FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2024

CORONER UNIT STATISTICS

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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 2024, there were 9,185 deaths in Fresno County. Of those deaths, 4,350 were reported to the coroner unit for review. The coroner unit accepted 1,138 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.

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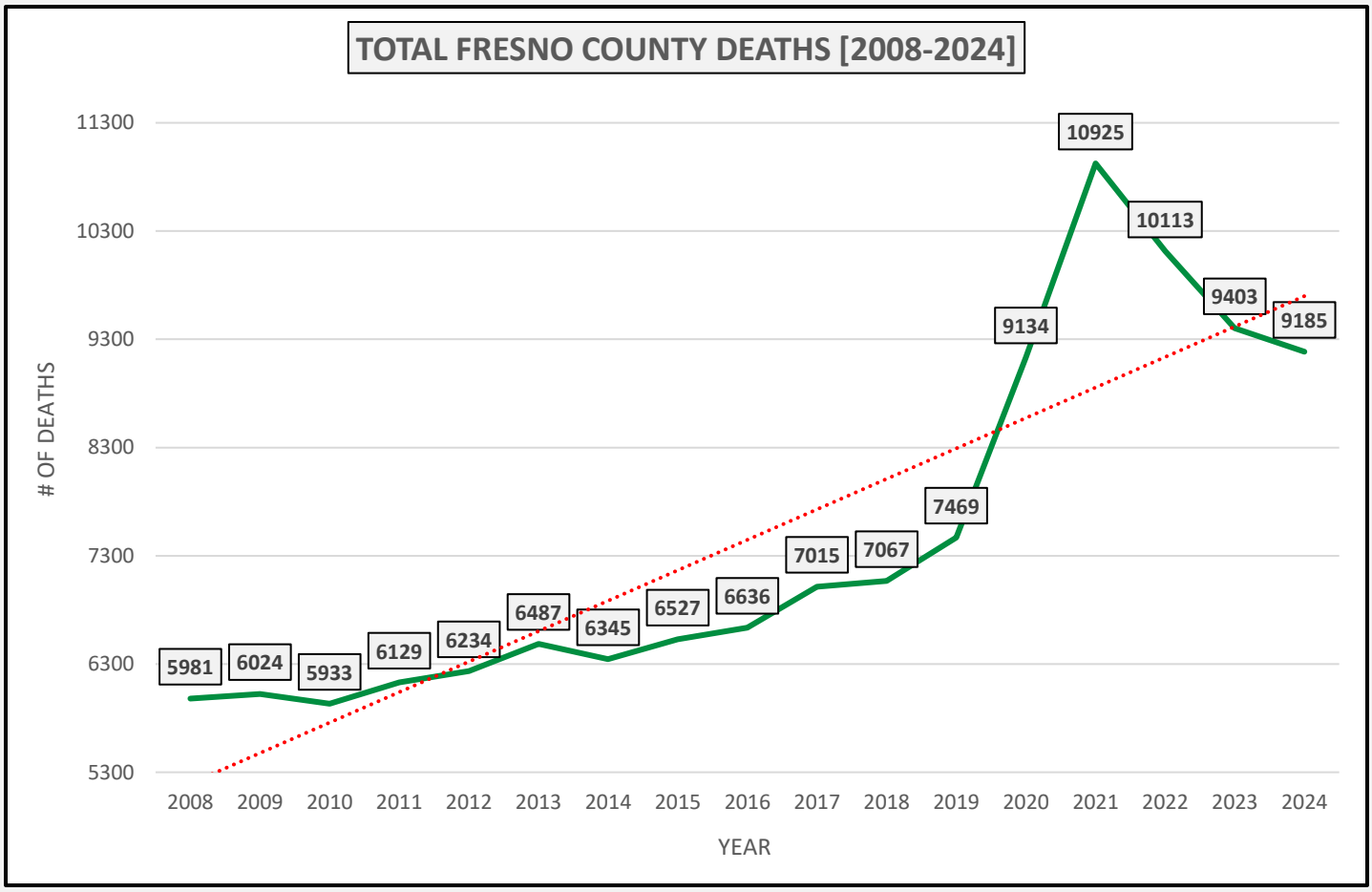
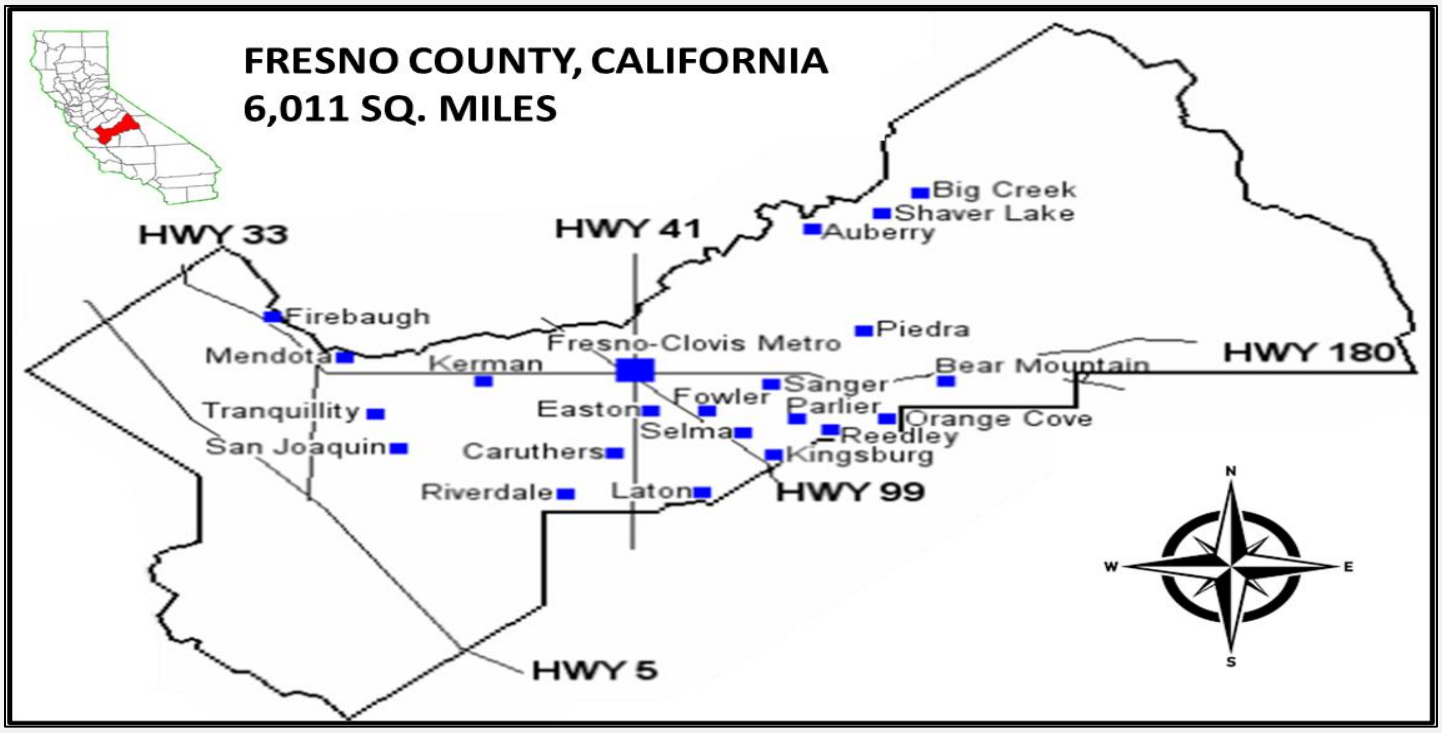
OVERALL (2024):

TOTAL FRESNO COUNTY DEATHS (2024): 9,185

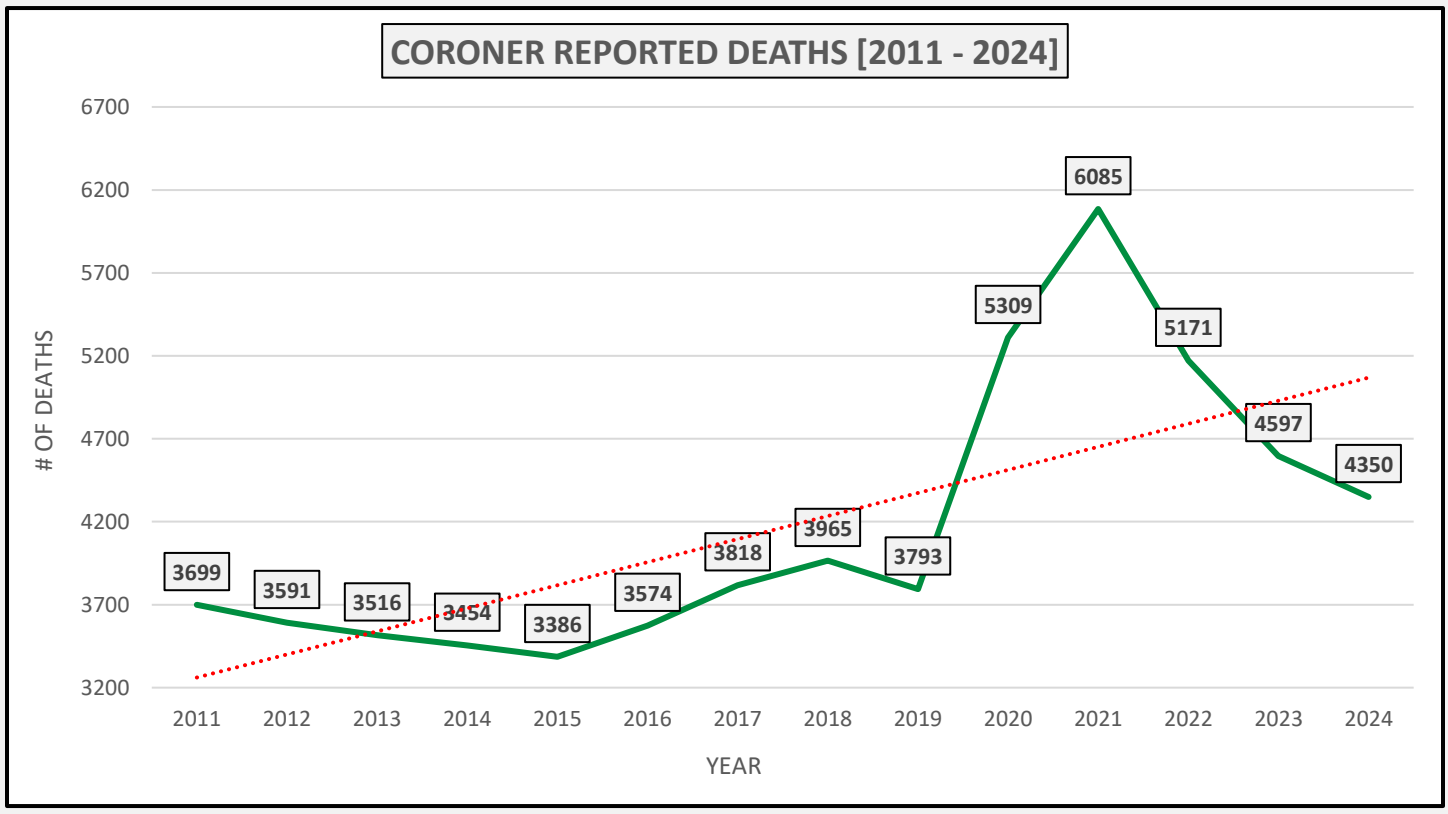


FRESNO COUNTY MAP:

