# Annual Report

FY 2024 - 2025



- Baldwin County Covers over 2000 square miles
- FY 25 ~265,000 residents and approx. 7.5 million tourists
- 2463 lives were lost in FY 24-25
- 1811 cases were reported to our office
    - Hospice 1100
    - Non-Coroner 69
    - Coroner 642
- 642 met the criteria for investigation
    - Medical Record Review
    - External Exam and/or Toxicology
    - Full Post-Mortem exam by a Forensic Pathologist



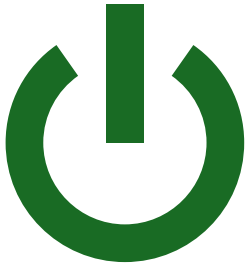
# Administrative Duties



***1521 Cremation Permits issued***



***636 Death Certificates completed***



Avg time to complete DC 11.8 days.

# FY 2024-2025

- Drug Overdoses trended down
- Population Growth: County-Wide
- Most Cases ever worked by BCCO 711

# Baldwin County Coroner's Office:  BCCO

- Accredited Office:  March 2021 by the IACME
  - International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners
- Seen 94% increase in Case load in last 10 years
  - 69% since 2019
- Blended Staff: 4 FT and 4 PT investigators

  2 FT Administrative Assistants
- Lead Investigators are ABMDI certified

# Command Staff



Dr. Brian Pierce, DC, D-ABMDI
Coroner



Troy Dyess, D-ABMDI
Chief Deputy Coroner

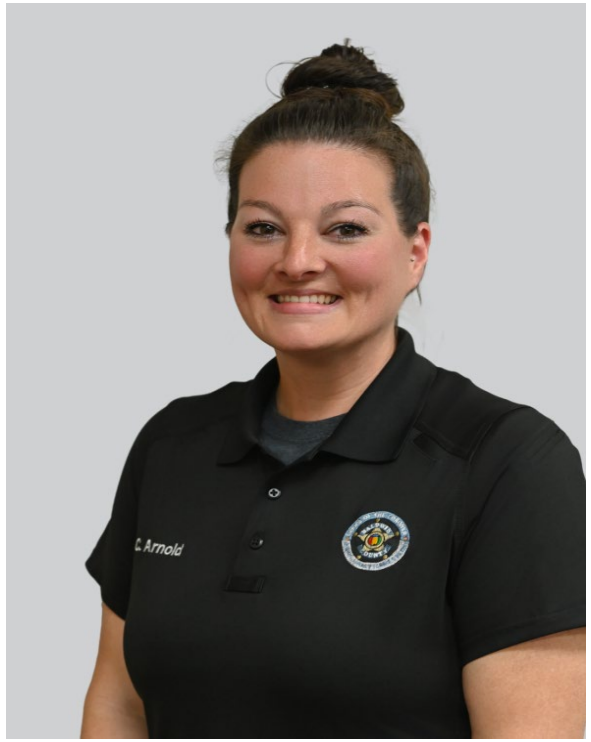


Brandy Byrd
Executive Coroner Assistant

# Medical Legal Death Investigators



Greg Schnupp  MDI-I

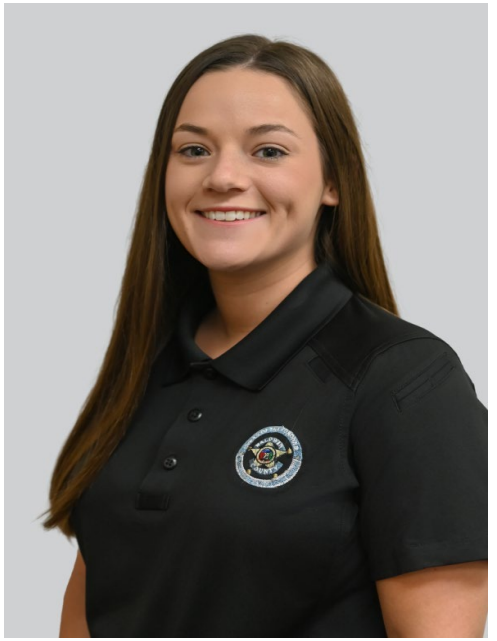


Claire Arnold  MDI-I

# Administration/Lab-Morgue Tech Staff

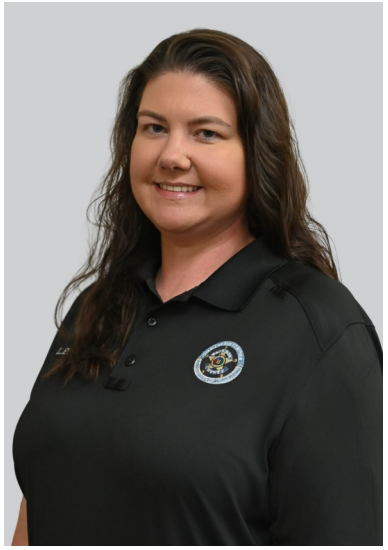


Shanna Bonner
Administration Specialist-II



Ashley Tackla
Lab Tech/Morgue Tech

# Deputy Coroners



Leslie Bishop



Nick Miller, D-ABMDI



Tim Cooper



Jacob VanBlake, D-ABMDI

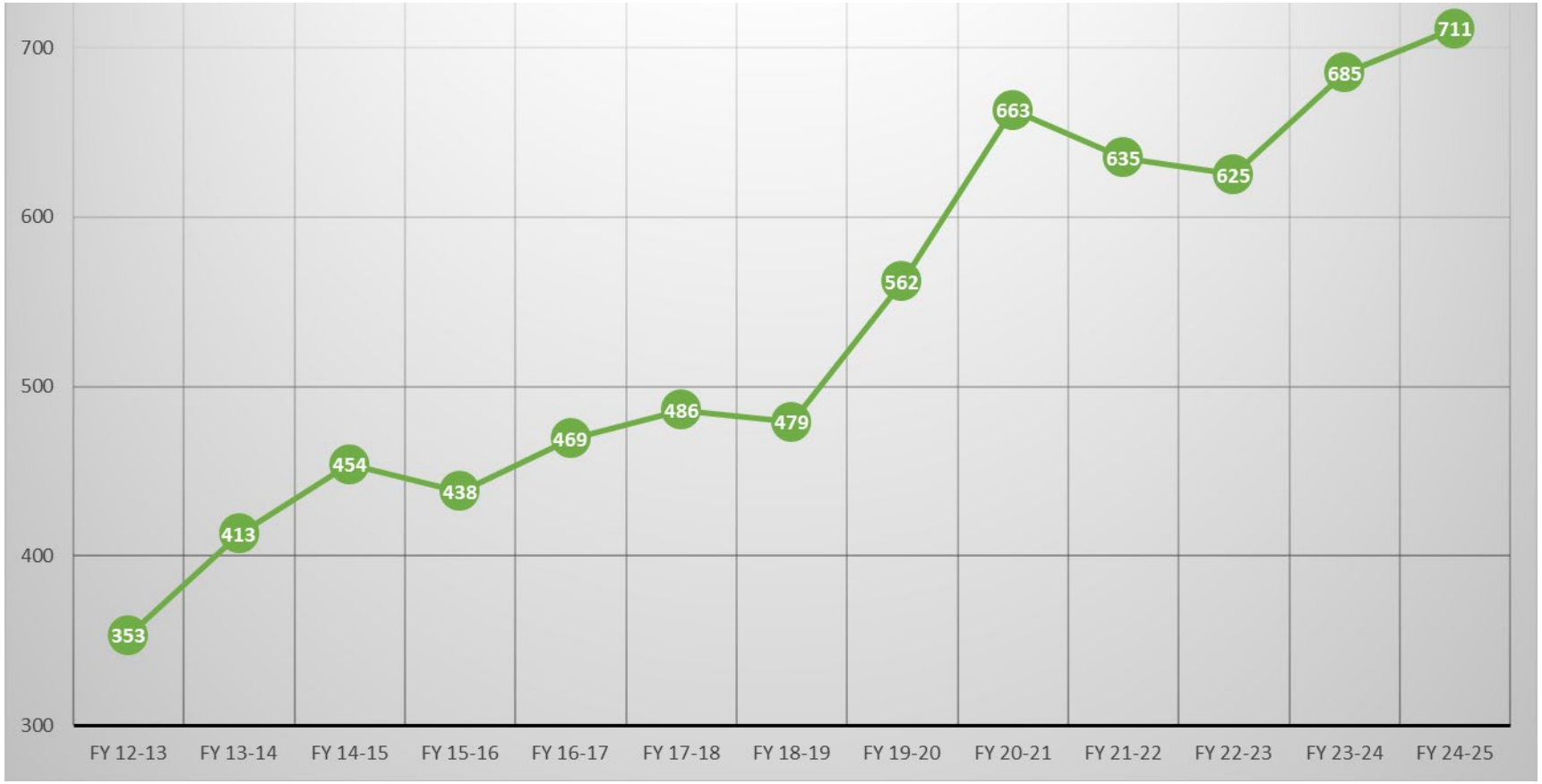
Breakdown of Coroner Cases

| **Types of Death** | | |
|---|---|---|
| Medical | 573 | |
| GSW | 45 | |
| Overdose Deaths | 36 | |
| Blunt Force | 34 | *MVA/ Fall /Assault |
| Drownings | 8 | |
| Hanging | 7 | |
| Other | 8 | |
| **Total** | **711** | |

# Manner of Death

| | |
|---|---|
| •Natural | 566 |
| •Accident | 82 |
| •Suicide | 47 |
| •Homicide | 11 |
| •Undetermined | 5 |

