



Milwaukee County OD-PHAST

City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force

June 21, 2023

Background

- 3-year, grant funded project through federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)
- County-level through Medical Examiner's Office
- Focus on preventing overdoses and fatal overdoses in particular
- Bringing multi-disciplinary partners together
- Also added a toxicology resource to the Medical Examiner's Office, as well as two social work positions for postvention follow-up and next of kin interviews

OD-PHAST Guiding Principles

North Star: Our shared goal is to reduce overdoses in Milwaukee County.

We recognize substance use disorder as a chronic, treatable disease.

We will use multi-sector data responsibly to inform response strategies.

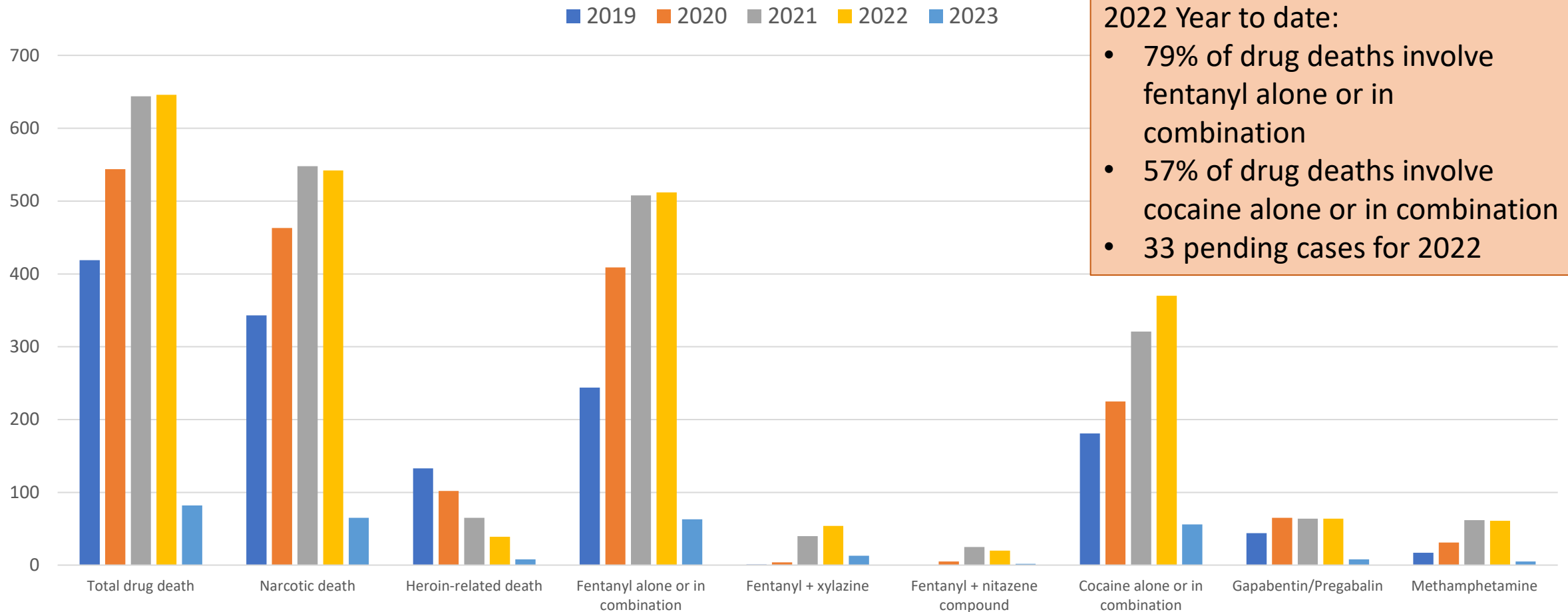
We share accountability for reducing overdoses.

Drug Deaths, Milwaukee County

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office

Confirmed Drug Deaths, Milwaukee County

(sent by the ME office on 6/1/2023)



*Narcotic drug deaths are any in which opioids (morphine, heroin, etc.) or synthetic opioids (oxycodone, fentanyl, etc.) are involved