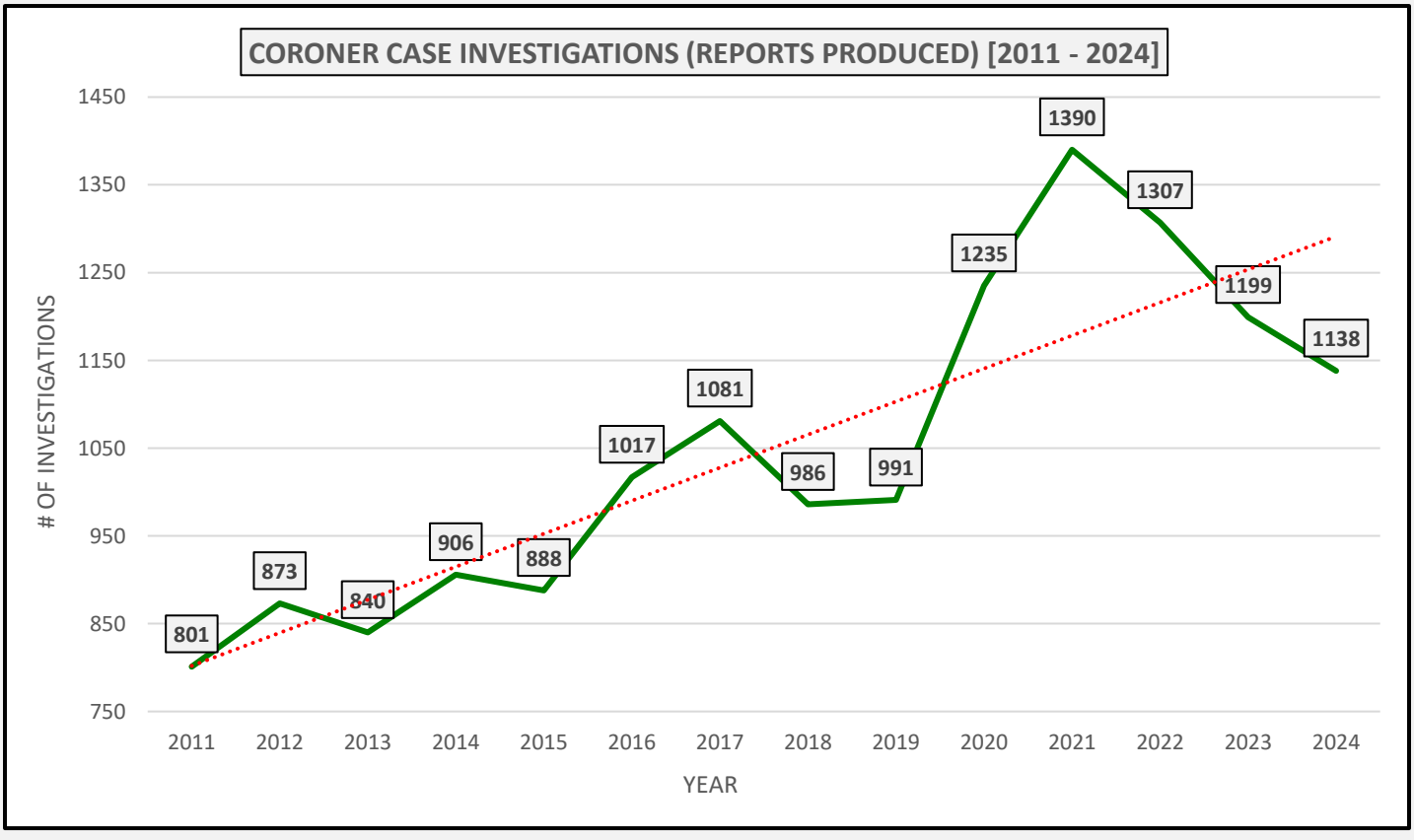


OVERALL (2024):

CORONER REPORTED DEATHS (2024): 4,350



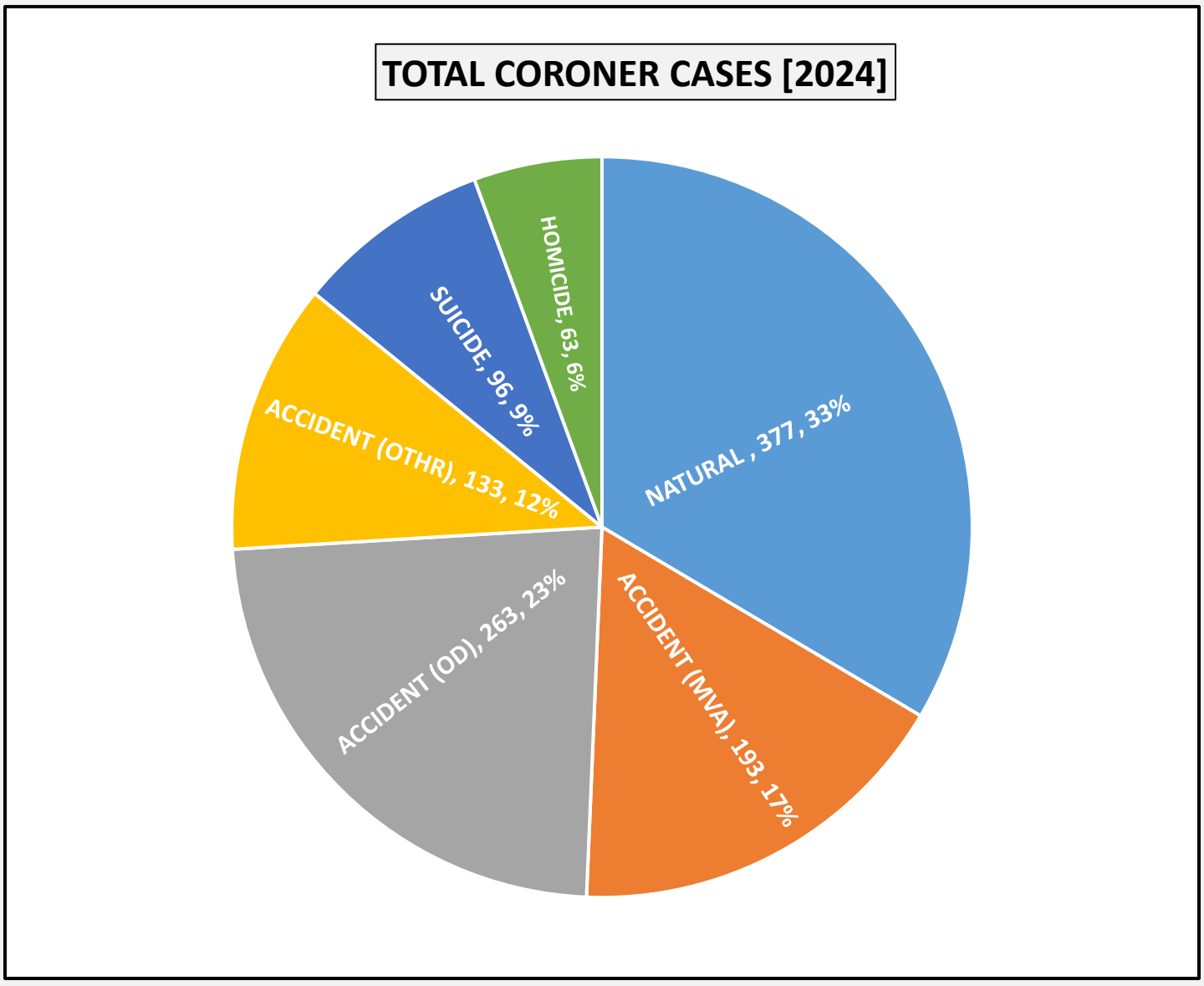
CORONER CASE INVESTIGATIONS (REPORTS PRODUCED) (2024): 1,138



OVERALL (2024):

