

# **FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



**2023**

## **CORONER UNIT STATISTICS**

**John Zanoni, Sheriff-Coroner**

**Lt. Jon Alvarado, Unit Commander**

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## **Coroner Unit Staff:**

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- **Forensic Pathologist: Dr. Michael Chambliss, Contract Pathologists**

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- **Deputy Coroner II: Imron Ramos, Loretta Andrews, Jeff Gentry, Leticia Funderburk**
- **Deputy Coroner I: Catherine Prieto, Christian Acosta, Jenny Strong, Bianca Torres**
- **Forensic Technician: Marcella Halverson, Katerina Leftheriotis, Kristie Sorensen-Cook**
- **Office Assistant: PaNya Thao**
- **Program Technician (PA / Coroner): Kimberly Lopez**

**Dedicated to: Chief Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Venu Gopal. Thank you for 30 years of service.**



**Dr. Venu Gopal M.D.**

April 17, 1953 - August 27, 2022

## **Summary:**

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office (coroner unit) investigates all suspicious, unnatural, and unexpected deaths that occur in Fresno County. The deputy coroner investigators are responsible for death investigations in all 6,011 square miles of Fresno County. The forensic pathologists determine both cause and manner of death for all coroner case death investigations.

In 2023, there were 9,403 deaths in Fresno County. Of those deaths, 4,597 were reported to the coroner unit for review. The coroner unit accepted 1,199 of those reported deaths as coroner cases and performed an examination, toxicology testing, or medical record review to determine the cause and manner of death.

*\*All reported statistics are subject to change pending additional death investigation.*

*\*Report created 10/09/2024.*

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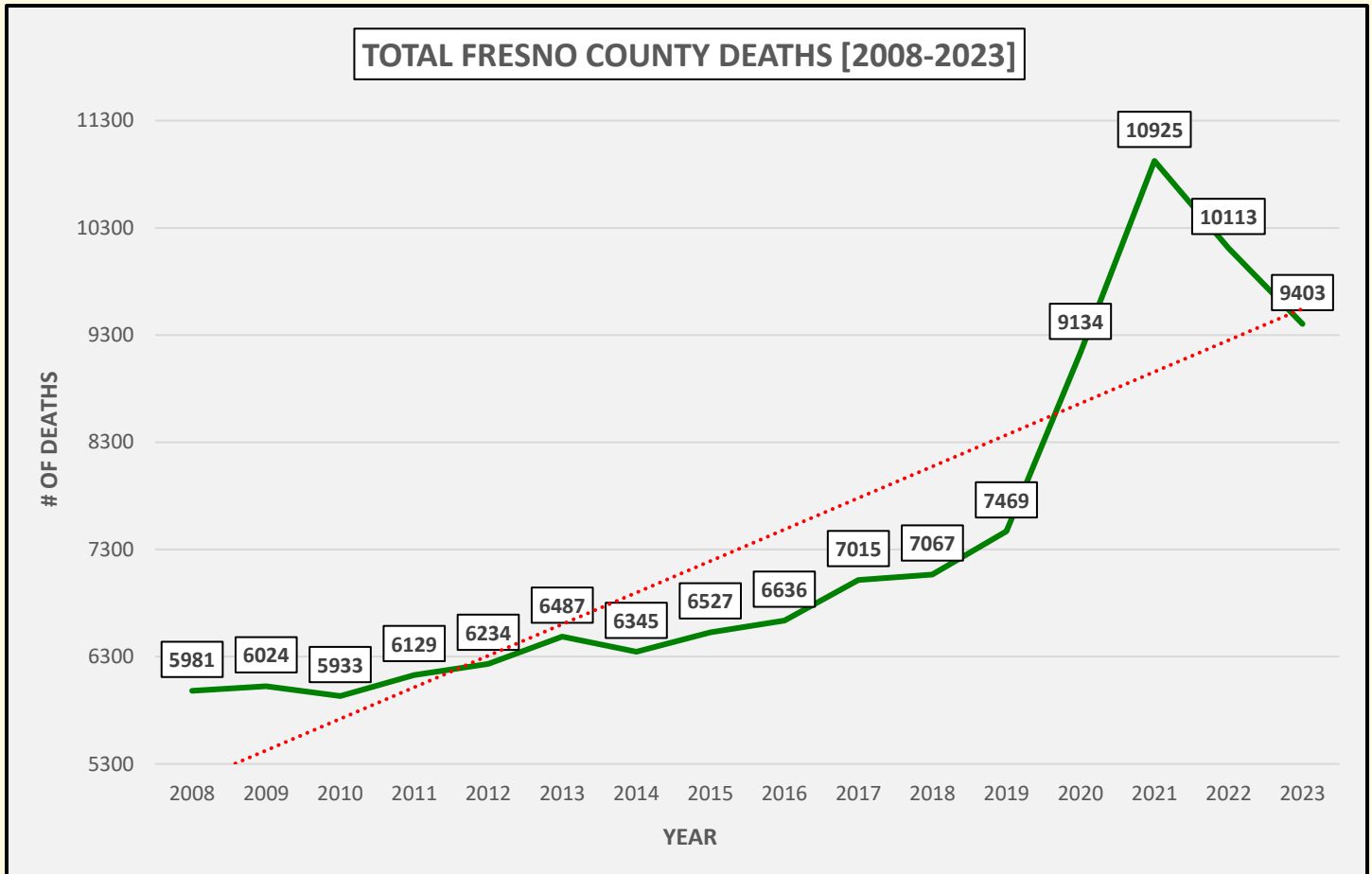
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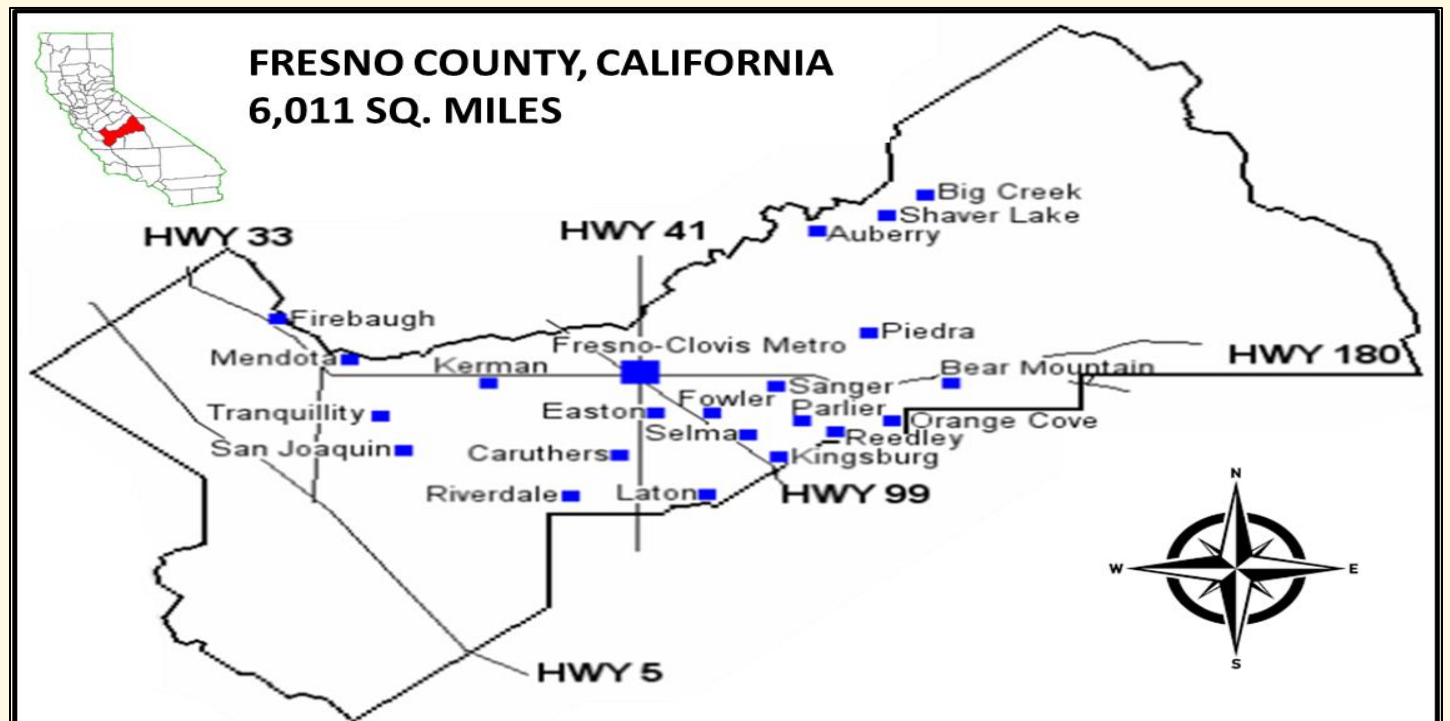
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OVERALL (2023):