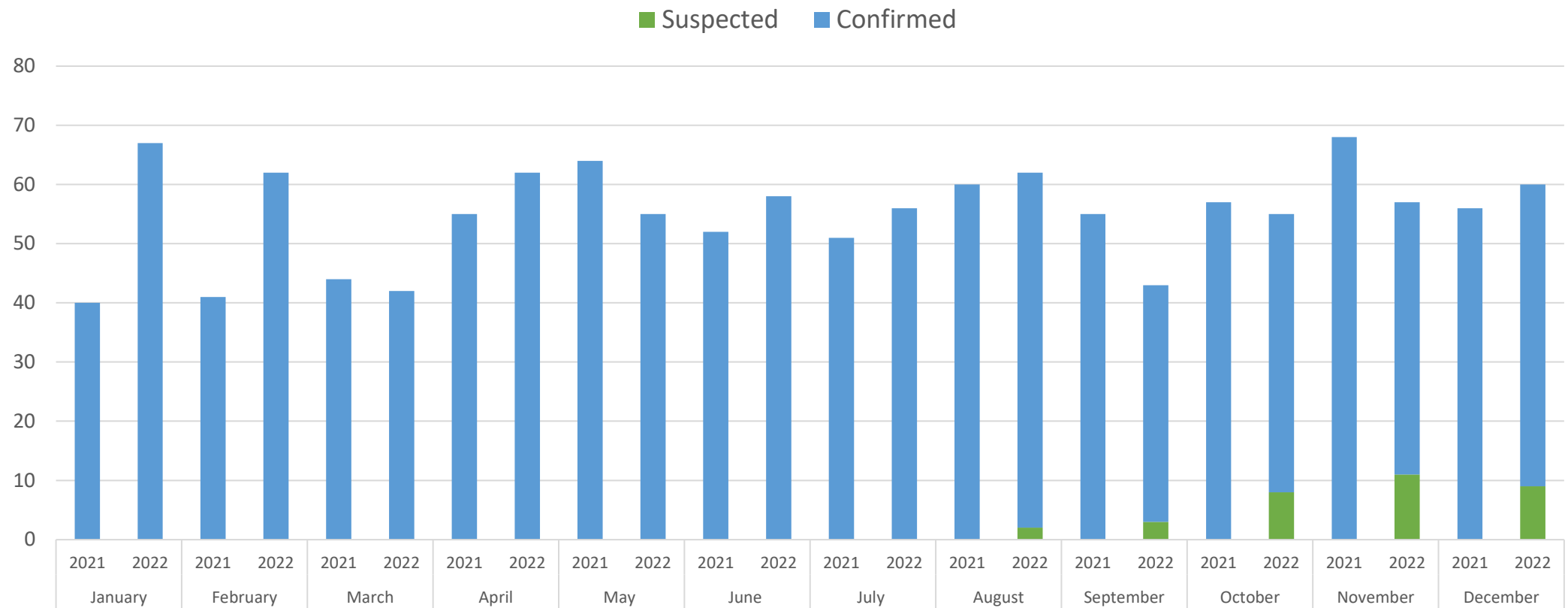
Comparison of 2021 to 2022

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2021 (Jan. – Dec.) (confirmed drug deaths)	2022 (Jan. – Dec.) (confirmed + suspected drug deaths)	% change
644	(679: 646 confirmed + 33 pending toxicology)	5% increase

Comparison of confirmed 2021 drug deaths (Jan. – Dec.) to confirmed + suspected 2022 drug deaths (Jan. – Dec.)

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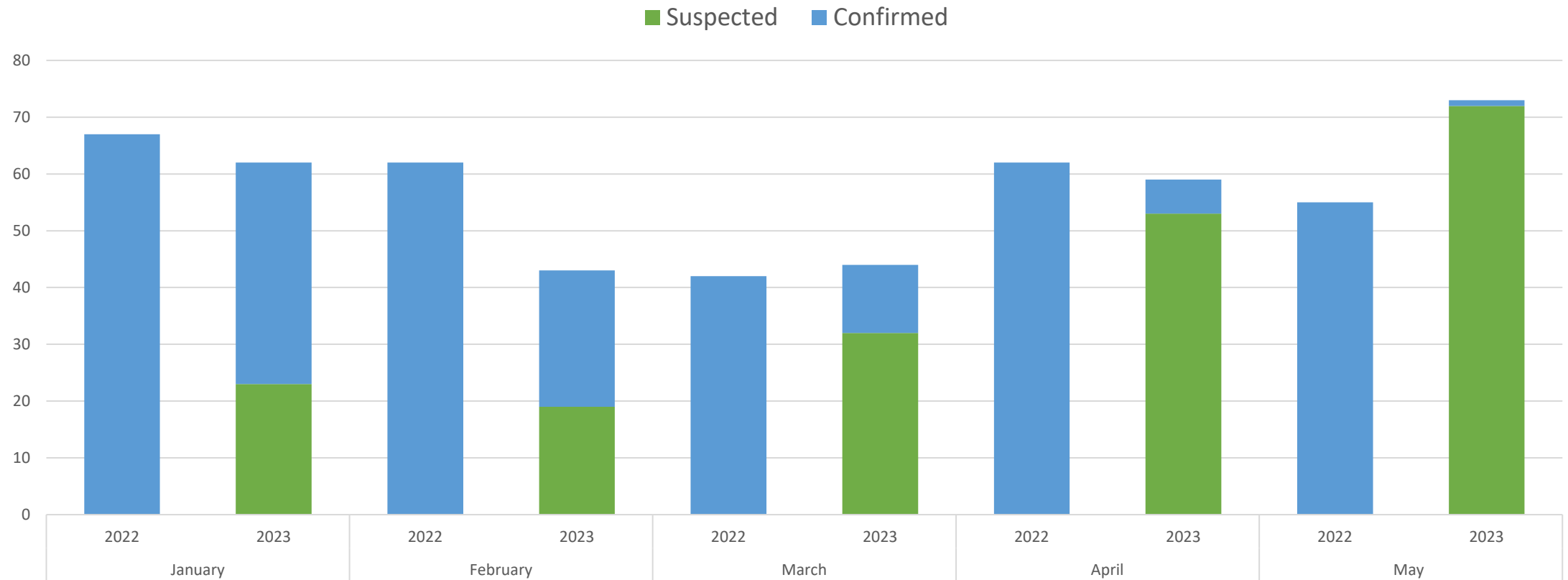