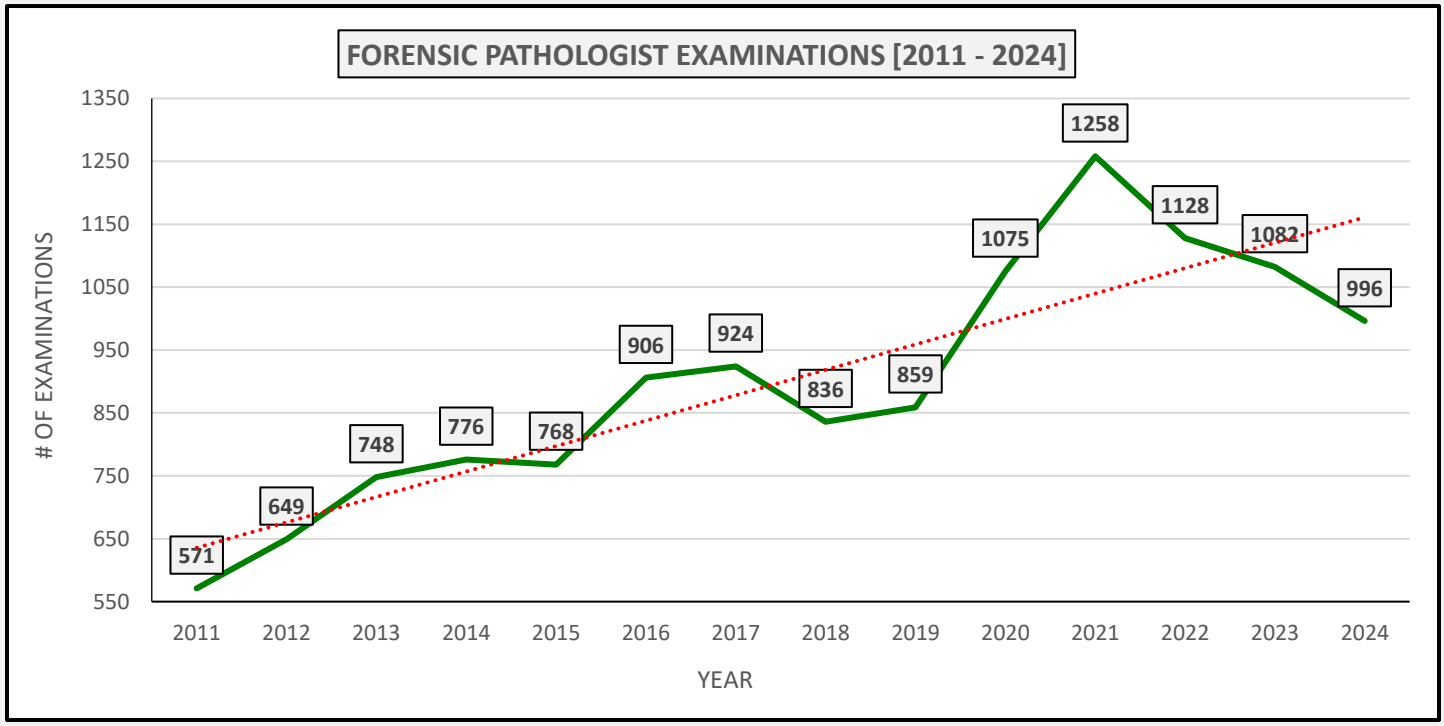
TOTAL CORONER CASES: 1,138

- **NATURAL: 377**
- **ACCIDENT: 589**
  - **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: 193**
  - **OVERDOSE: 263**
  - **OTHER ACCIDENTS: 133**
- **SUICIDE: 96**
- **HOMICIDE: 63**
- **UNDETERMINED: 6**
- **PENDING: 7**



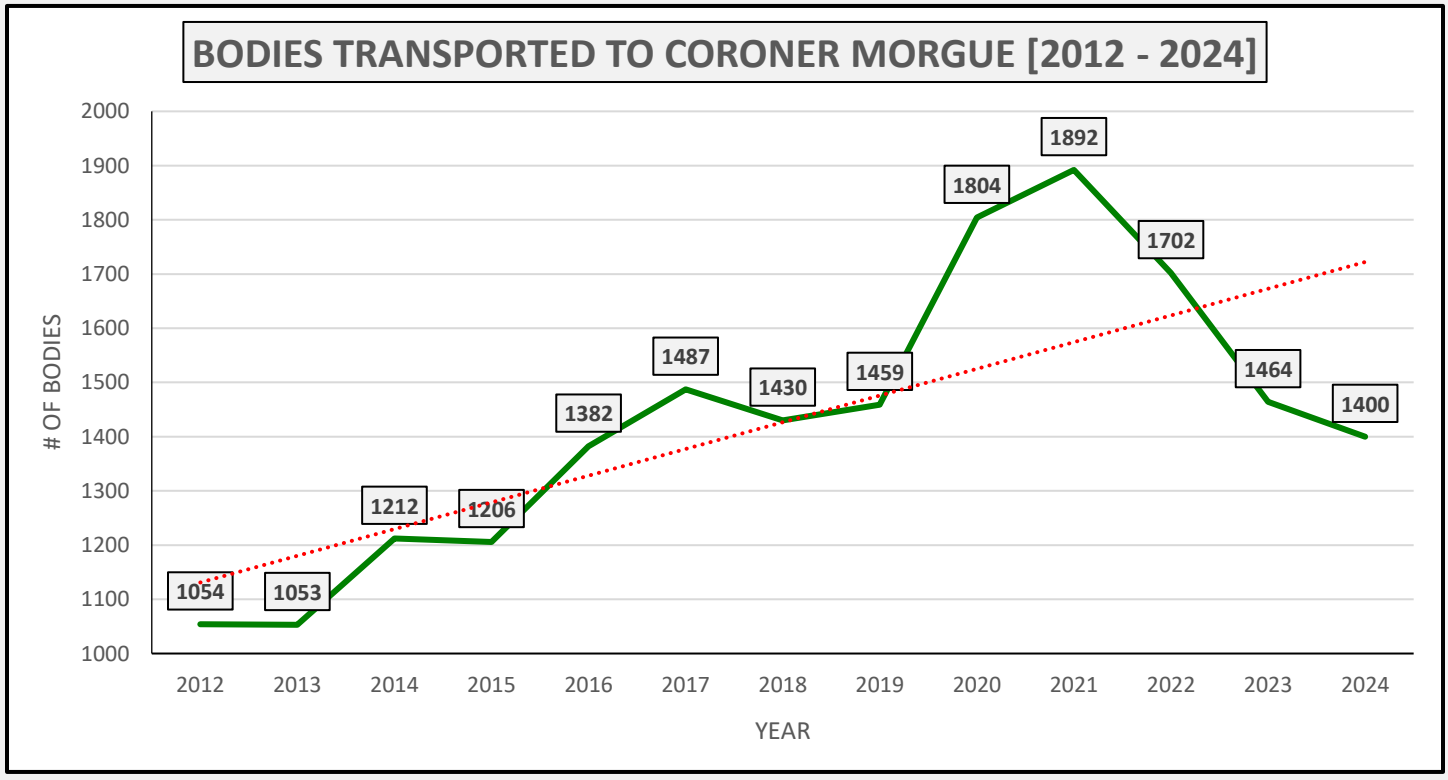
OVERALL (2024):

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST EXAMINATIONS (2024): 996



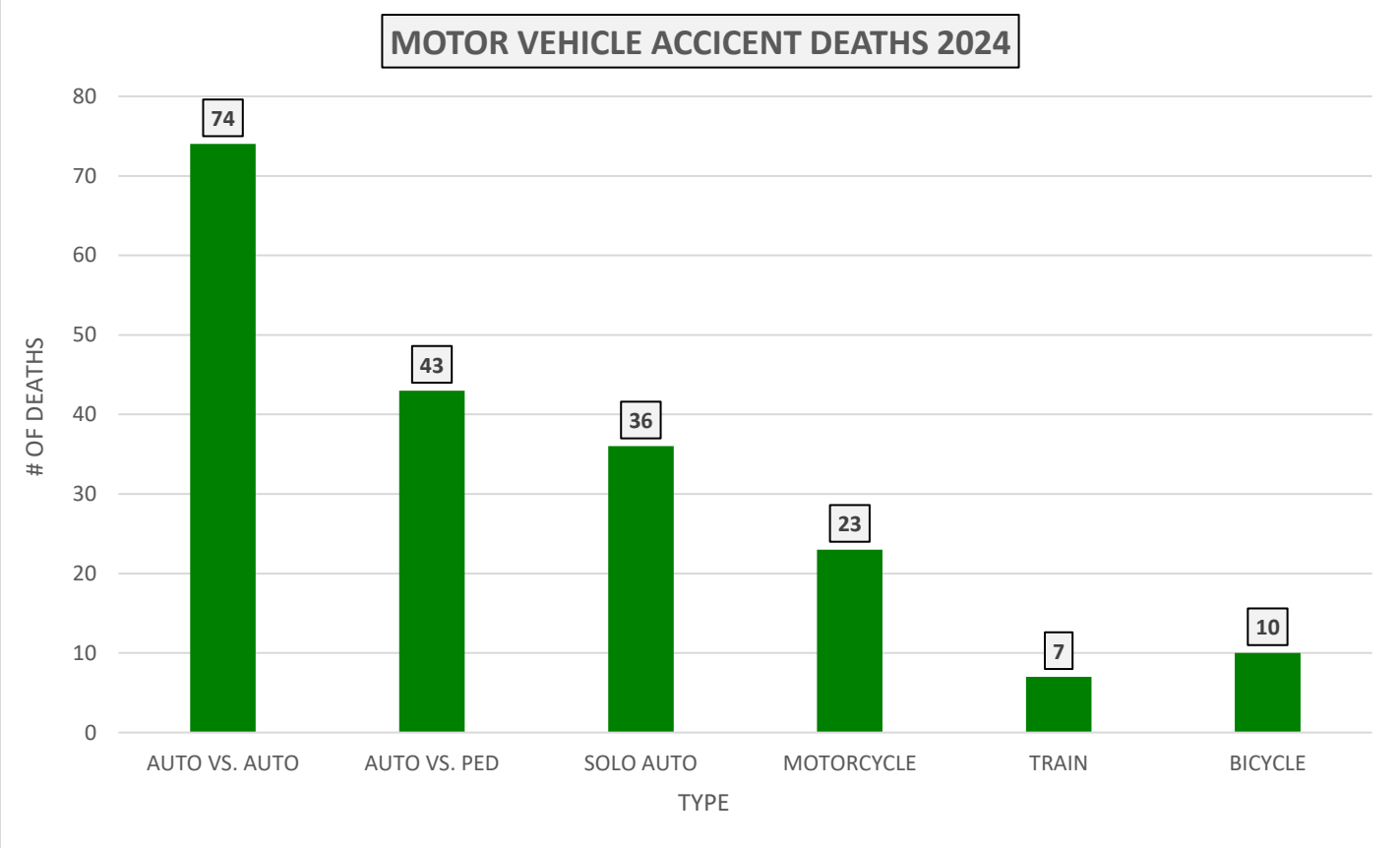
- **AUTOPSY EXAMINATIONS (2024): 319**
- **EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS / TOXICOLOGY / MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW: 677**

