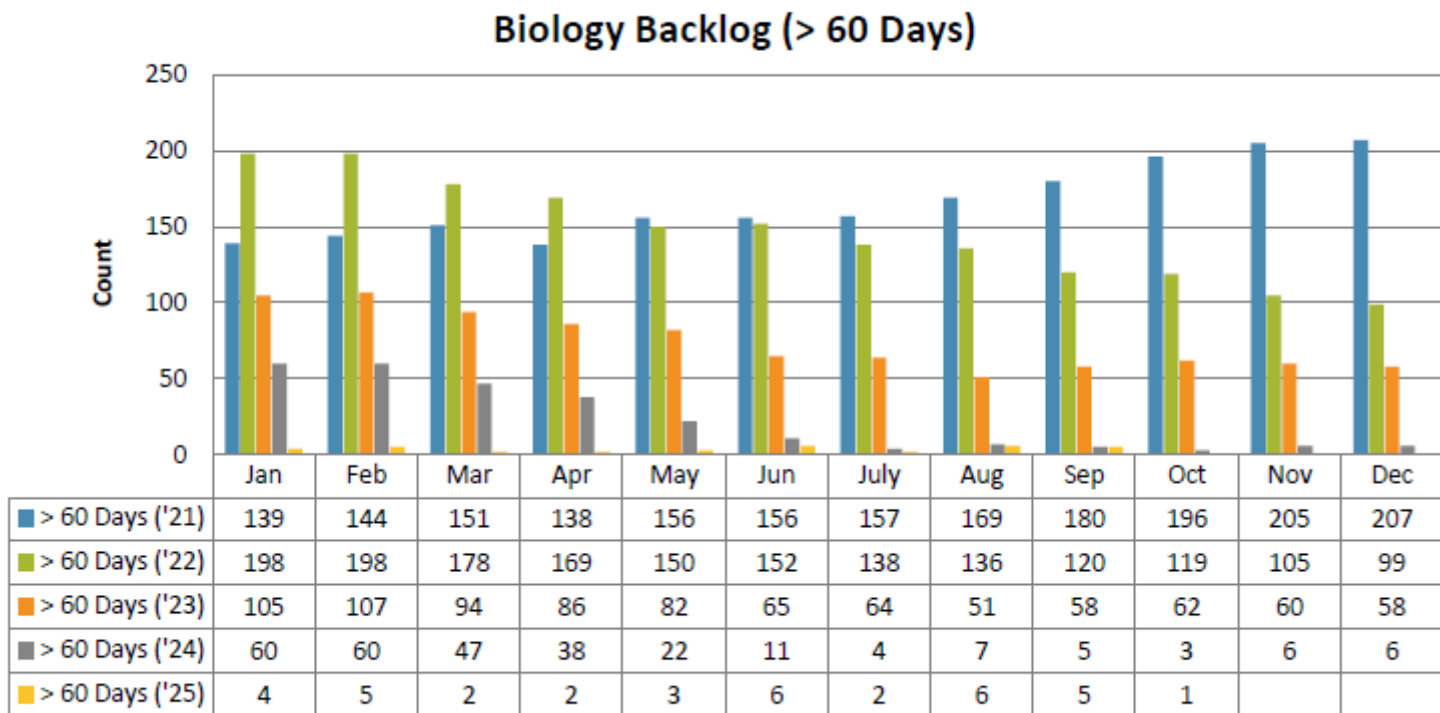


Firearms

Newly Submitted Firearms Cases

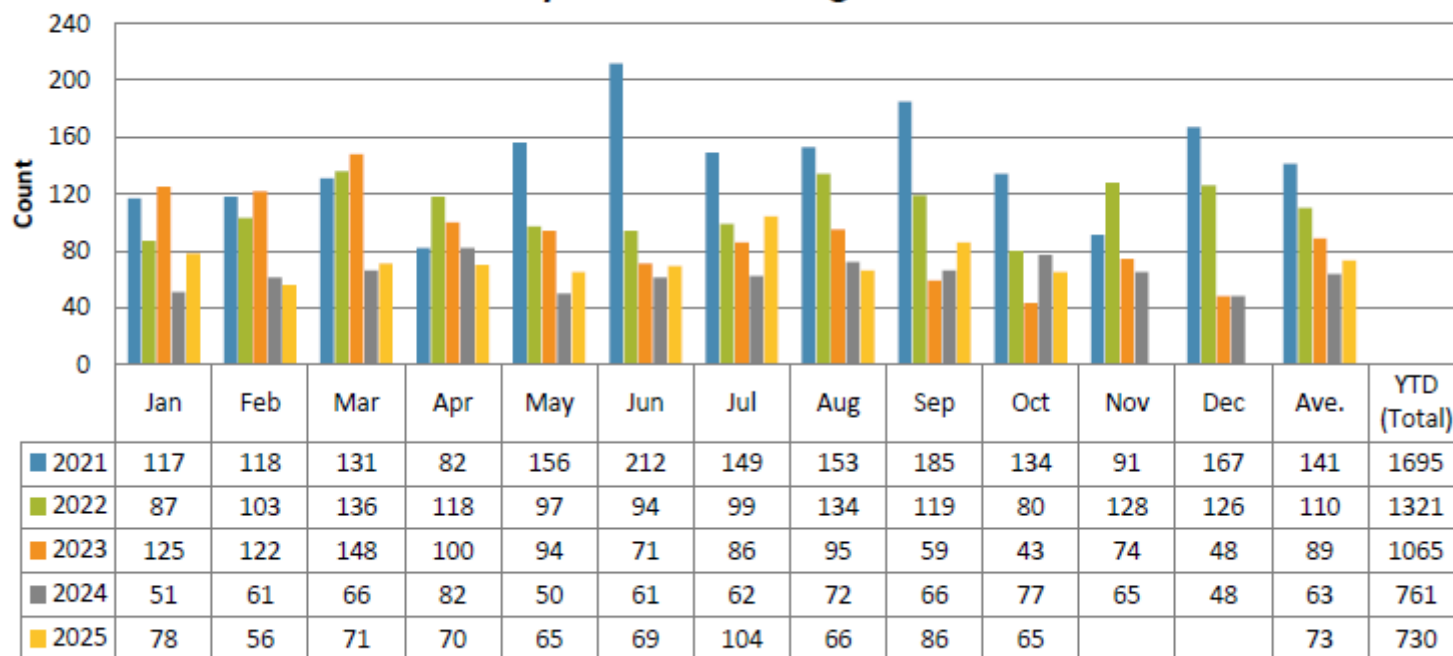


Biology / DNA



Biology / DNA

Newly Submitted Drug ID Cases



Summary

Quarterly Summary:

- Number of deaths reported and coroner cases remaining stable.
- Tox LC-MS/MS instrument validations continuing; have renewed OD2A State funding through KDHE for outsourcing.
- Starting a small renovation to accommodate QToF.
- New building project design approved to forward in 2026.
- We replaced a Pathology Assistant and are hiring a Forensic Scientist for the Drug ID grant-funded position.



Summary

Quarterly Summary OD2A:

- OD2A funded position is testing drugs and paraphernalia from scenes as well as other illicit drug casework.
- Medical Investigations have collected drugs and/or paraphernalia at 196 scenes since starting project December 1, 2023.
- Drug paraphernalia testing is caught up (1032 items).
- In Year 2 we confirmed results on 663 items from 119 scenes.
- All participants are sharing data with CDC now.
- Starting to track results by matrix and co-occurrence.