**TOTAL FRESNO COUNTY DEATHS (2023): 9,403**

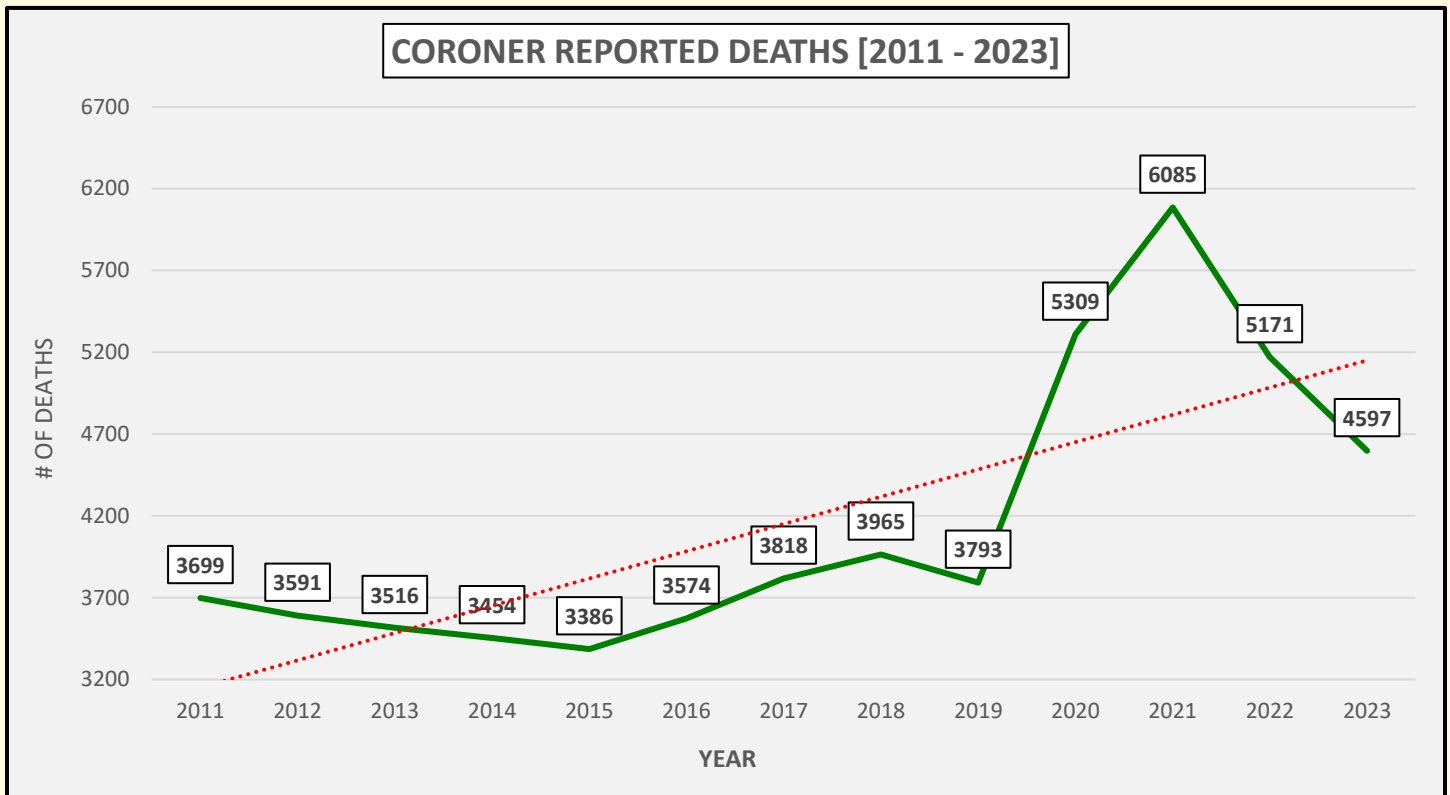


**FRESNO COUNTY MAP:**

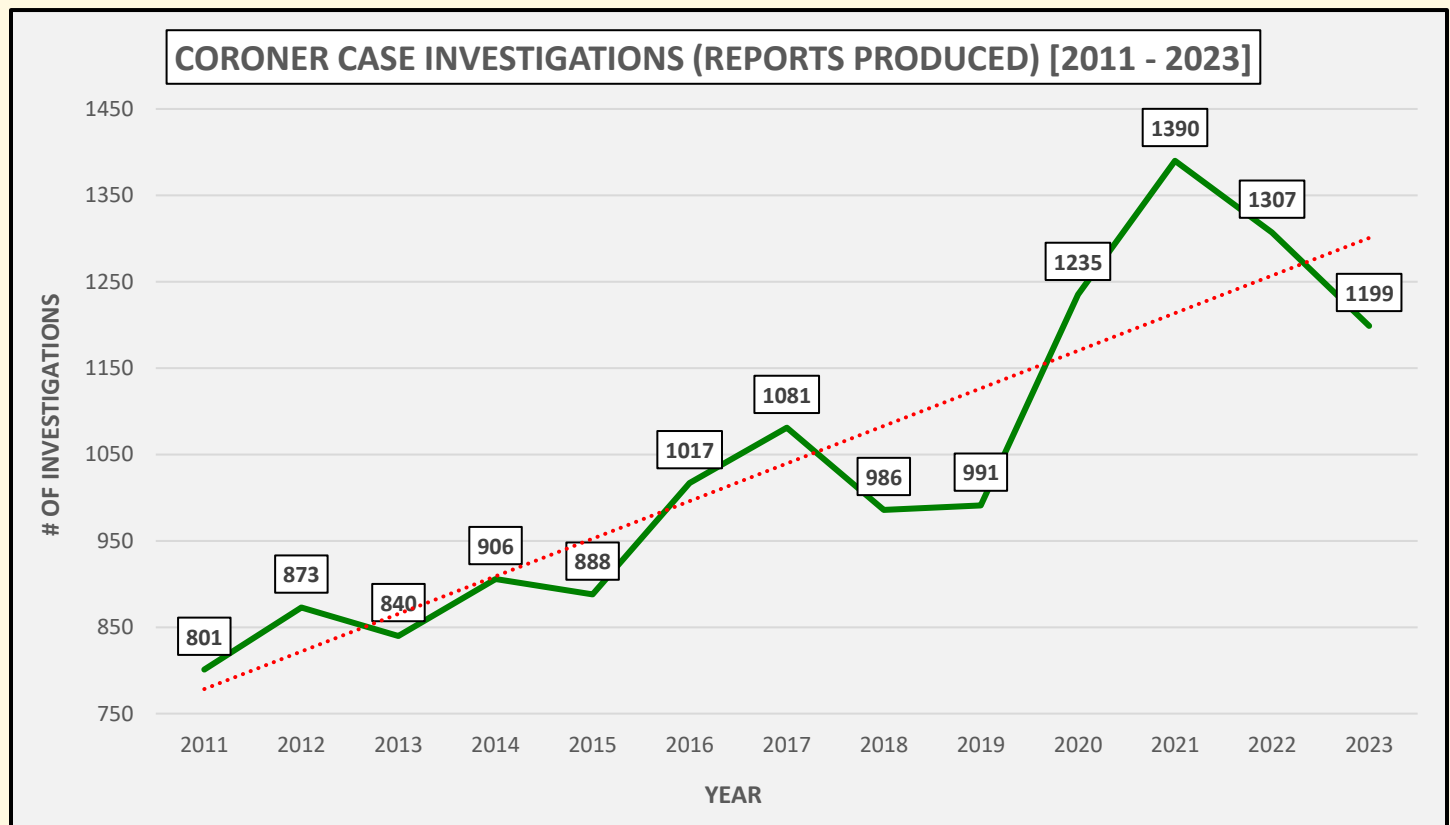


**OVERALL (2023):**

**CORONER REPORTED DEATHS (2023): 4,597**



**CORONER CASE INVESTIGATIONS (REPORTS PRODUCED) (2023): 1,199**

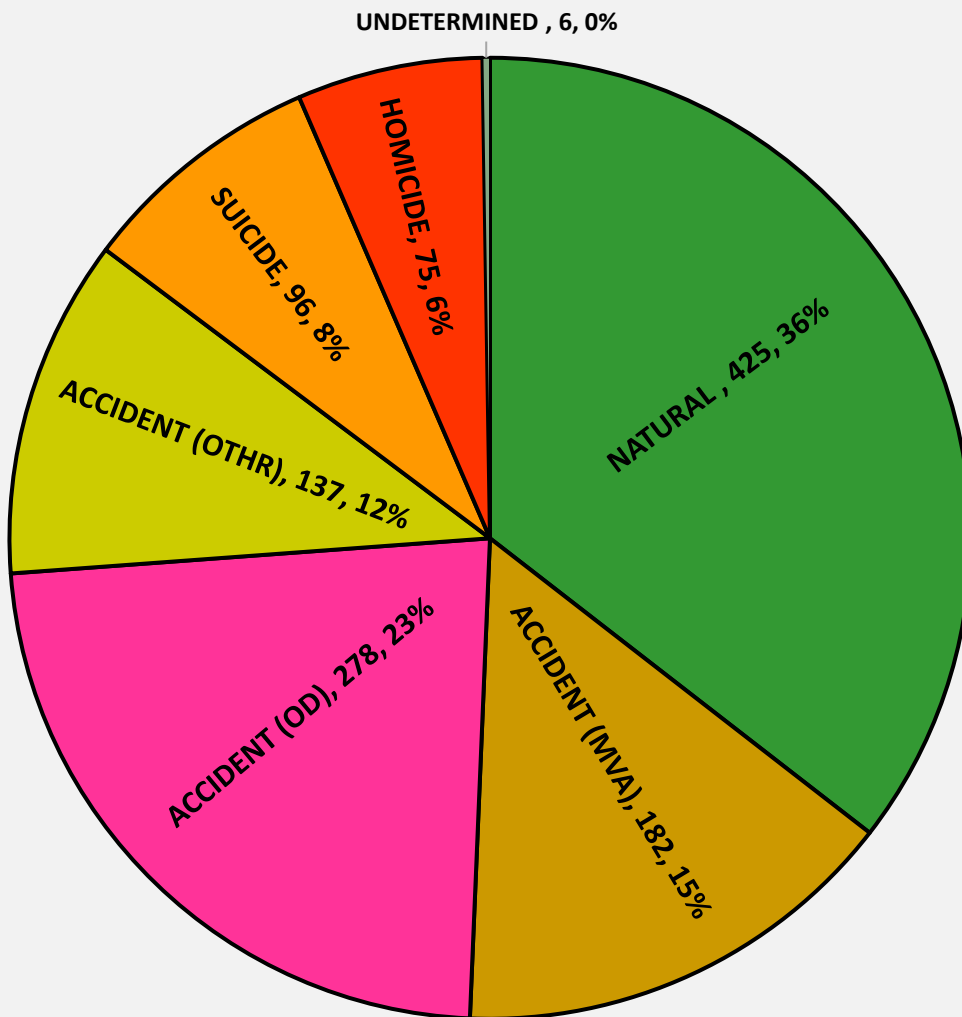


OVERALL (2023):