BODIES TRANSPORTED TO CORONER MORGUE (2024): 1,400

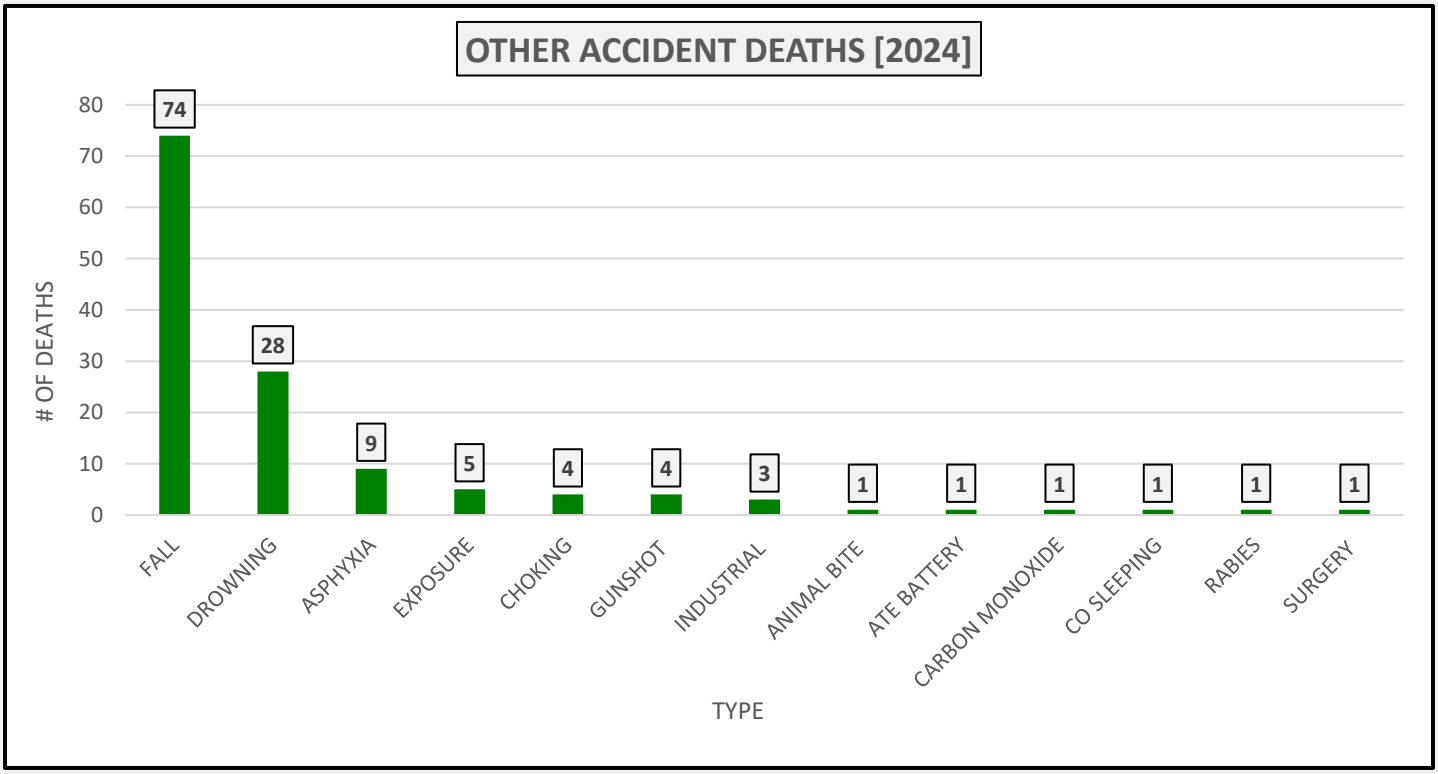


ACCIDENT - MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED / OTHER (2024):

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (MVA) DEATHS (2024): 193



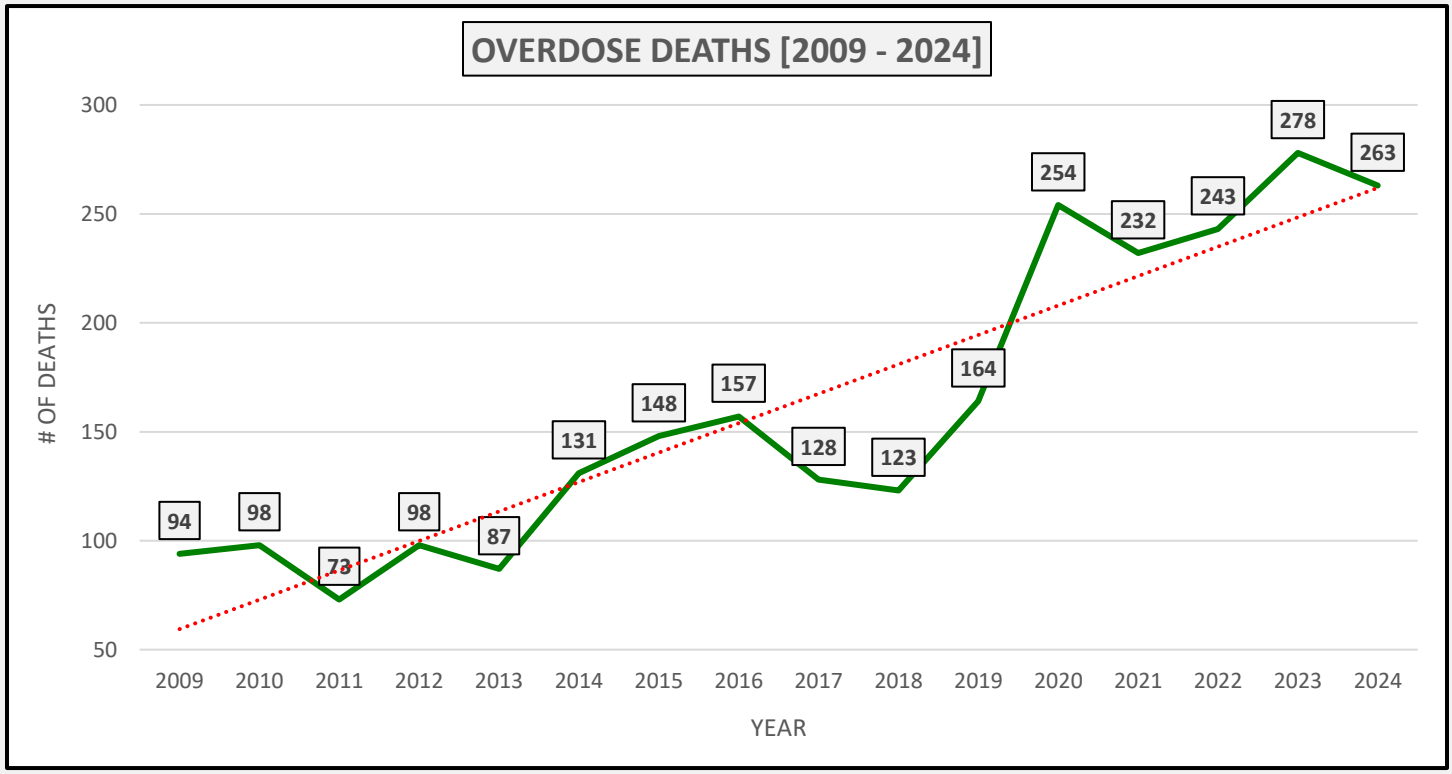
OTHER ACCIDENT DEATHS: 133



ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2024):

OVERALL ACCIDENT OVERDOSE DEATHS (2024): 263

- **SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 188**
- **COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 75**

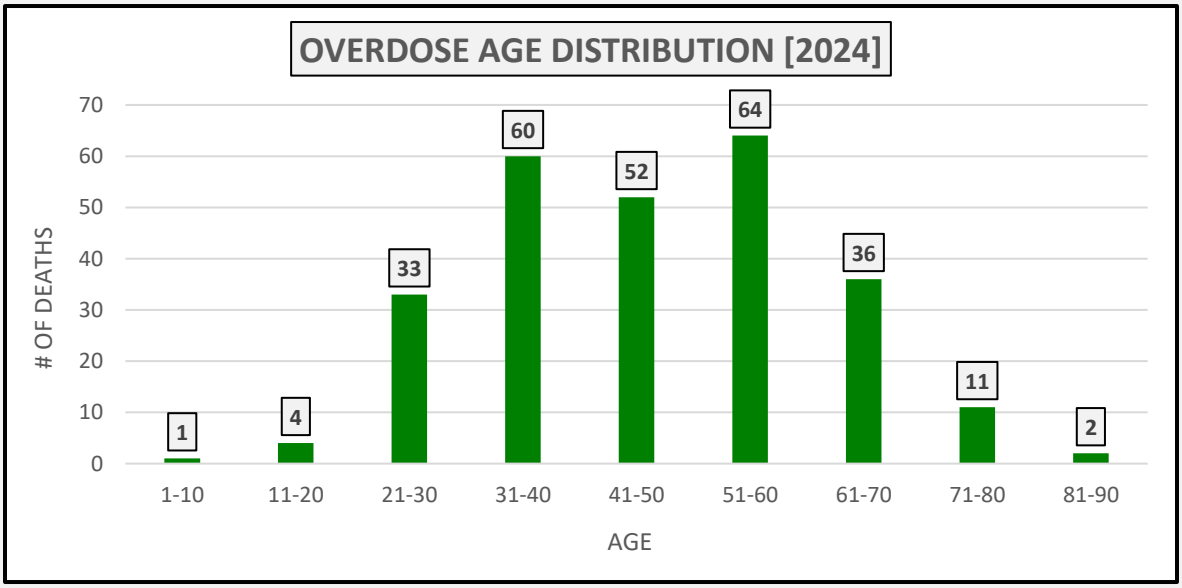


OVERDOSE (GENDER):

- **MALE: 200**
- **FEMALE: 63**

OVERDOSE AGE DISTRIBUTION:

- **1-10: 1**
- **11-20: 4**
- **21-30: 33**
- **31-40: 60**
- **41-50: 52**
- **51-60: 64**
- **61-70: 36**
- **71-80: 11**
- **81-90: 2**