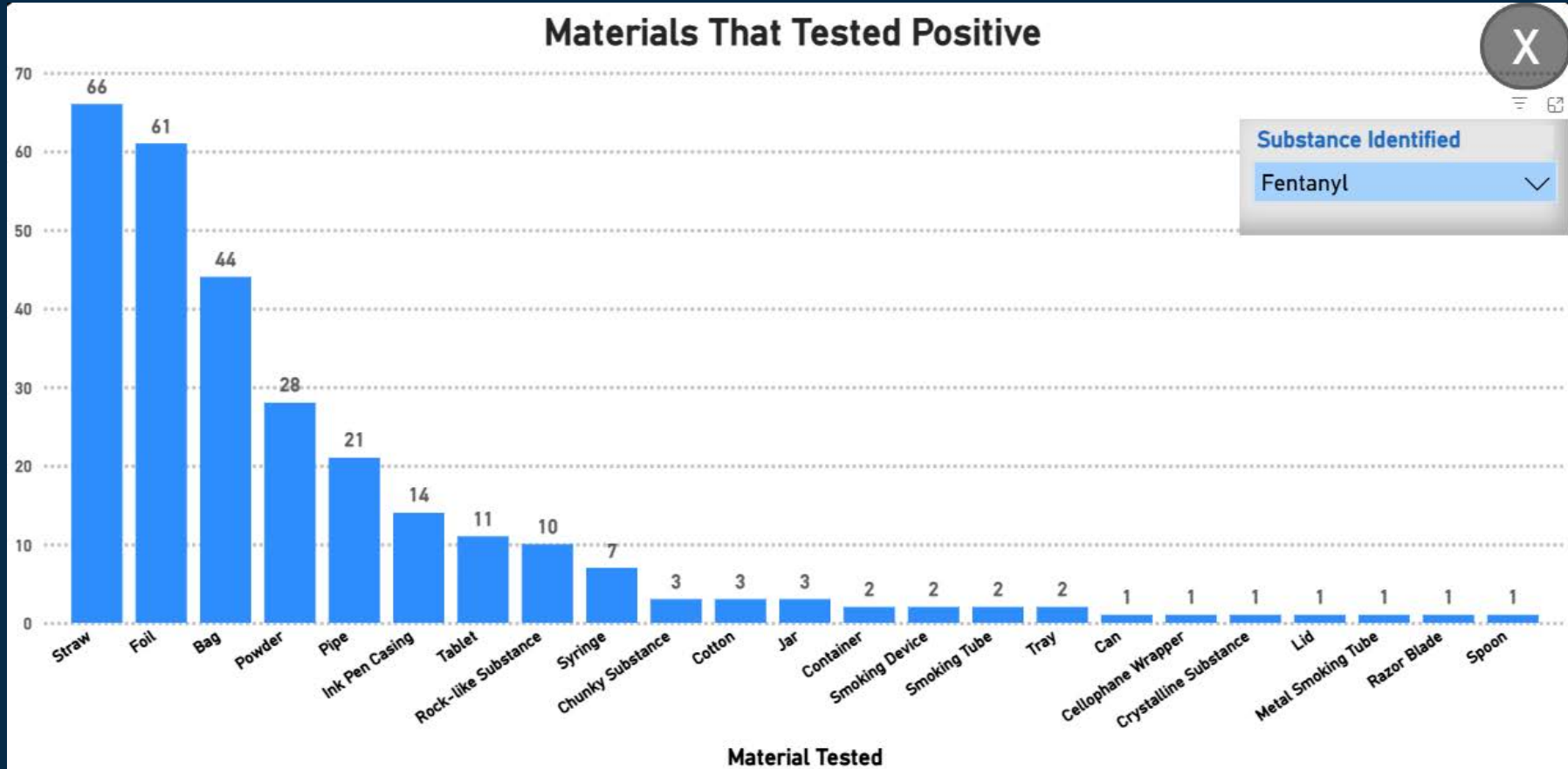
Summary

Substance Identified	Number of Substances
Methamphetamine	422
Fentanyl	286
4-ANPP/ANPP	233
No Controlled Substances	217
Cocaine	142
THC (Delta 9)	76
Amphetamine	74
BTMPS	65
o/m/p-Fluorofentanyl	28
Xylazine	24
Heroin	10
Lidocaine	9
ADB-BUTINACA	8
B/2'/3'/4'-Methyl acetyl fentanyl	8
Carfentanil	7
Total	1681