**TOTAL CORONER CASES: 1,199**

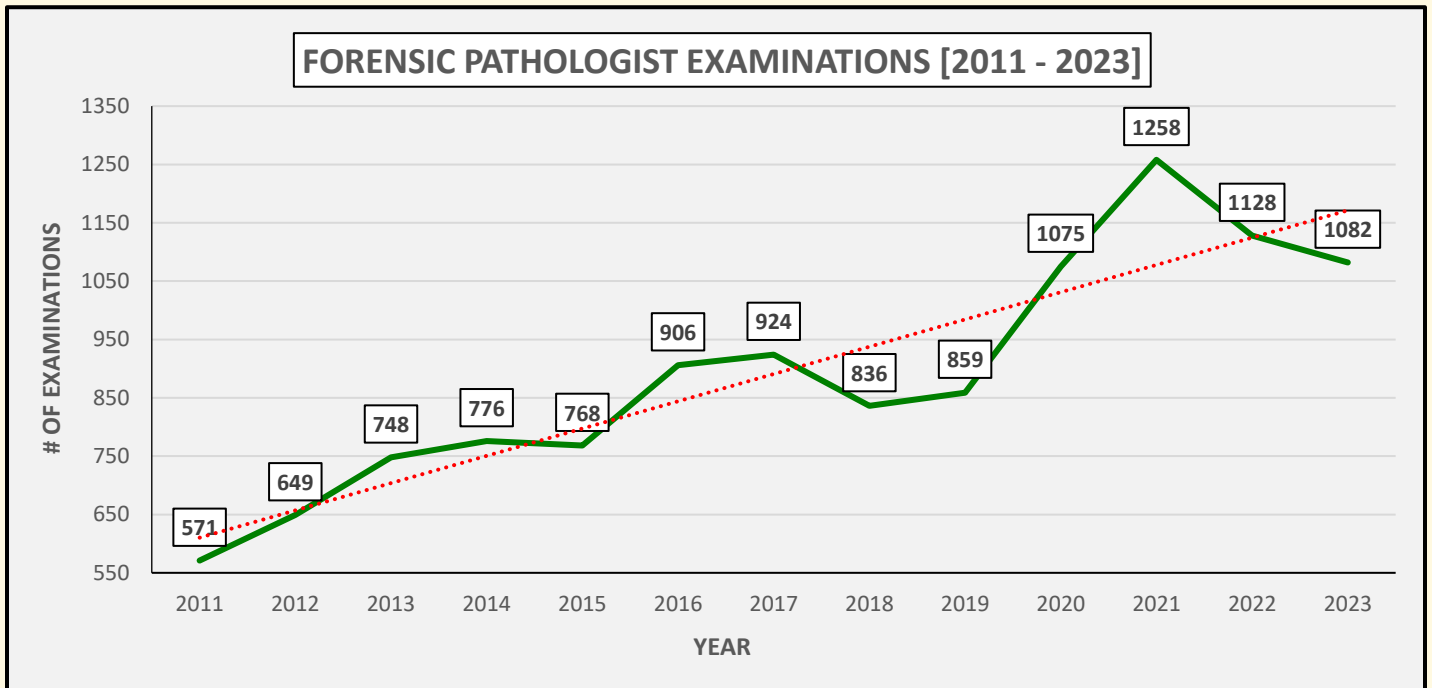
- NATURAL: 425
- ACCIDENT: 597
  - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: 182
  - OVERDOSE: 278
  - OTHER ACCIDENTS: 137
- SUICIDE: 96
- HOMICIDE: 75
- UNDETERMINED: 6

**TOTAL CORONER CASES [2023]**



**OVERALL (2023):**

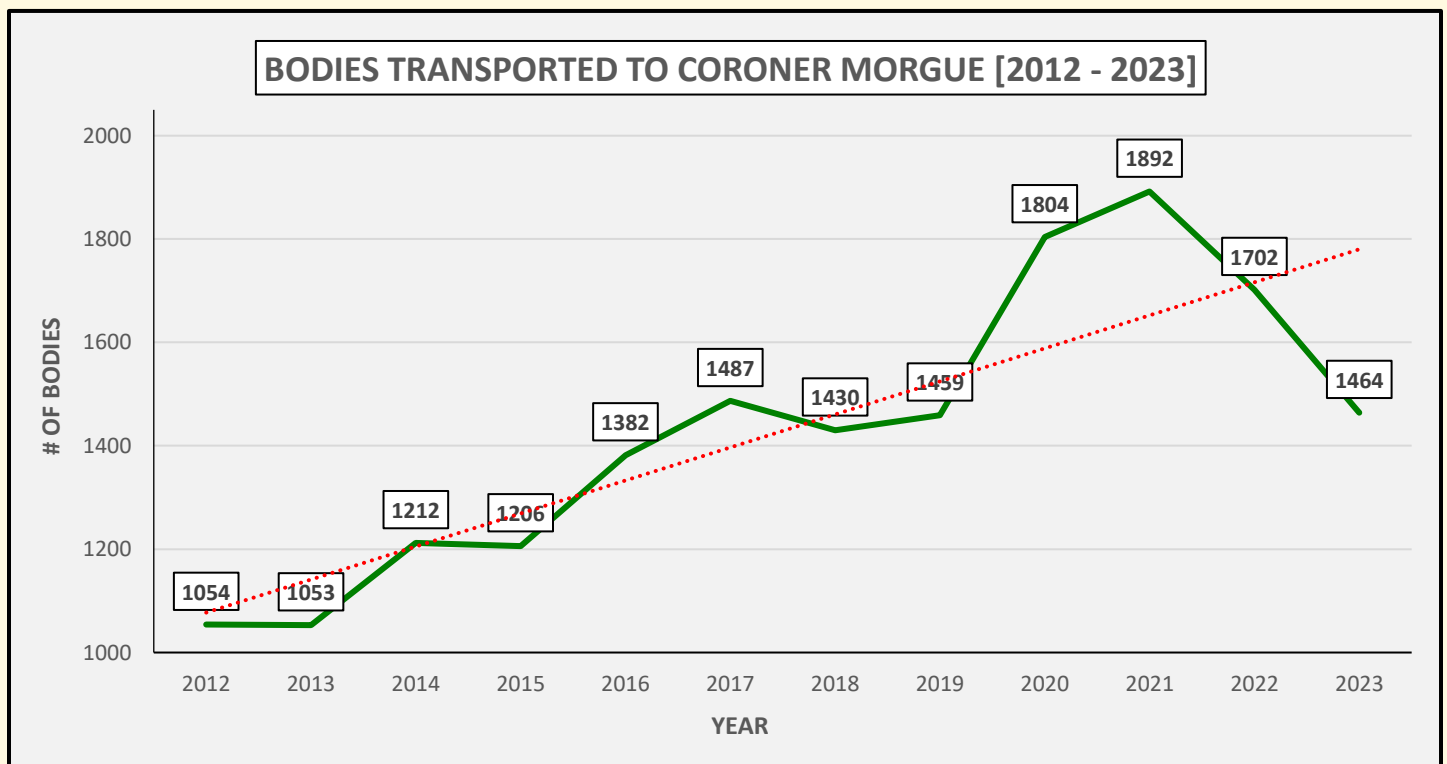
**FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST EXAMINATIONS (2023): 1,082**



➤ **AUTOPSY EXAMINATIONS (2023): 416**

➤ **EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS / TOXICOLOGY / MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW: 666**

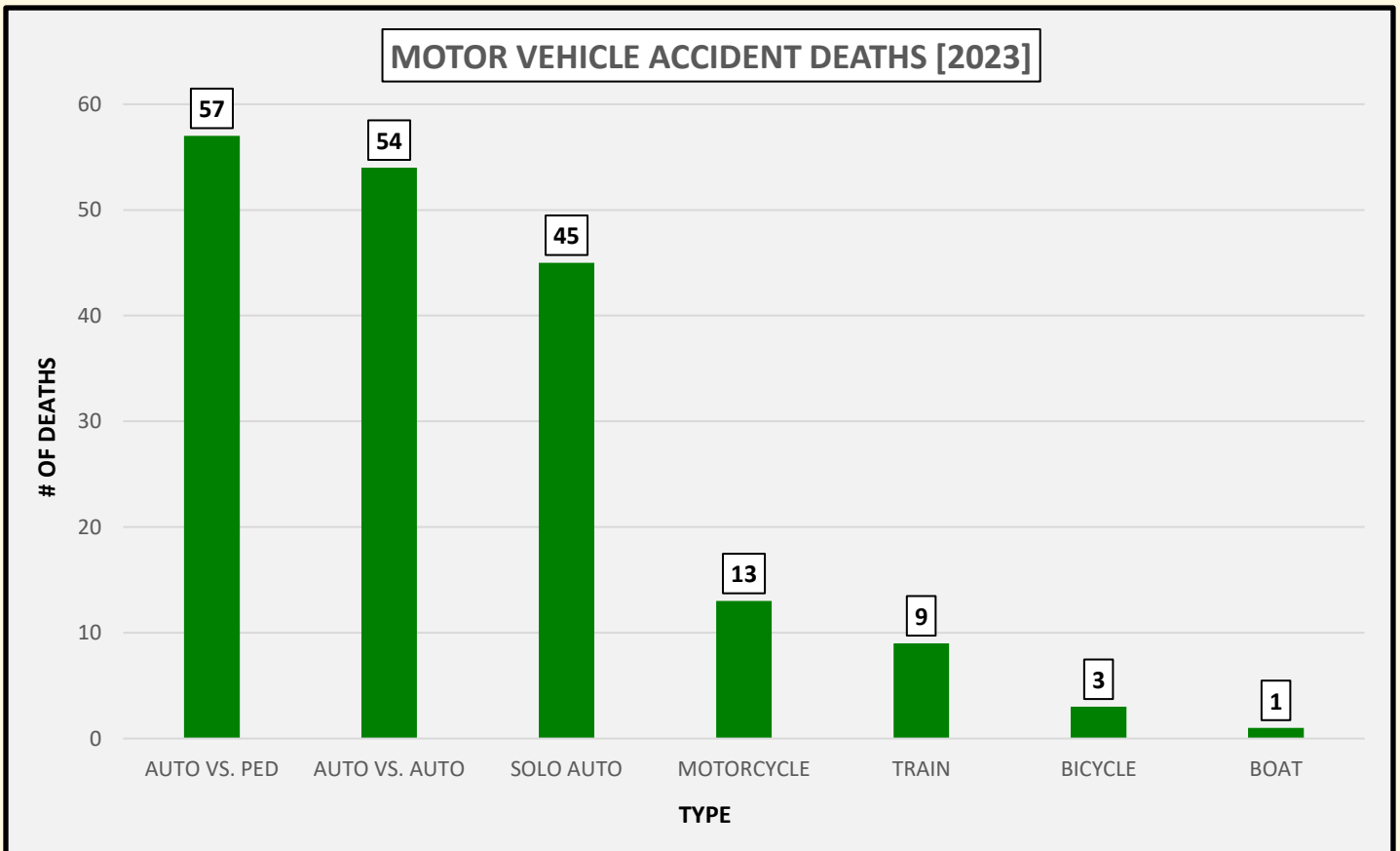
**BODIES TRANSPORTED TO CORONER MORGUE (2023): 1,464**