# Case load follows Population



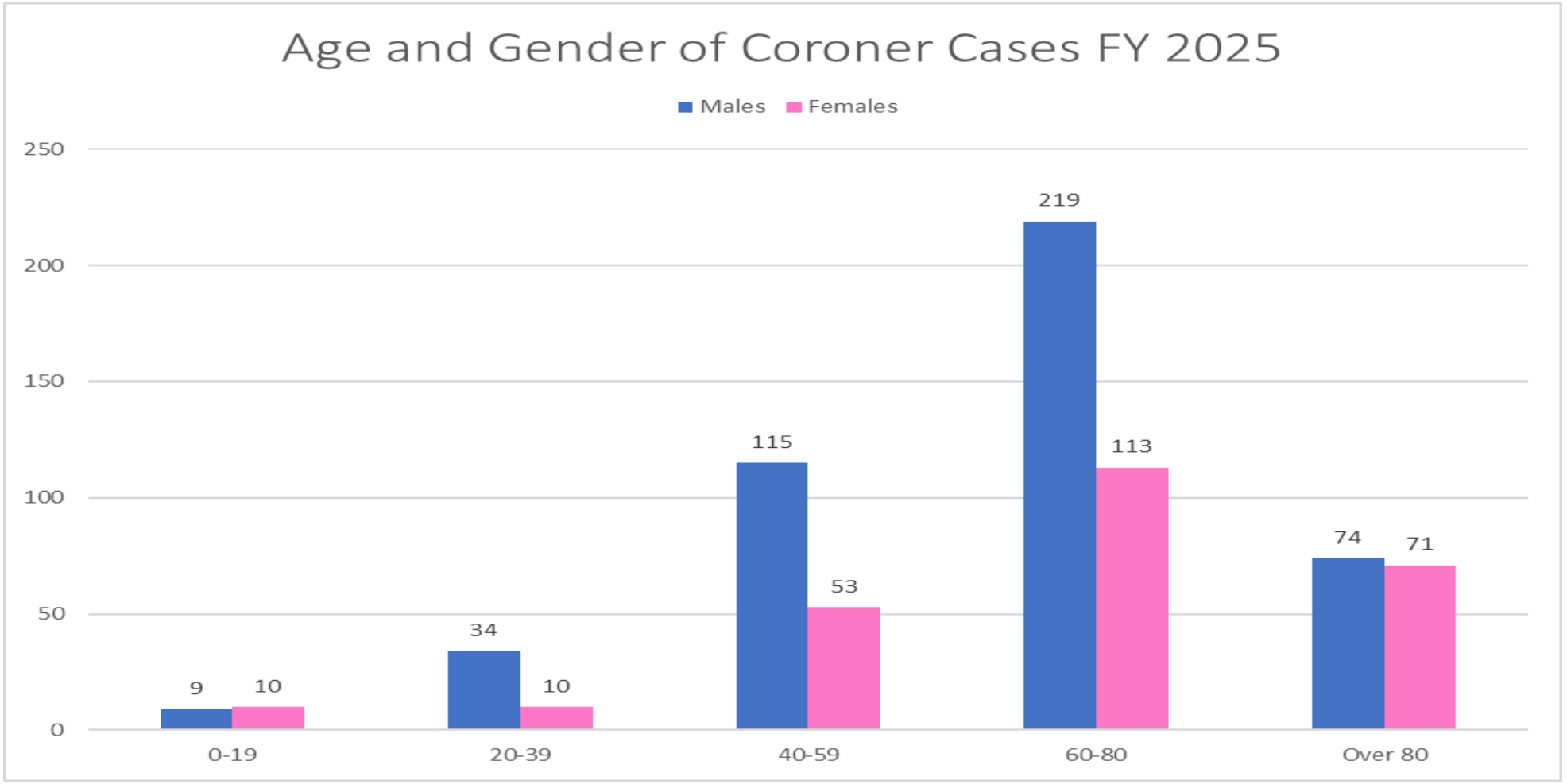
# Gender and Race

- **Gender:** Males – 451 (64% of Cases)
- Females – 257 (36% of Cases)