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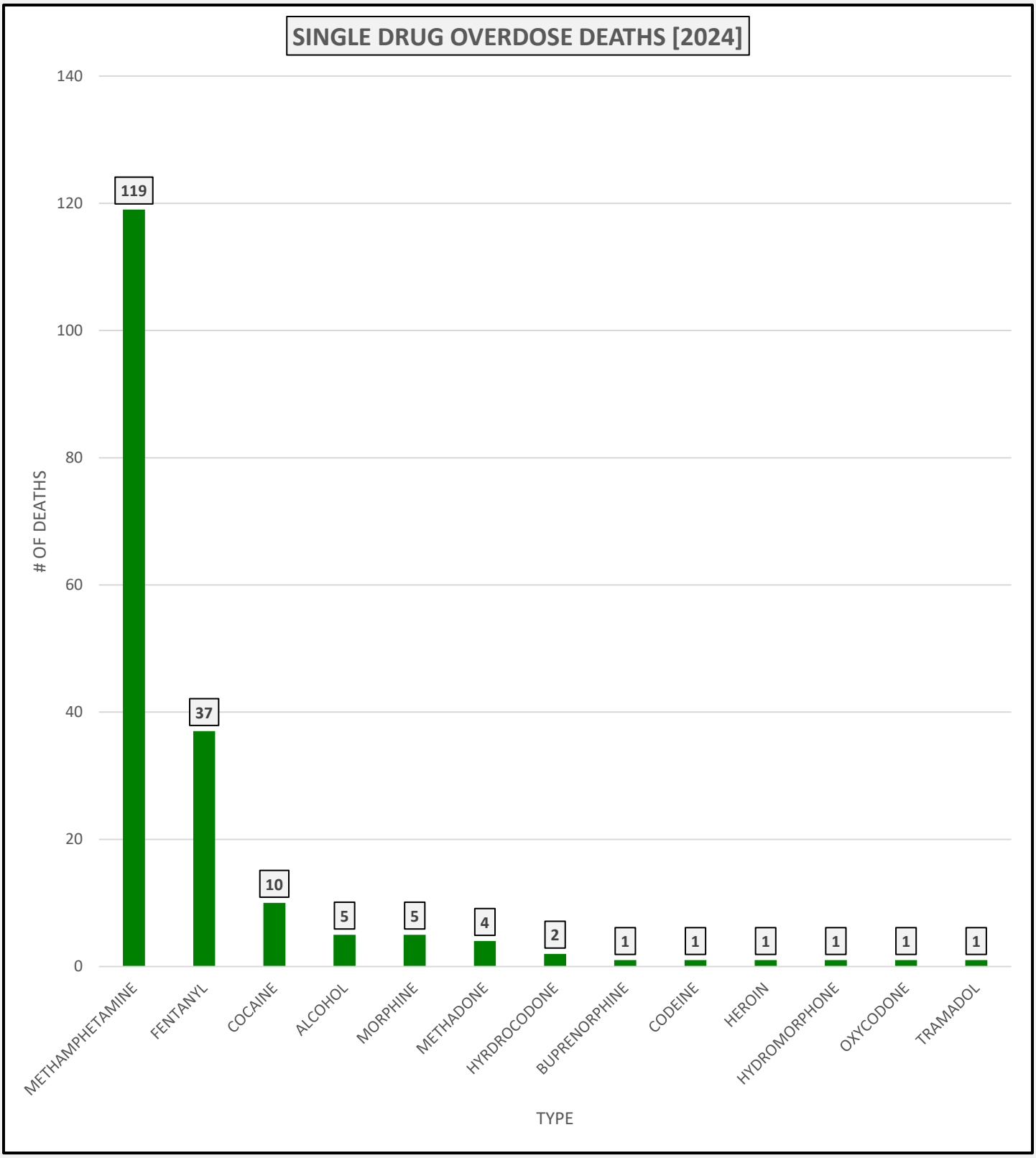
SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 188



- **METHAMPHETAMINE WAS PRESENT IN (119), 63% OF THE 188 SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**
- **FENTANYL WAS PRESENT IN (37), 20% OF THE 188 SINGLE DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**

ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2024):

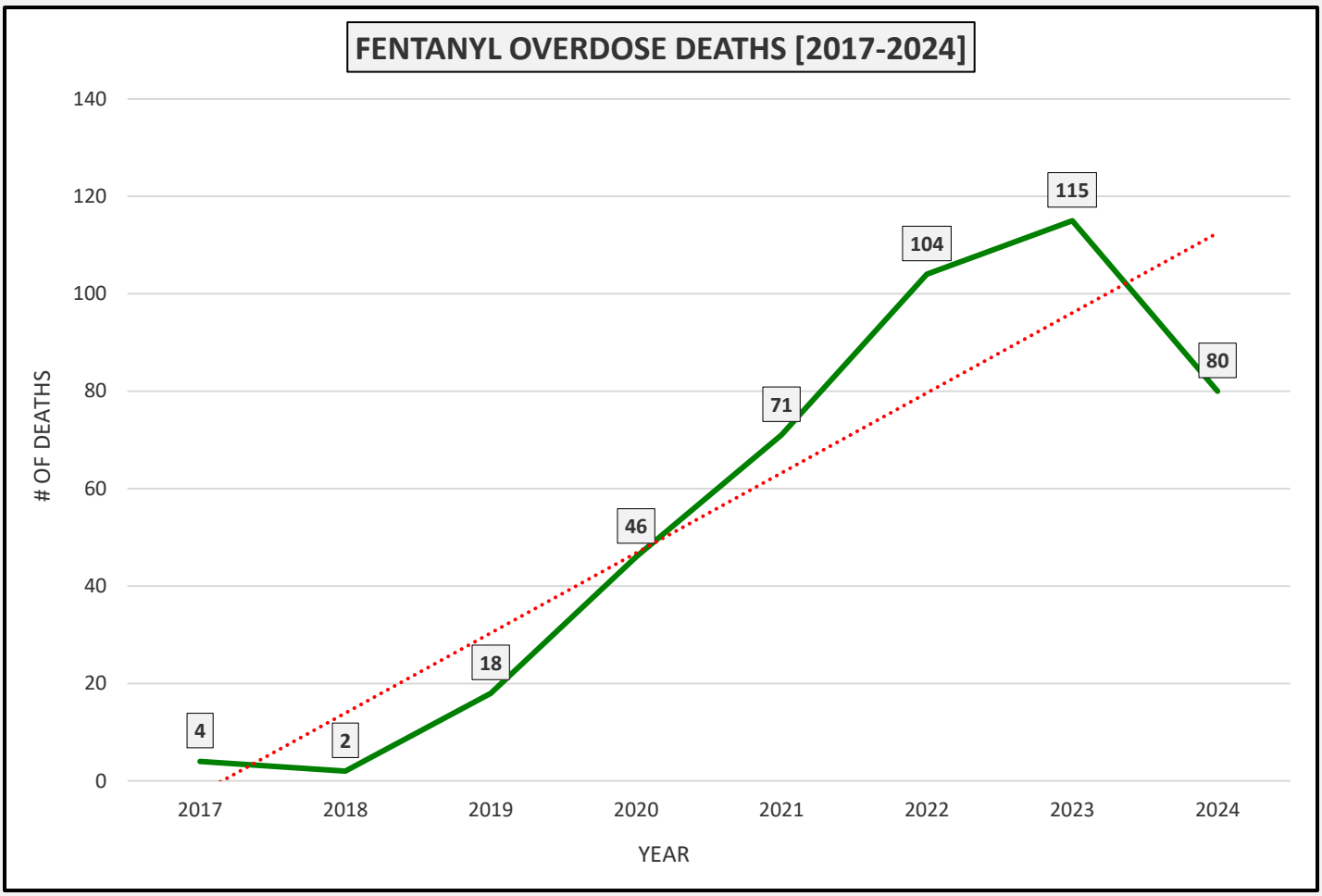
COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS: 75

- **ALCOHOL, AMITRIPTYLINE: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, COCAINE, FENTANYL: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, COCAINE, FENTANYL, MARIJUANA: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, COCAINE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, DIAZEPAM, FENTANYL: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, FENTANYL: 2**
- **ALCOHOL, FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 3**
- **ALCOHOL, FENTANYL, MORPHINE: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, HYDROCODONE: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1**
- **ALCOHOL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 6**
- **ALPRAZOLAM, AMITRIPTYLINE, COCAINE, METHADONE, NORTRIPTYLINE: 1**
- **ALPRAZOLAM, FENTANYL: 1**
- **AMPHETAMINE, METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1**
- **BUPRENORPHINE, FENTANYL: 1**
- **BUPRENORPHINE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1**
- **COCAINE, FENTANYL: 4**
- **COCAINE, FENTANYL, HYDROCODONE: 1**
- **COCAINE, METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1**
- **COCAINE, MORPHINE: 1**
- **FENTANYL, METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1**
- **FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE: 22**
- **FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1**
- **FENTANYL, METHAMPHETAMINE, TRAMADOL: 1**
- **FENTANYL, MORPHINE: 1**
- **HYDROCODONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 1**
- **LORAZEPAM, TRAMADOL: 1**
- **MARIJUANA, OXYCODONE, OXYMORPHONE: 1**
- **METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE: 2**
- **METHADONE, METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 1**
- **METHADONE, MORPHINE: 2**
- **METHAMPHETAMINE, FENTANYL, PHENCYCLIDINE: 1**
- **METHAMPHETAMINE, METHADONE: 1**
- **METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE: 5**
- **METHAMPHETAMINE, MORPHINE, OXYCODONE: 1**
- **METHAMPHETAMINE, OPIATES: 1**
- **METHAMPHETAMINE, PHENCYCLIDINE: 1**

- **METHAMPHETAMINE WAS PRESENT IN (53), 71% OF THE 75 COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**
- **FENTANYL WAS PRESENT IN (43), 57% OF THE 75 COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**
- **ALCOHOL WAS PRESENT IN (19), 25% OF THE 75 COMBINED DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS.**

ACCIDENT - OVERDOSE (2024):

FRESNO COUNTY FENTANYL OVERDOSE DEATH TRENDS (2017 – 2024):



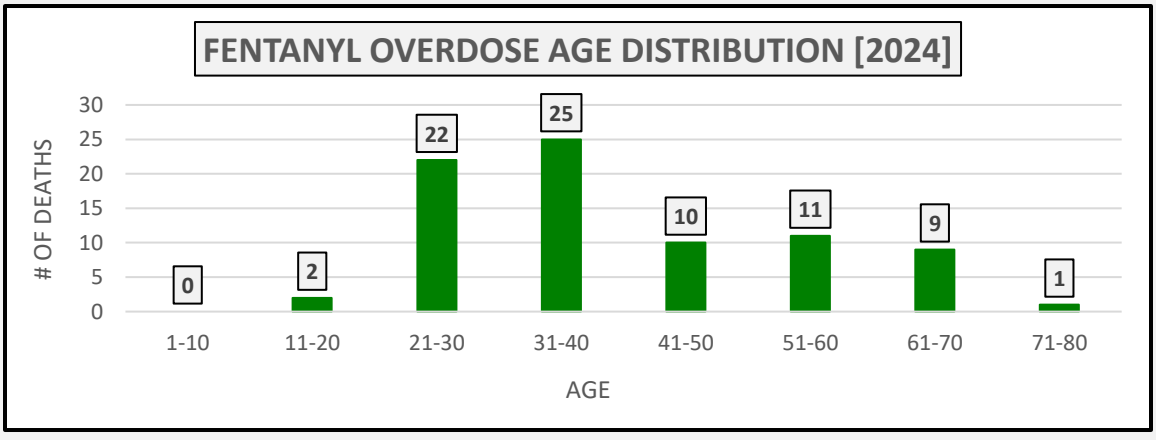
TOTAL DEATHS INVOLVING FENTANYL (2024): 80