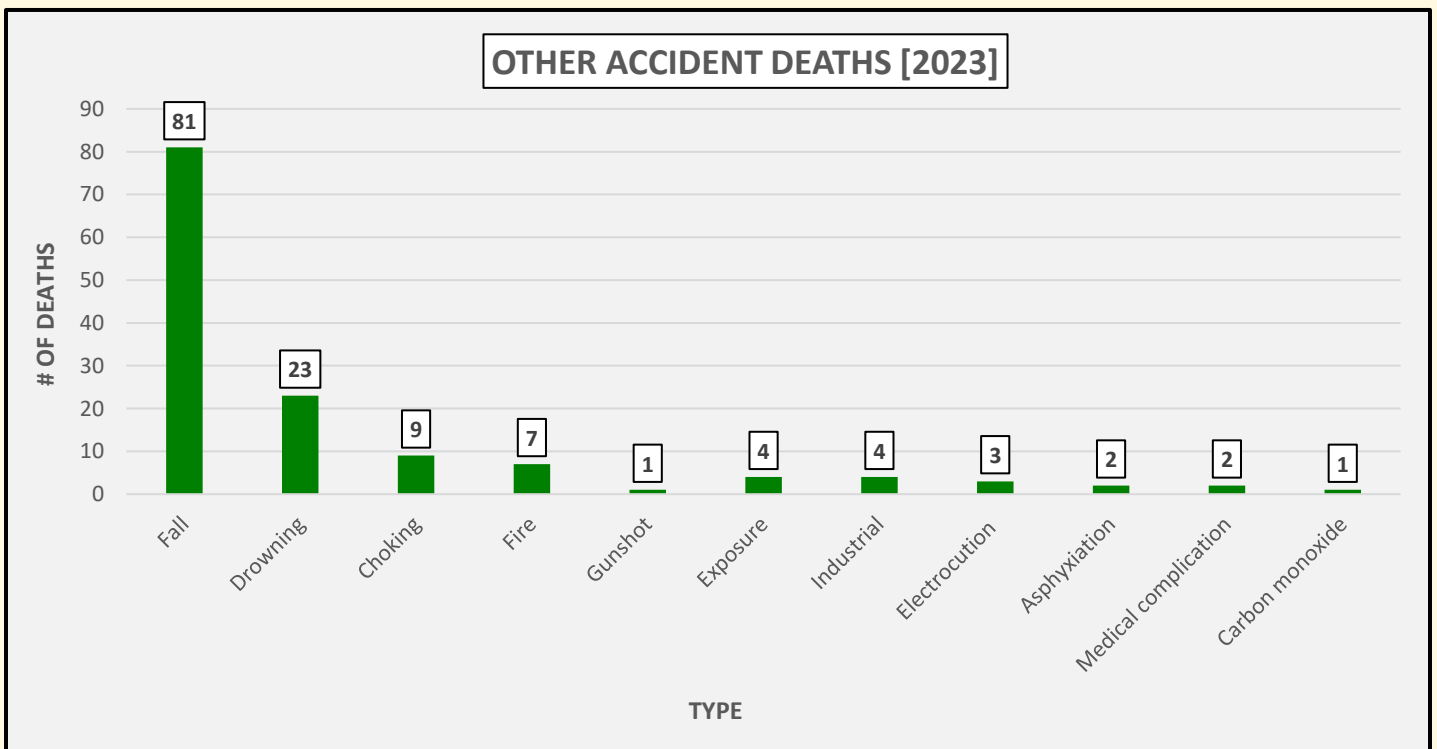


**ACCIDENT - MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED / OTHER (2023):**

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (MVA) DEATHS (2023): 182**



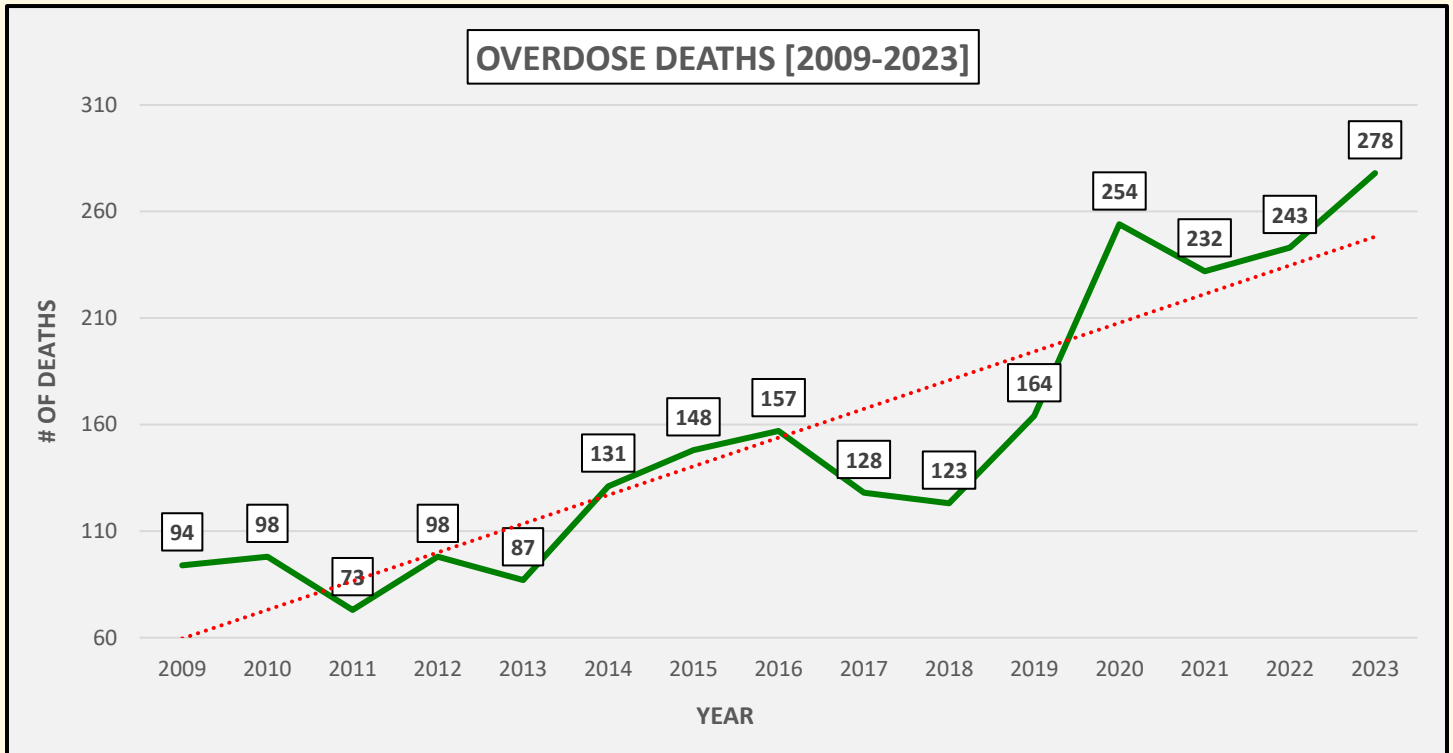
**OTHER ACCIDENT DEATHS: 137**



**ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2023):**

**OVERALL ACCIDENT OVERDOSE DEATHS (2023): 278**

- **SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 171**
- **COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 107**