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Summary





Polysubstance & Item Category Data

Dashboard Data Last Refreshed

Monday, November 17, 2025



Select Year

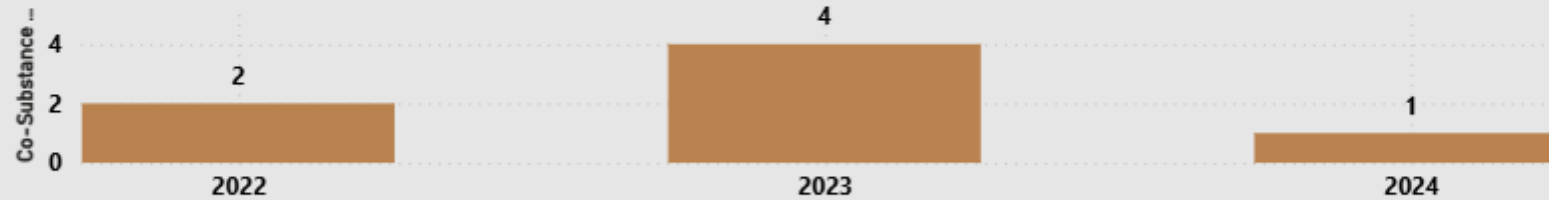
2022

2024



Primary Substance By Year

Methadone



Co-Substance Count

7

Select Primary Substance

☐ MDMB-ET-THACA

☐ MDMB-INACA

☐ Medetomidine

☐ Melatonin

☒ Methadone

☐ Methamphetamine

Primary Substance & Item Category Count

Year	Primary Substance	Item Category	Item Category Count
2022	Methadone	Paraphernalia	1
2023	Methadone	Tablet	4
2024	Methadone	Tablet	1
Total			6

Co-Substance Breakdown



Select Item Category

☒ Select all

☒ Paraphernalia

☒ Tablet

Co-Substance Count

Year	Item Category	Co-Substance	Co-Substance Count
2022	Paraphernalia	Cocaine	1
2022	Paraphernalia	Methamphetamine	1
2023	Tablet	Bromazolam	2
2023	Tablet	Clonazepam	1
2023	Tablet	Methamphetamine	1
2024	Tablet	Methamphetamine	1
Total			7

Item Category



Summary

Medical Examiner Case Status



To search for Medical Examiner Case Status, select the link below. There are two different methods available to perform a search. One is the Advanced Search feature, where the search can be made using name information, age information and/or date of death information. The other search method has the capability of using a case number, if known.

- [Medical Examiner Case Status Search](#)



Summary

Medical Examiner Report Search

Records available for search start from January 1, 2022. Older records are not available for search with this tool.

☐ **Advanced Search (Name, Age, and/or Date of Death)**

Case Number (yy-####) *

SEARCH



Records available for search start from January 1, 2022. Older records are not available for search with this tool.