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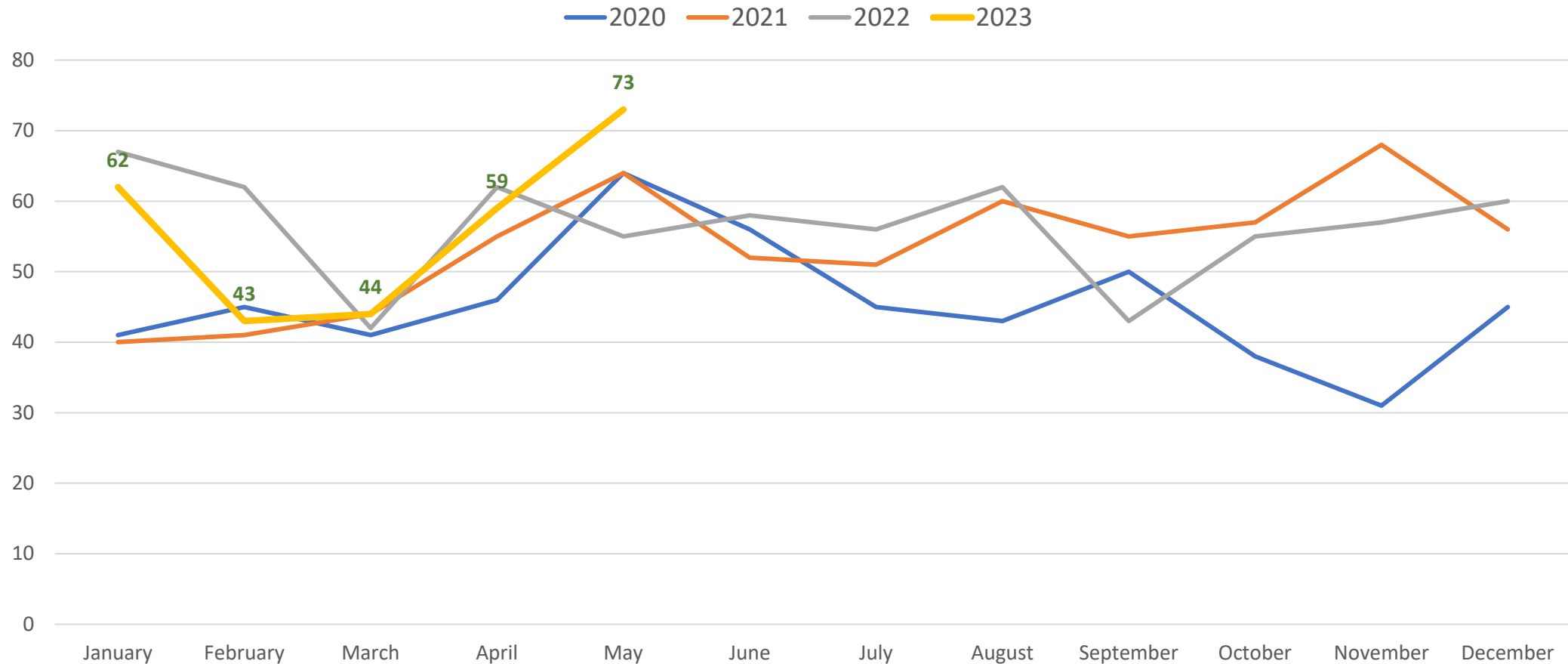
2022 (Jan.– May) (confirmed drug deaths)	2023 (Jan.– May) (confirmed + suspected drug deaths)	% change
288	(281: 82 confirmed + 199 pending toxicology)	2% decrease