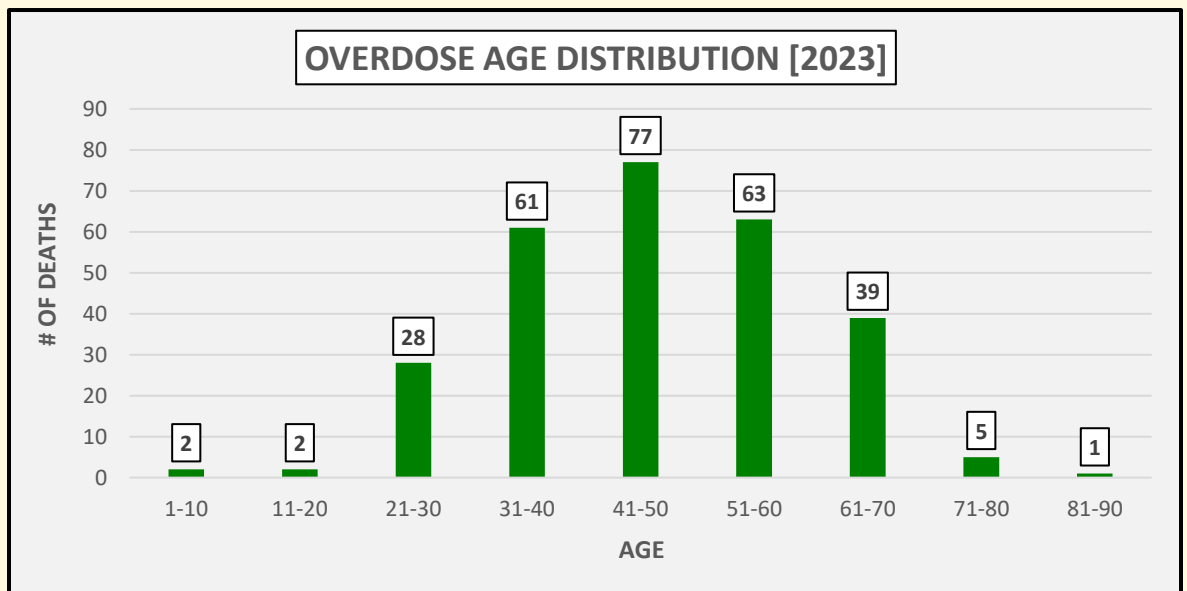


**OVERDOSE (GENDER):**

- **MALE: 211**
- **FEMALE: 67**

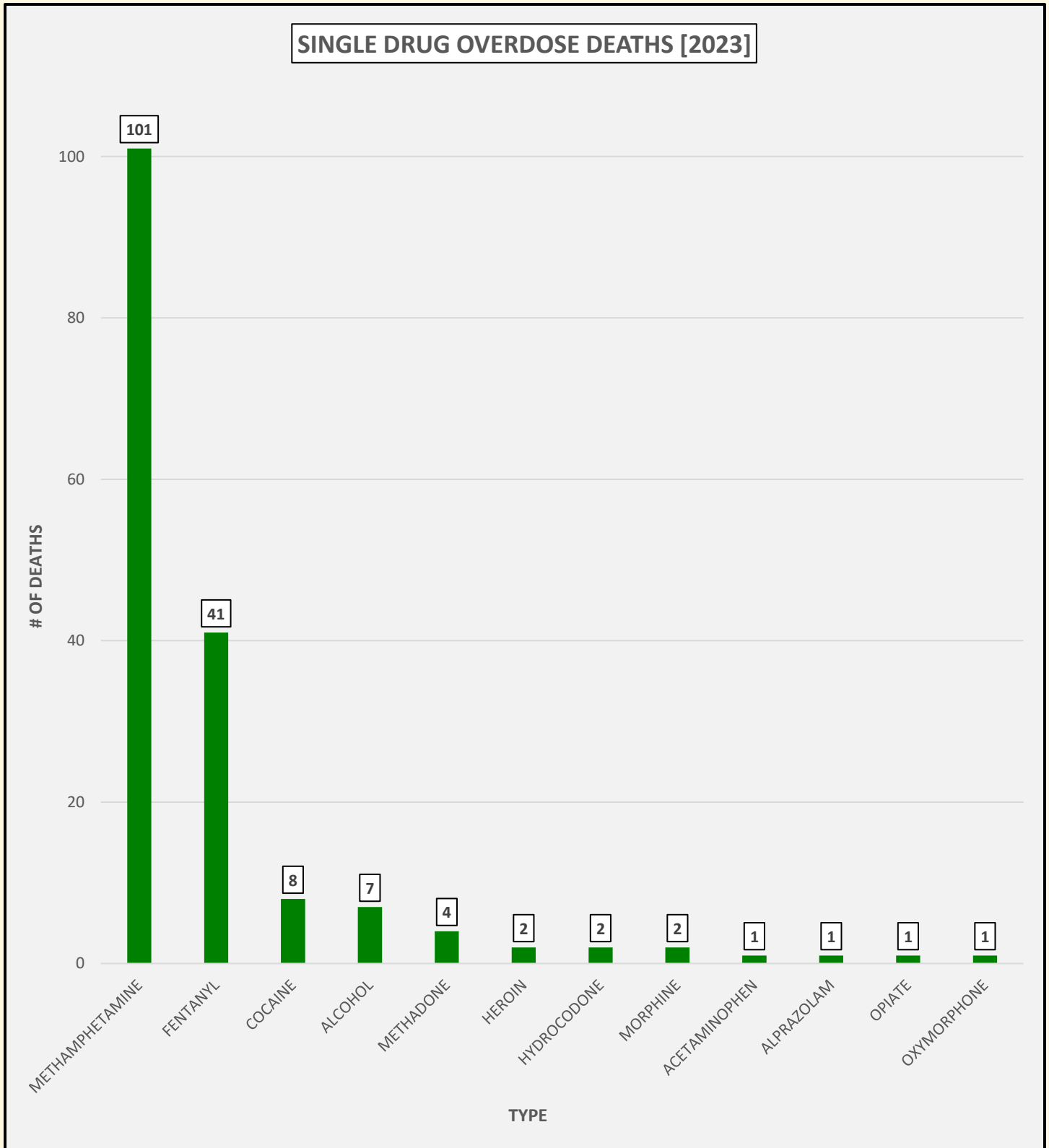
**OVERDOSE AGE DISTRIBUTION:**

- **1-10: 2**
- **11-20: 2**
- **21-30: 28**
- **31-40: 61**
- **41-50: 77**
- **51-60: 63**
- **61-70: 39**
- **71-80: 5**
- **81-90: 1**



**ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2023):**

**SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 171**



- **METHAMPHETAMINE WAS PRESENT IN (101), 59% OF THE 171 SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**
- **FENTANYL WAS PRESENT IN (41), 24% OF THE 171 SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**

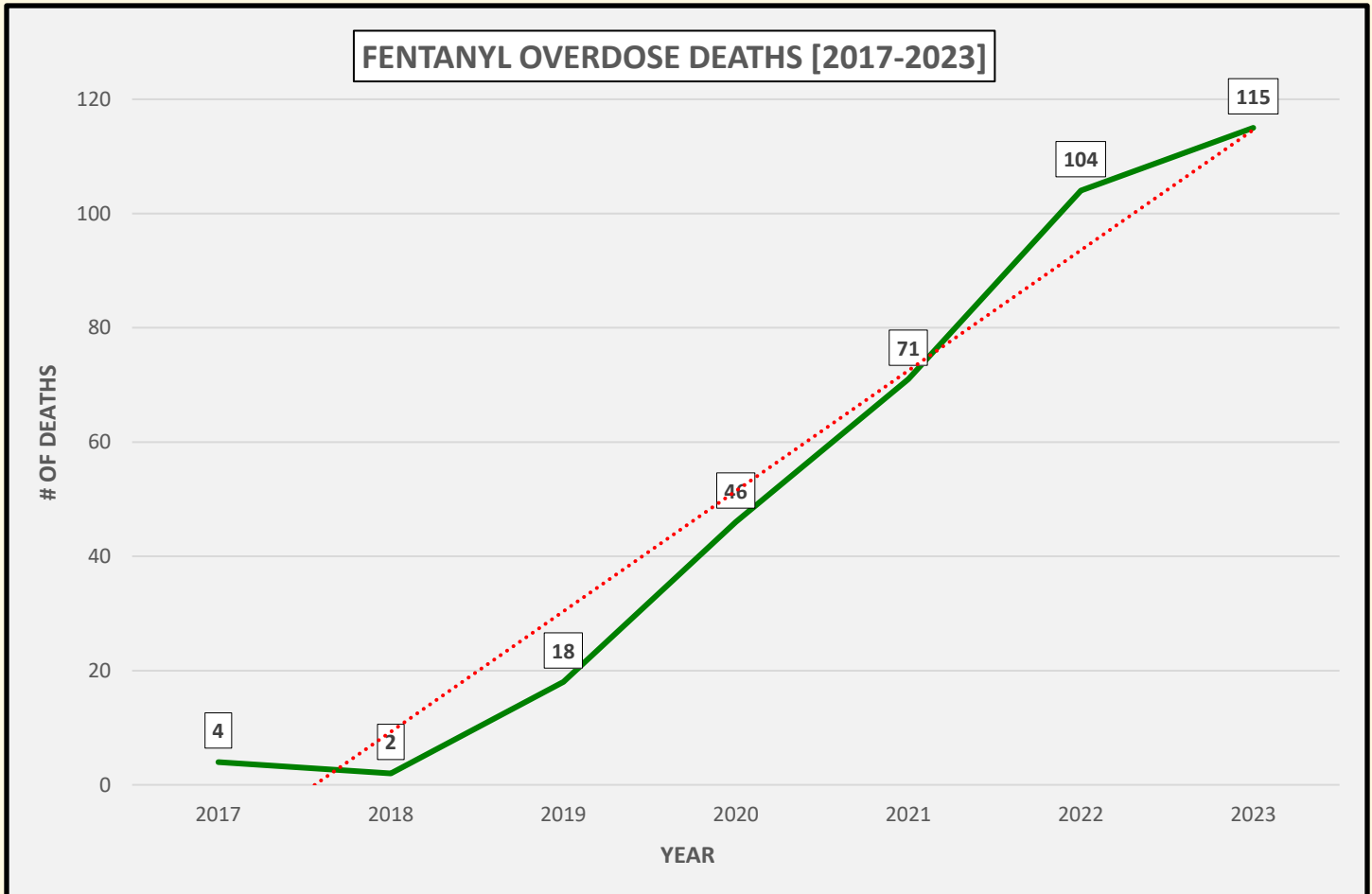
## ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2023):

### COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 107

- ALCOHOL, AMPHETAMINE, FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, COCAINE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, COCAINE, FENTANYL: 1
  - ALCOHOL, COCAINE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, COCAINE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, DEXTROMETHORPHAN, PROMETHAZINE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, FENTANYL: 3
  - ALCOHOL, FENTANYL, TRAMADOL: 1
  - ALCOHOL, FENTANYL, TRAMADOL, OXYCODONE, PROMETHAZINE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, METHADONE: 1
  - ALCOHOL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 3
  - ALCOHOL, OXYCODONE: 1
  - ALPRAZOLAM, FENTANYL: 2
  - ALPRAZOLAM, FENTANYL, HYDROCODONE, TRAZADONE: 1
  - ALPRAZOLAM, FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1
  - ALPRAZOLAM, HYDROCODONE: 1
  - ALPRAZOLAM, METHADONE: 1
  - AMPHETAMINE, FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1
  - AMPHETAMINE, METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - AMPHETAMINE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - COCAINE, FENTANYL: 4
  - COCAINE, FENTANYL, METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - COCAINE, FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 2
  - COCAINE, OXYCODONE: 1
  - CODEINE, FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - CODEINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - FENTANYL, DIAZEPAM, TEMAZEPAM: 1
  - FENTANYL, METHADONE: 2
  - FENTANYL, METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1
  - FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 47
  - FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 2
  - FENTANYL, MORPHINE: 1
  - HYDROCODONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1
  - HYDROCODONE, OXYCODONE: 1
  - METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 2
  - METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1
  - METHADONE, MORPHINE: 1
  - METHADONE, PAROXETINE: 1
  - METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 3
  - POLYSUBSTANCE: 5
  - UNKNOWN: 3
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- METHAMPHETAMINE WAS PRESENT IN (71), 66% OF THE 107 COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.
  - FENTANYL WAS PRESENT IN (74), 69% OF THE 107 COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.
  - ALCOHOL WAS PRESENT IN (16), 15% OF THE 107 COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.

**ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2023):**

**FRESNO COUNTY FENTANYL OVERDOSE DEATH TRENDS (2017 – 2023):**



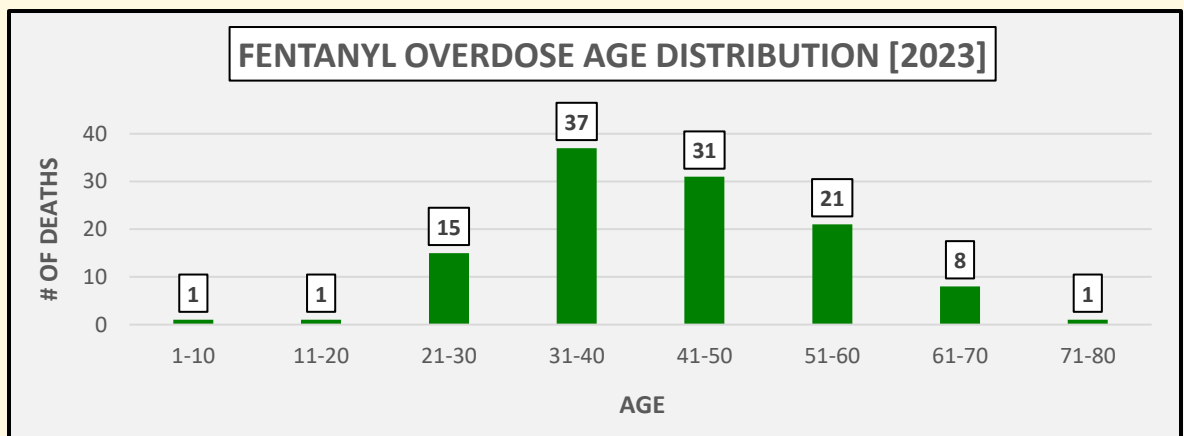
**TOTAL DEATHS INVOLVING FENTANYL (2023): 115**