☒ **Advanced Search (Name, Age, and/or Date of Death)**

Last Name

Payne

First Name

Age From

Age To

Date of Death From

1/1/2024

Date of Death To

12/31/2024

SEARCH



Summary

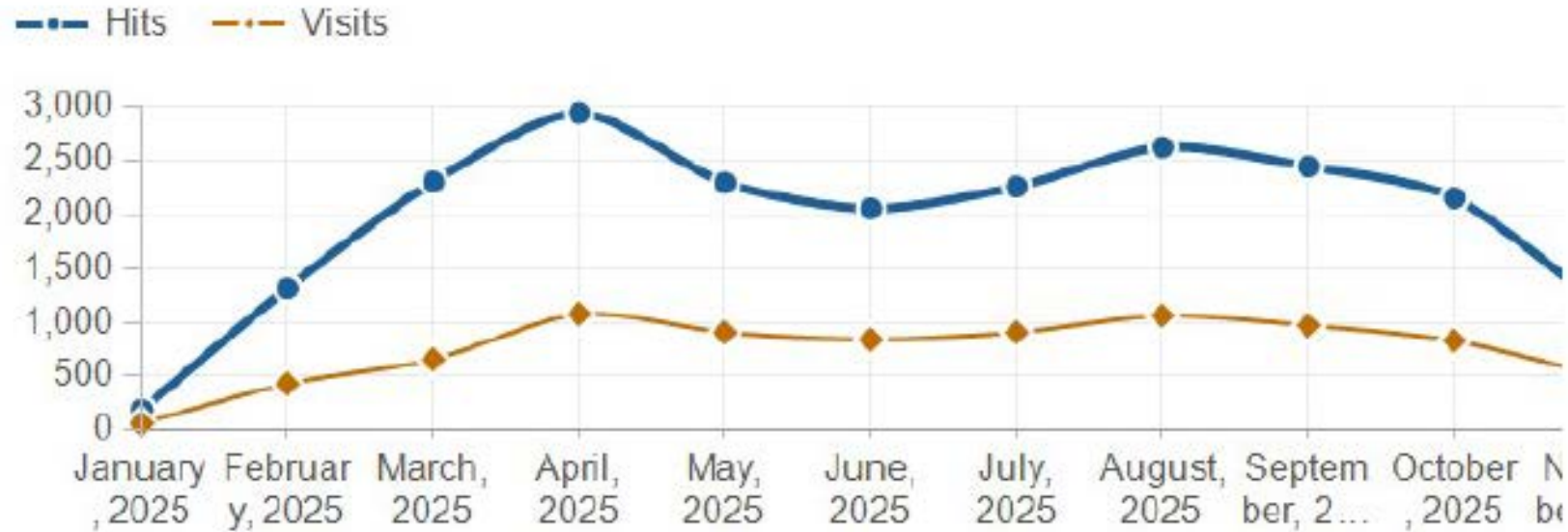
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<u>24-1706</u>	Payne	Guy	71	5/26/2024
<u>24-4036</u>	Payne	Janice	74	12/18/2024
<u>24-2284</u>	Payne	Mary	87	7/24/2024
<u>24-0176</u>	Payne	Megan	23	1/15/2024



Summary

MedicalExaminerReportSearch - Year to Date

Date Range: 2025-01-01 To 2025-11-18



Summary

How do I obtain an autopsy report?

Autopsy reports, once completed, are public records under the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA). To receive a certified copy of an autopsy report for cases where the death occurred in Sedgwick County, please contact the Clerk of District Court at (316) 660-5900 or send a request via email to sg.micro@kscourts.org. For cases originating from other counties, requests must be made to the Coroner appointed to the Judicial District in which the death occurred.

How do I obtain a death certificate?

Death certificates, once completed, can be obtained by contacting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Office of Vital Statistics at (785) 296-1400.



Summary

2025 Grants:

- Coverdell Formula (\$53,999) → award pending
- CEBR 2025 (184,627) → award pending
- JAG → waiting for solicitation, \$39,721 last year
- OD2A Local (\$250,000) → Year 3 program underway
- KDHE OD2A (\$66,000) → award underway

2024 Grants:

- Coverdell Formula was \$78,619
- CEBR was \$294,461



Summary

2025 Budget

- No decision package presented this year

CIP requests

- DNA Addition – design of second building approved for 2026





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Forensic Science Center



Mission: The Forensic Science Center strives to provide the highest quality medicolegal and advanced forensic laboratory services to Sedgwick County. Death Investigation and Forensic Autopsy services are conducted in a compassionate and objective manner to achieve accurate certification of cause and manner of death. The Forensic Laboratory services provide unbiased and accurate analytical testing to support the resolution of criminal cases. As an independent agency operating under the Division of Public Safety, the Forensic Science Center collaborates with public health and criminal justice stakeholders to reduce crime and prevent deaths.