FENTANYL OVERDOSE GENDER (2024):

- **MALE: 64**
- **FEMALE: 16**

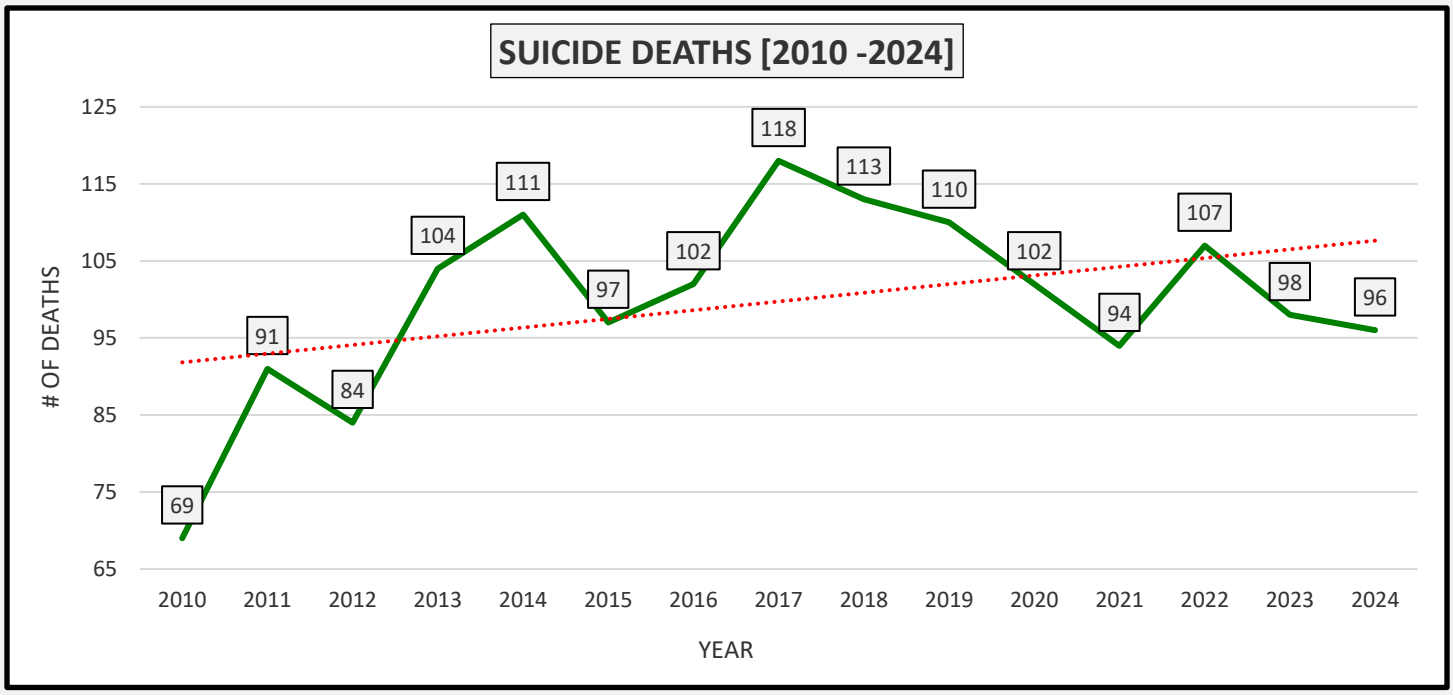
FENTANYL OVERDOSE AGE DISTRIBUTION (2024):

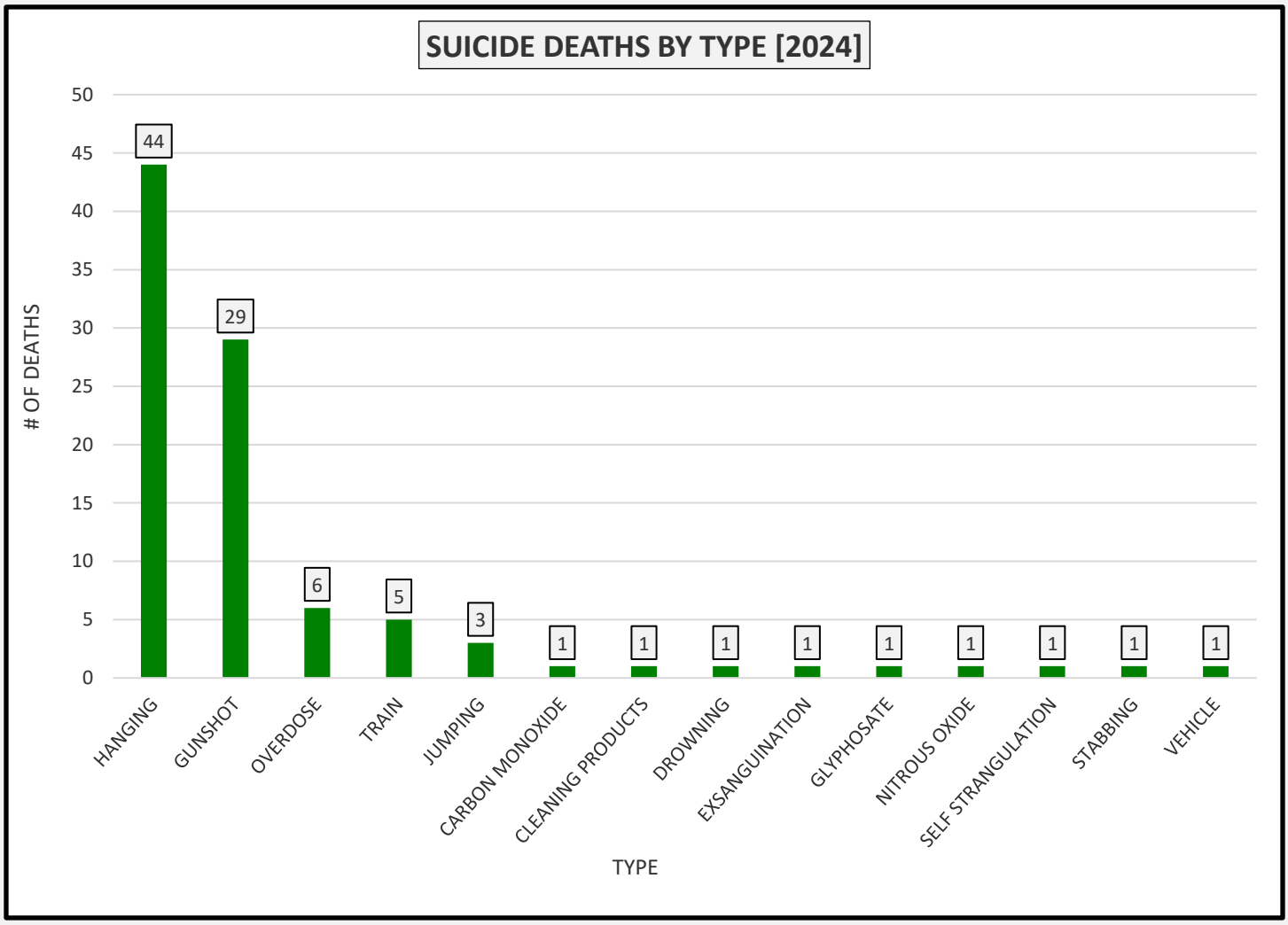
- **1-10: 0**
- **11-20: 2**
- **21-30: 22**
- **31-40: 25**
- **41-50: 10**
- **51-60: 11**
- **61-70: 9**
- **71-80: 1**



SUICIDE (2024):