**FENTANYL OVERDOSE GENDER (2023):**

- MALE: 89
- FEMALE: 26

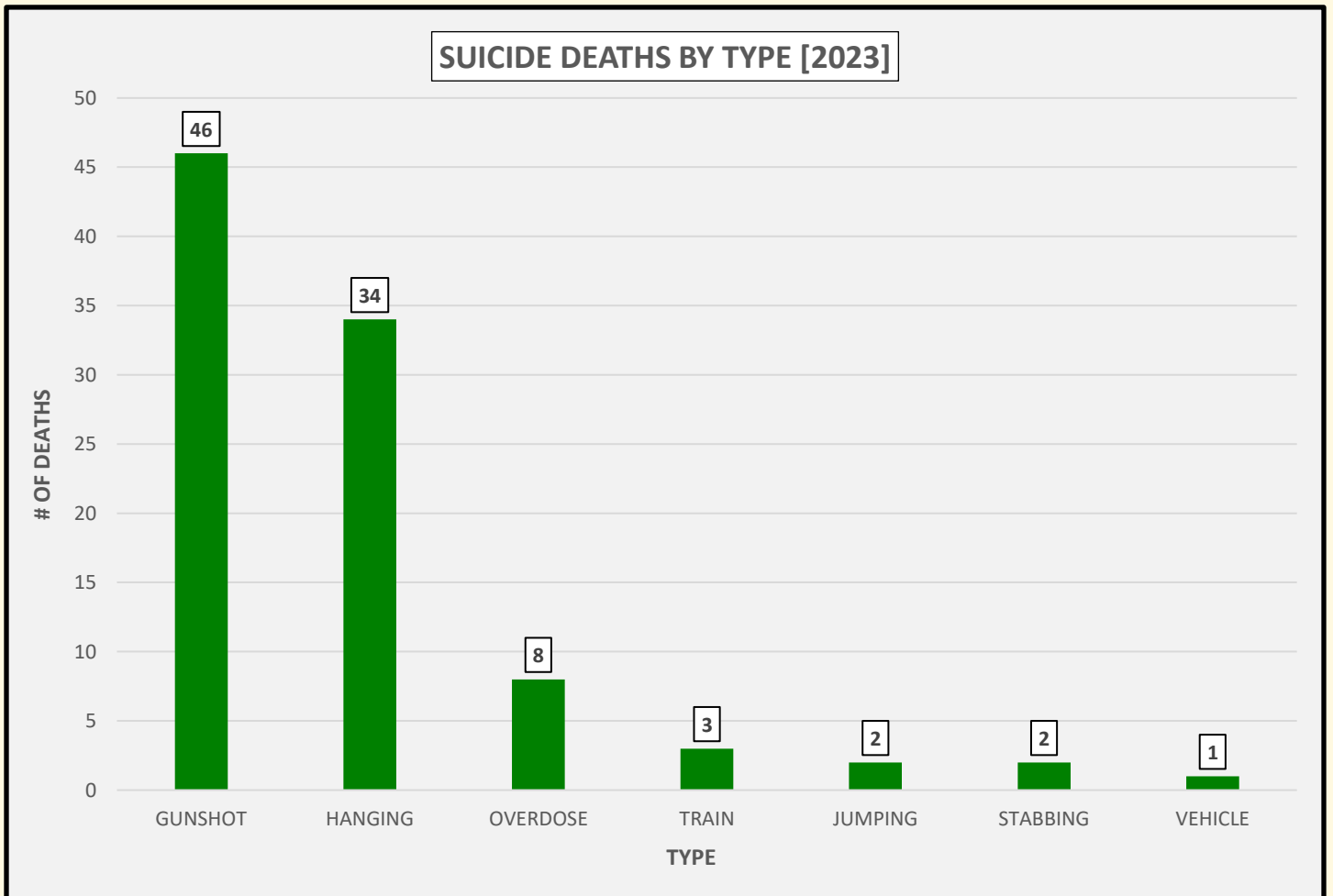
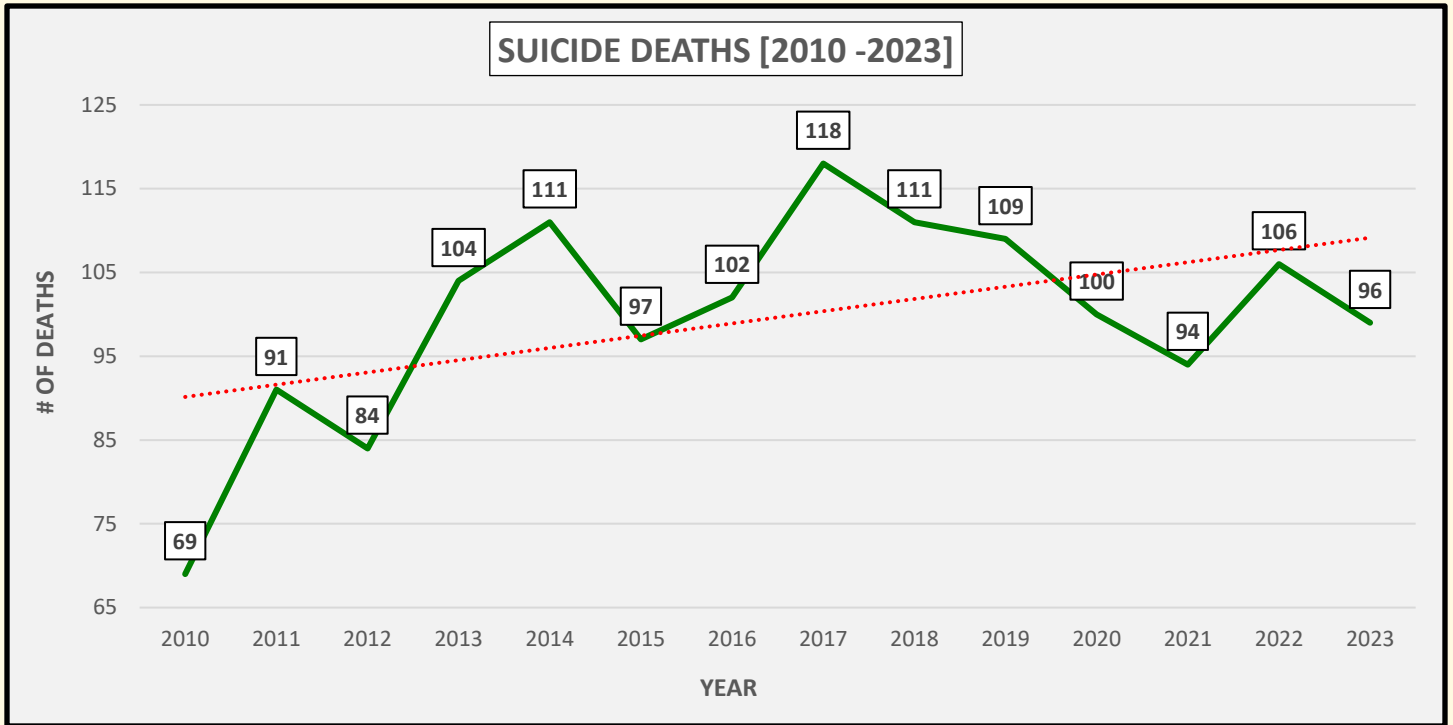
**FENTANYL OVERDOSE AGE DISTRIBUTION (2023):**

- 1-10: 1
- 11-20: 1
- 21-30: 15
- 31-40: 37
- 41-50: 31
- 51-60: 21
- 61-70: 8
- 71-80: 1