Comparison of confirmed 2022 drug deaths to confirmed + suspected 2023 drug deaths, Jan. – May (sent by the ME office on 6/1/2023)



Projected monthly comparison, 2020 – May 2023, confirmed plus suspected drug deaths

(sent by the ME office on 6/1/2023)



Milwaukee County Overdose Dashboard

Updated approximately monthly

Milwaukee County Overdose Dashboard

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Vision/Strategy-Dashboard/Overdose-Data>

The dashboard serves as a resource for community members, organizations and researchers working to reduce overdoses within the County, including the Milwaukee County Overdose Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST).

Currently undergoing revisions and enhancements in “sprints” based on feedback from this team and other stakeholders

Many thanks partners for their contributions!

Milwaukee County Confirmed Fatal Overdoses

Filter by specific city or municipality where overdose occurred

Milwaukee County

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Data by
Jurisdiction

Drug deaths per year

Year	Count
2018	366
2019	403
2020	523
2021	623

Percent of drug deaths with substance alone or in combination



Year	Cocaine	Fentanyl	Gabapentin	Heroin	Methamphetamine
2018	44.81%	50.82%	2.73%	39.89%	2.73%
2019	43.92%	60.30%	9.93%	32.75%	3.97%
2020	42.64%	77.25%	12.43%	19.12%	5.54%
2021	50.40%	80.26%	8.67%	10.27%	9.47%

Confirmed Fatal Overdoses for Milwaukee County, 2018 - 2021



Incident location (up to five most common)

Residence	80.63%
Vehicle	3.13%
Business	1.41%
Hotel/Motel	4.65%
Unknown	2.56%

Percent of Drug Deaths by Age

under 20	0.78%
20 to 24	3.60%
25 to 29	10.44%
30 to 34	13.21%
35 to 39	12.58%
40 to 44	10.39%
45 to 49	10.03%
50 to 54	13.37%
55 to 59	12.38%
60 to 64	7.78%
65 and older	5.43%

Select a Demographic

Age

West Allis Confirmed Fatal Overdoses

Filter by specific city or municipality where overdose occurred

West Allis

Drug deaths per year

Year	Count
2018	25
2019	37
2020	38
2021	37

Percent of drug deaths with substance alone or in combination i

Year	Cocaine	Fentanyl	Gabapentin	Heroin	Methamphetamine
2018	60.00%	36.00%	4.00%	36.00%	4.00%
2019	40.54%	56.76%	13.51%	35.14%	5.41%
2020	28.95%	71.05%	21.05%	18.42%	2.63%
2021	40.54%	78.38%	10.81%	10.81%	13.51%

Confirmed Fatal Overdoses for West Allis, 2018 - 2021 i

Incident location (up to five most common)

Residence	90.51%
Garage	2.19%
Vehicle	1.46%
Parking Lot	1.46%
Business	0.73%

Percent of Drug Deaths by Age

under 20	0.73%
20 to 24	1.46%
25 to 29	10.22%
30 to 34	16.06%
35 to 39	11.68%
40 to 44	11.68%
45 to 49	10.22%
50 to 54	15.33%
55 to 59	13.14%
60 to 64	3.65%
65 and older	5.84%

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OD-PHAST Restructuring Discussion

OD-PHAST Restructure Discussion Overview



Reviewed survey feedback from DST members and discussed new meeting structure and cadence



Reviewed newly updated PHAST toolkit



Discussed considerations for how to bring the OD-PHAST into a more cohesive team with DST and OFR as well as recommendation process



Identifying specific public health and public safety leaders to be part of the leadership structure to champion the work and recommendation implementation



Direction aligns with some of the feedback from the recent site visit from BJA/CDC

What is going to change?

Structure of meetings and coordination between aggregate data (DST) and case review (OFR)

- Connecting the aggregate data review and case selection more intentionally
- Theme-based
- Increasing opportunities for partner presentations

Frequency, length, and cadence of meetings as well as location

- Moving to a combined meeting once per month
- Currently planning for quarterly in person, but may revisit

Recommendation process

- Prioritization process for recommendations
- Coordination with existing groups for recommendations implementation for those that need additional support to move forward

Leadership structure

- Identifying public health and safety leaders to help support and champion the work
- Specifics still under consideration

Recommendation Prioritization