SUICIDE DEATHS (2024): 96





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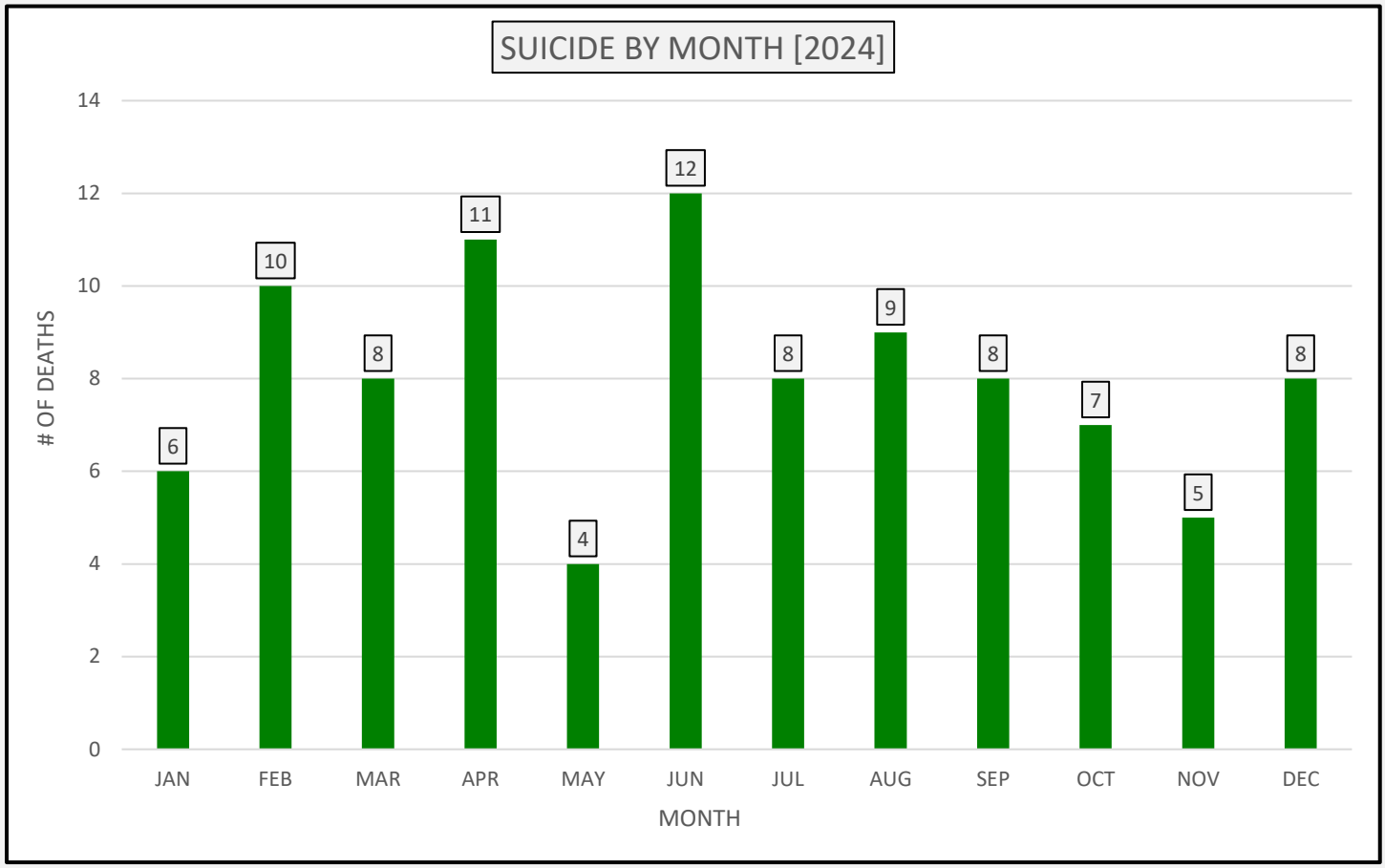
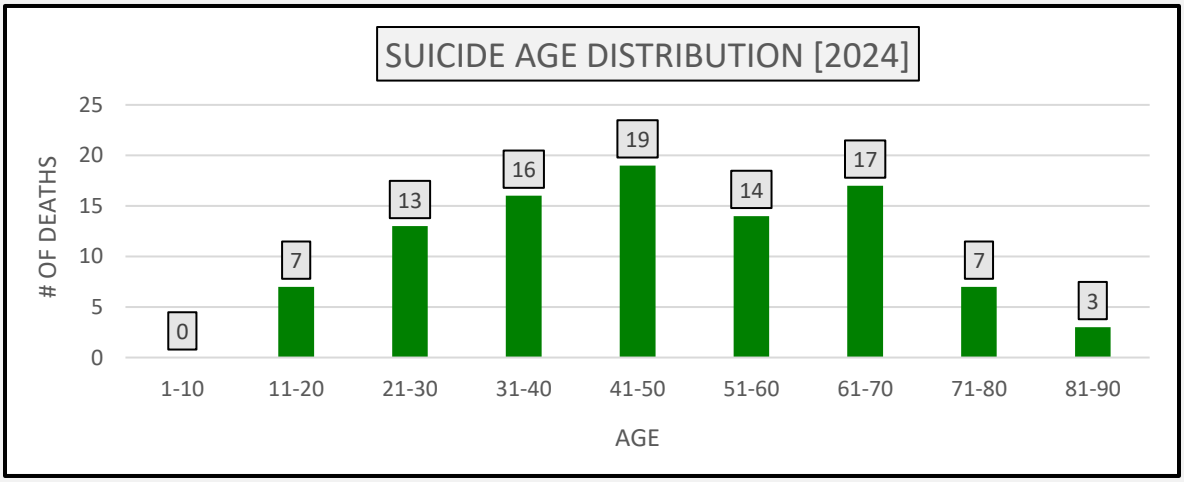


SUICIDE GENDER [2024] :

- **MALE: 73**
- **FEMALE: 23**

SUICIDE AGE DISTRIBUTION [2024] :

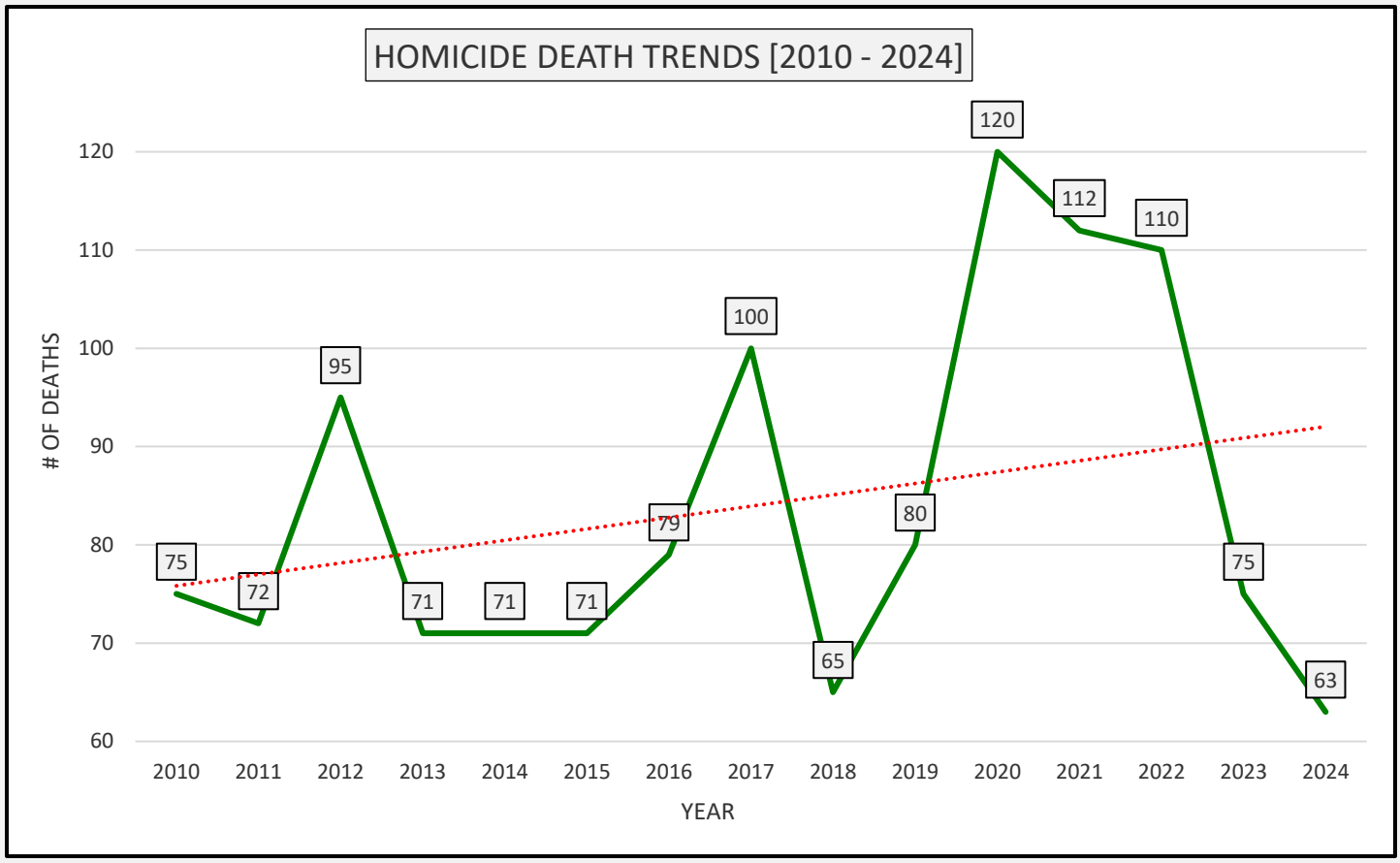
- **1-10: 0**
- **11-20: 7**
- **21-30: 13**
- **31-40: 16**
- **41-50: 19**
- **51-60: 14**
- **61-70: 17**
- **71-80: 7**
- **81-90: 3**

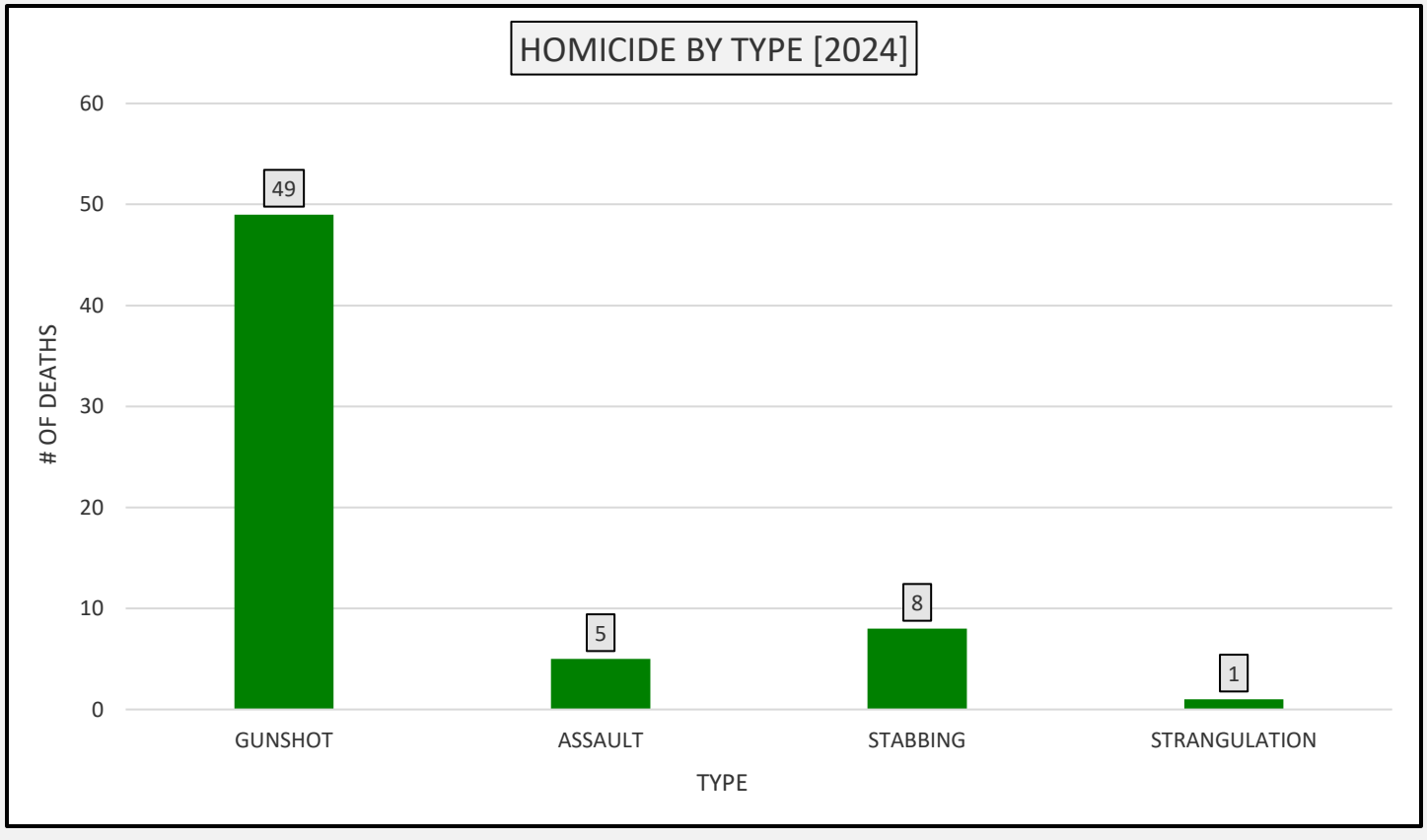


- **YOUNGEST SUICIDE: 13 YEARS**
- **OLDEST SUICIDE: 84 YEARS**
- **AVERAGE SUICIDE AGE: 47 YEARS**

HOMICIDE (2024):