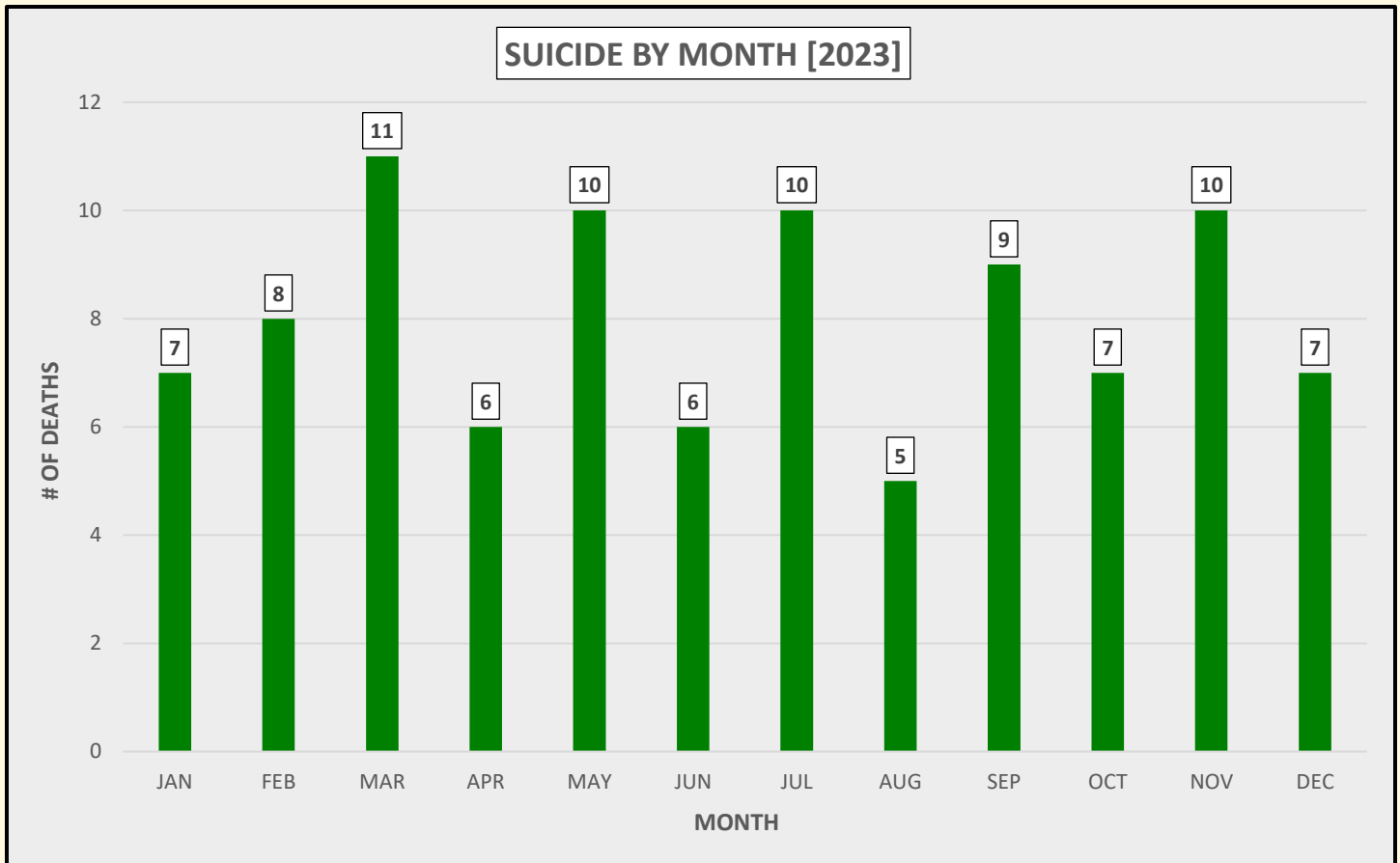


**SUICIDE (2023):**

**SUICIDE DEATHS (2023): 96**



## SUICIDE (2023):

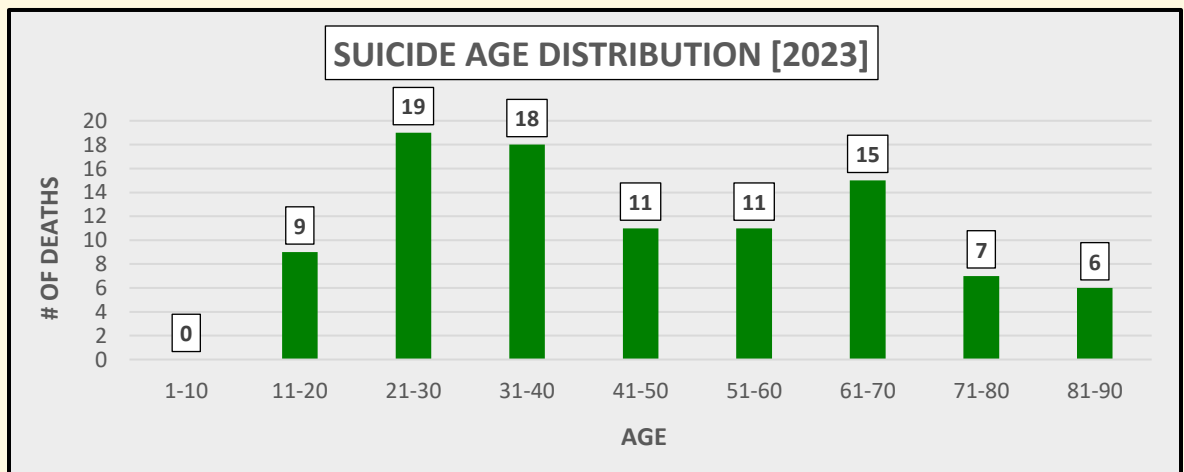


## SUICIDE GENDER [2023] :

- MALE: 82
- FEMALE: 14

## SUICIDE AGE DISTRIBUTION [2023] :

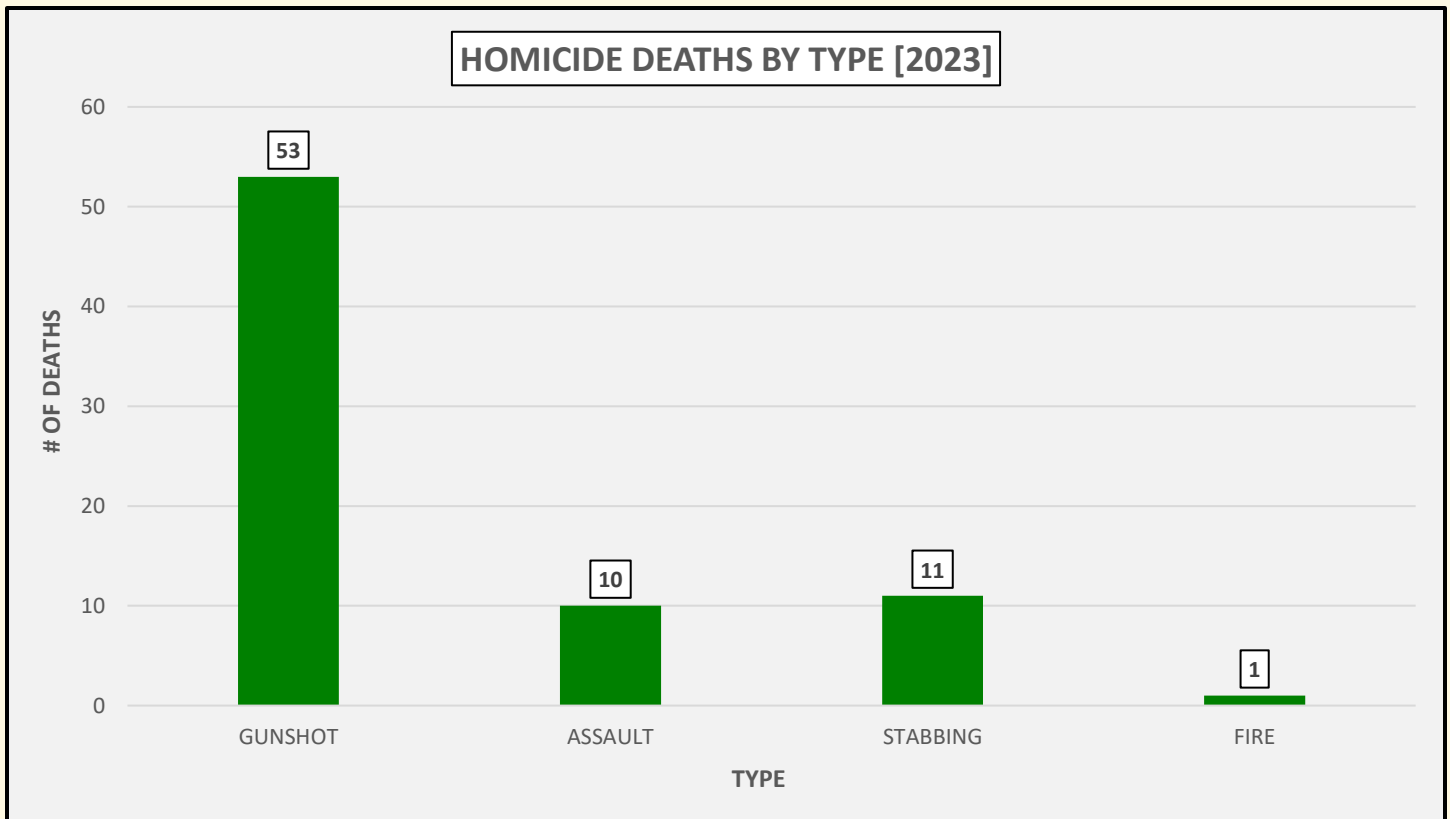
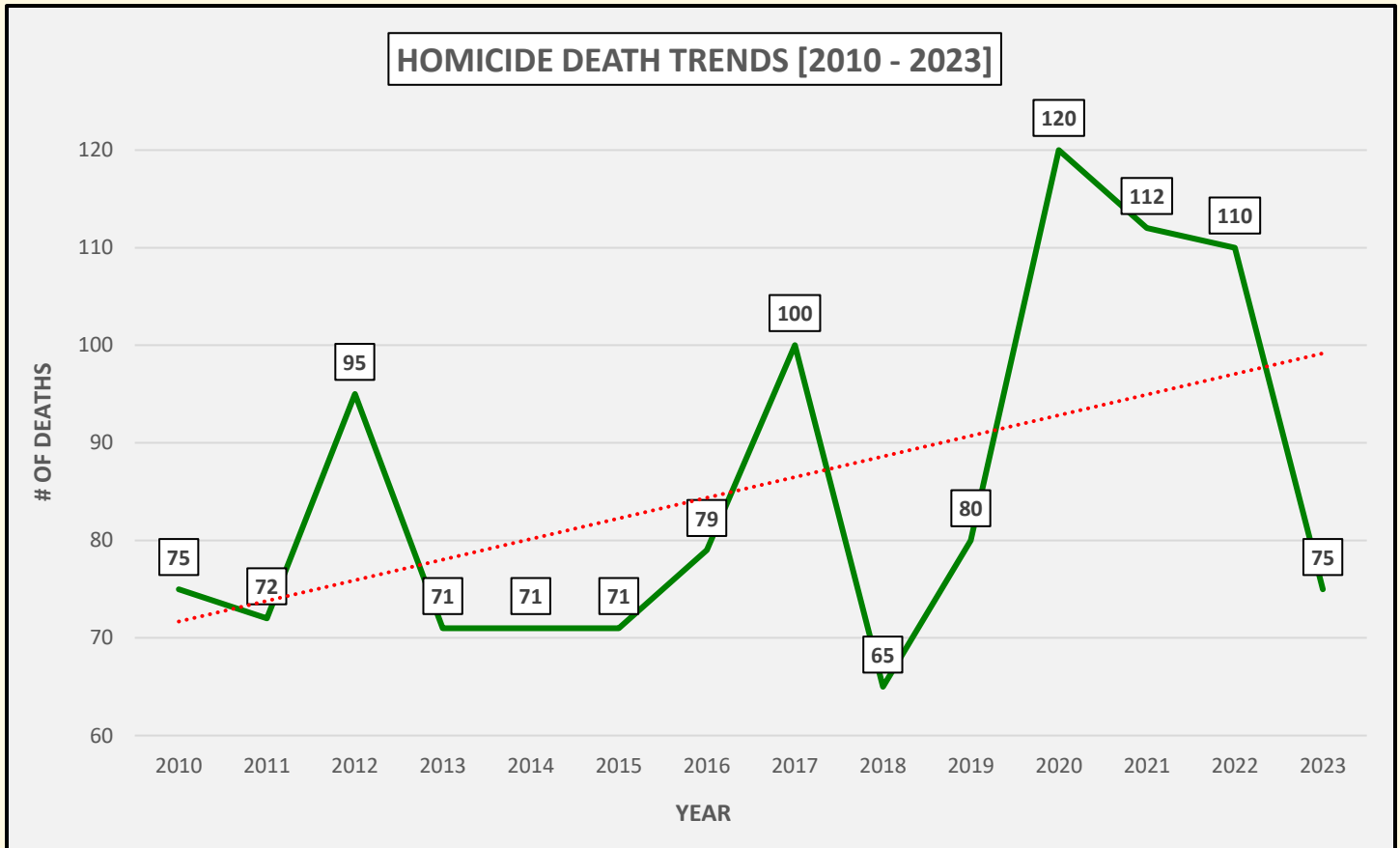
- 1-10: 0
- 11-20: 9
- 21-30: 19
- 31-40: 18
- 41-50: 11
- 51-60: 11
- 61-70: 15
- 71-80: 7
- 81-90: 6



- YOUNGEST SUICIDE: 12 YEARS
- OLDEST SUICIDE: 88 YEARS
- AVERAGE SUICIDE AGE: 46 YEARS

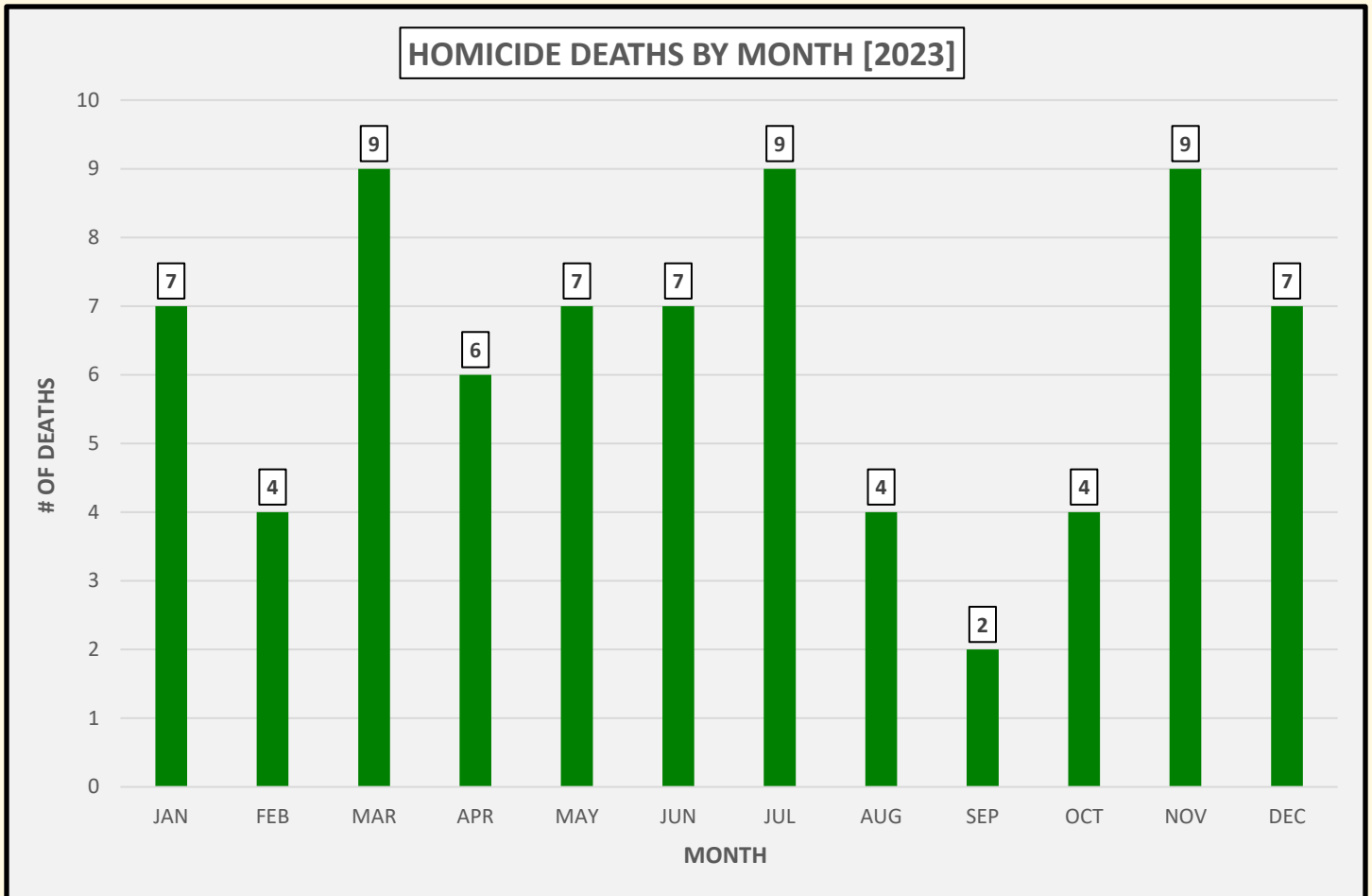
## HOMICIDE (2023):

**HOMICIDE DEATHS (2023): 75**





## HOMICIDE (2023):

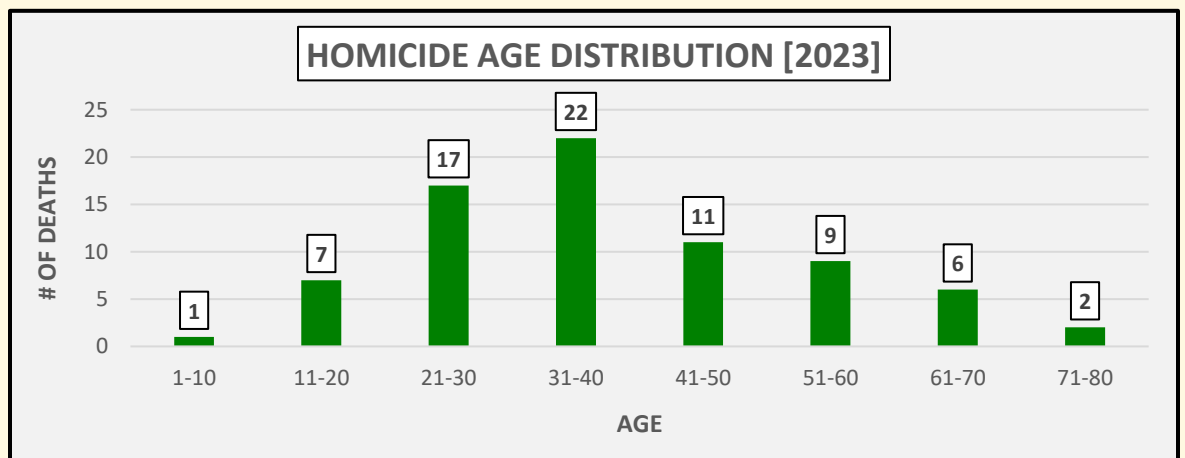


## HOMICIDE GENDER (2023) :

- MALE: 63
- FEMALE: 12

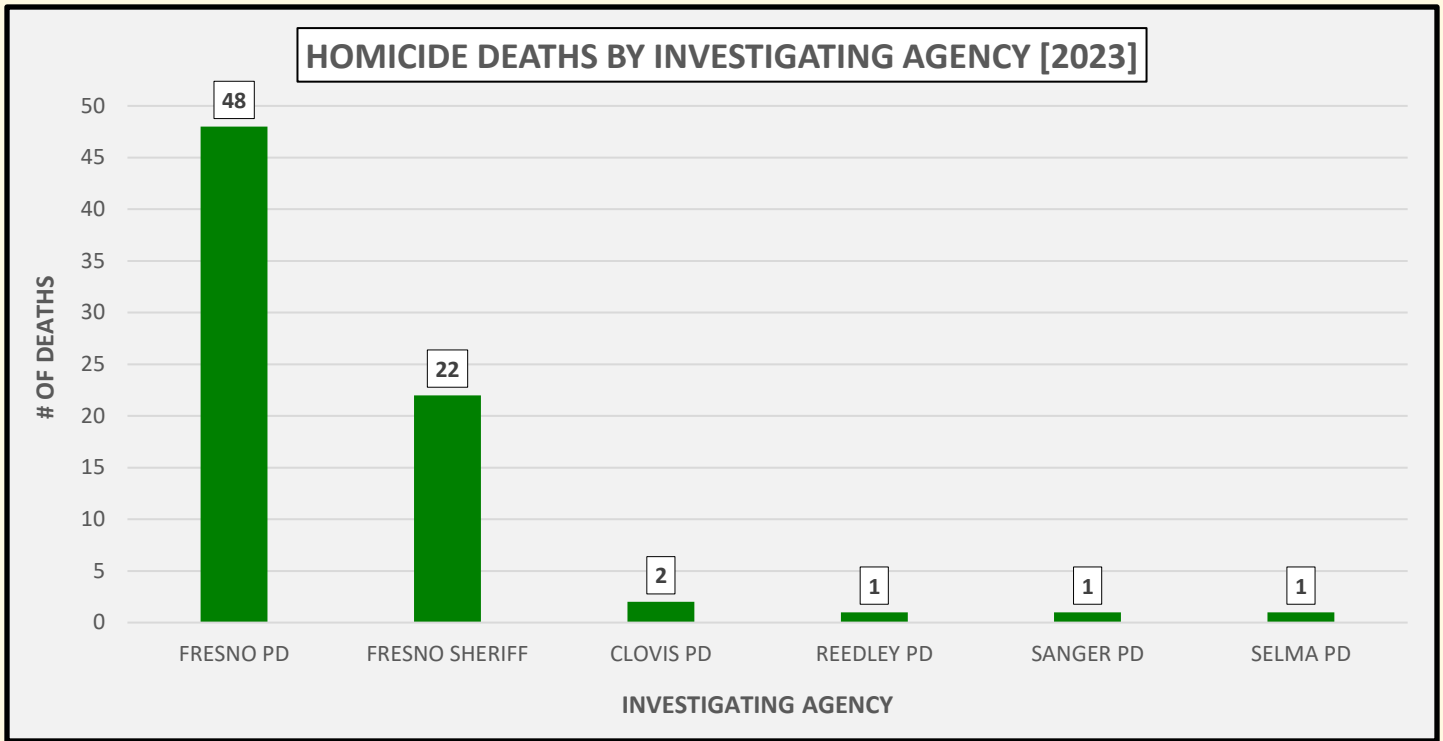
## HOMICIDE AGE RANGE (2023) :

- 0-10: 1
- 11-20: 7
- 21-30: 17
- 31-40: 22
- 41-50: 11
- 51-60: 9
- 61-70: 6
- 71-80: 2



- YOUNGEST HOMICIDE: 0 YEARS
- OLDEST HOMICIDE: 78 YEARS
- AVERAGE HOMICIDE AGE: 38 YEARS

**HOMICIDE (2023):**



**IN-CUSTODY / OFFICER INVOLVED DEATHS (2023):**

**FRESNO COUNTY JAIL: 7**

- SUICIDE: 2
- NATURAL: 4
- HOMICIDE: 1

**COALINGA STATE HOSPITAL: 23**

- NATURAL: 21
- OVERDOSE: 1
- FALL: 1

**MENDOTA FEDERAL PRISON: 1**

- SUICIDE: 1

**PLEASANT VALLEY STATE PRISON: 3**

- HOMICIDE: 1
- OVERDOSE: 2

**REEDLEY JAIL: 1**

- SUICIDE: 1

**OFFICER INVOLVED & OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS: 5**

- FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT: 2
- FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: 2
- MENDOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT: 1