HOMICIDE DEATHS (2024): 63





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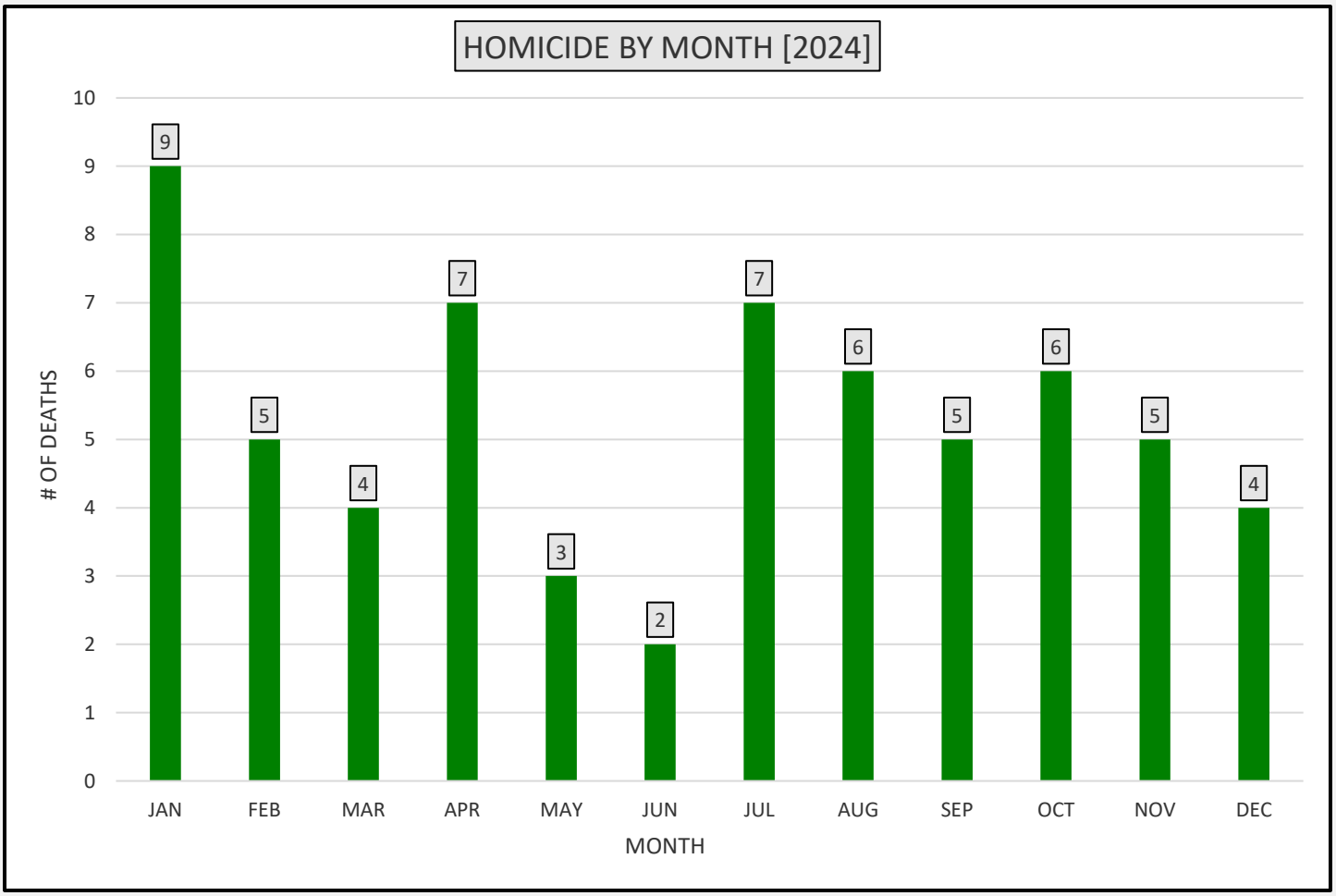
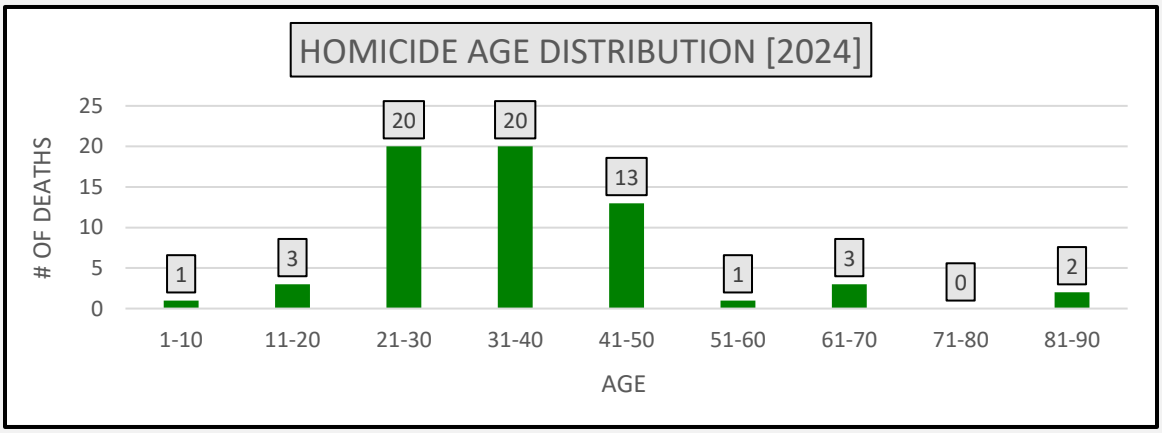


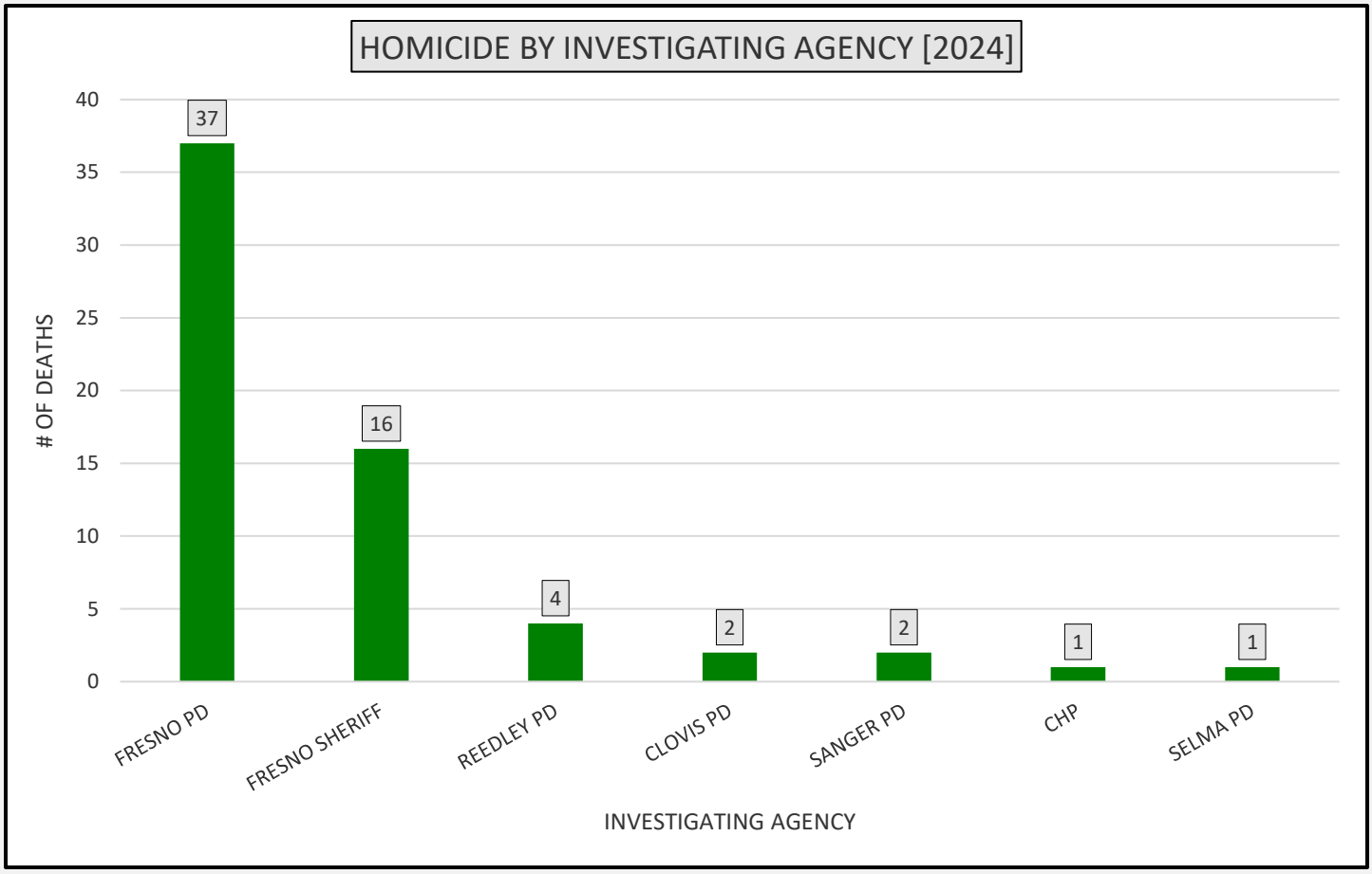
HOMICIDE GENDER (2024) :

- **MALE: 57**
- **FEMALE: 6**

HOMICIDE AGE RANGE (2024) :

- **1-10: 1**
- **11-20: 3**
- **21-30: 20**
- **31-40: 20**
- **41-50: 13**
- **51-60: 1**
- **61-70: 3**
- **71-80: 0**
- **81-90: 2**



- **YOUNGEST HOMICIDE: 1 YEAR**
- **OLDEST HOMICIDE: 81 YEARS**
- **AVERAGE HOMICIDE AGE: 36 YEARS**

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