- **Race:**
- Caucasian – 606 (86% of Cases) 85.0%
- Black – 86 (12% of Cases) 8.5%
- Hispanic – 14 (2% of Cases) 5.5 %
- Other – 5 (1% of Cases) 1.0%
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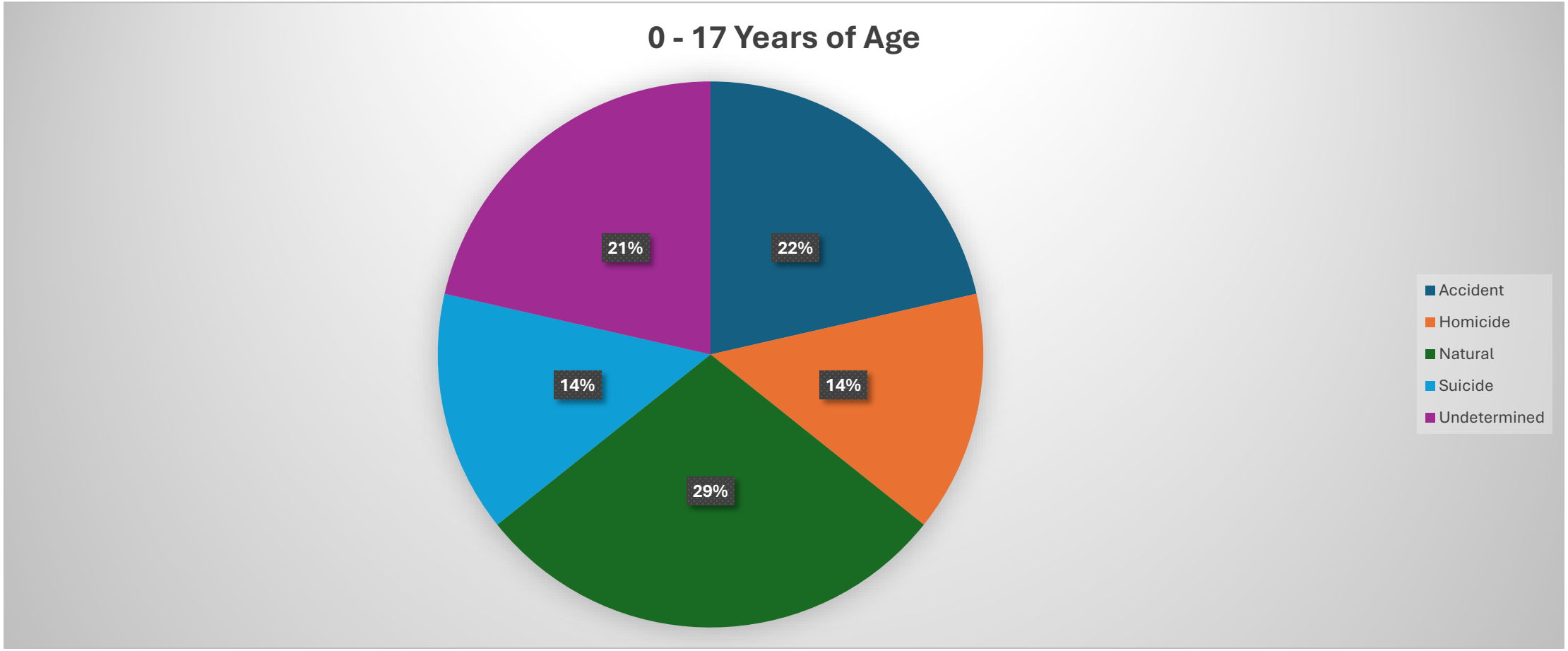
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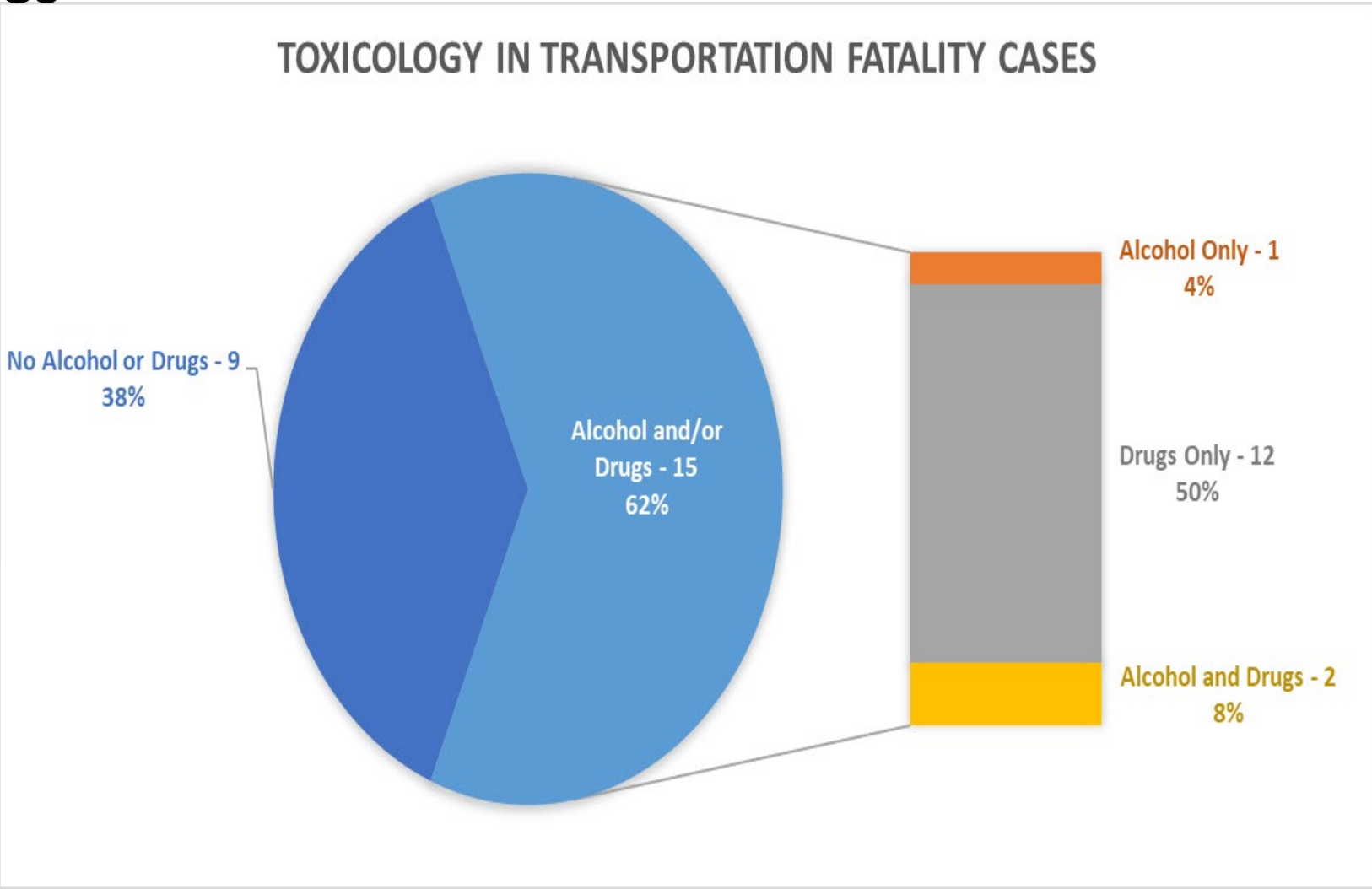
Accident – 3
Homicide – 2
Natural – 4

Suicide - 2
Undetermined - 3

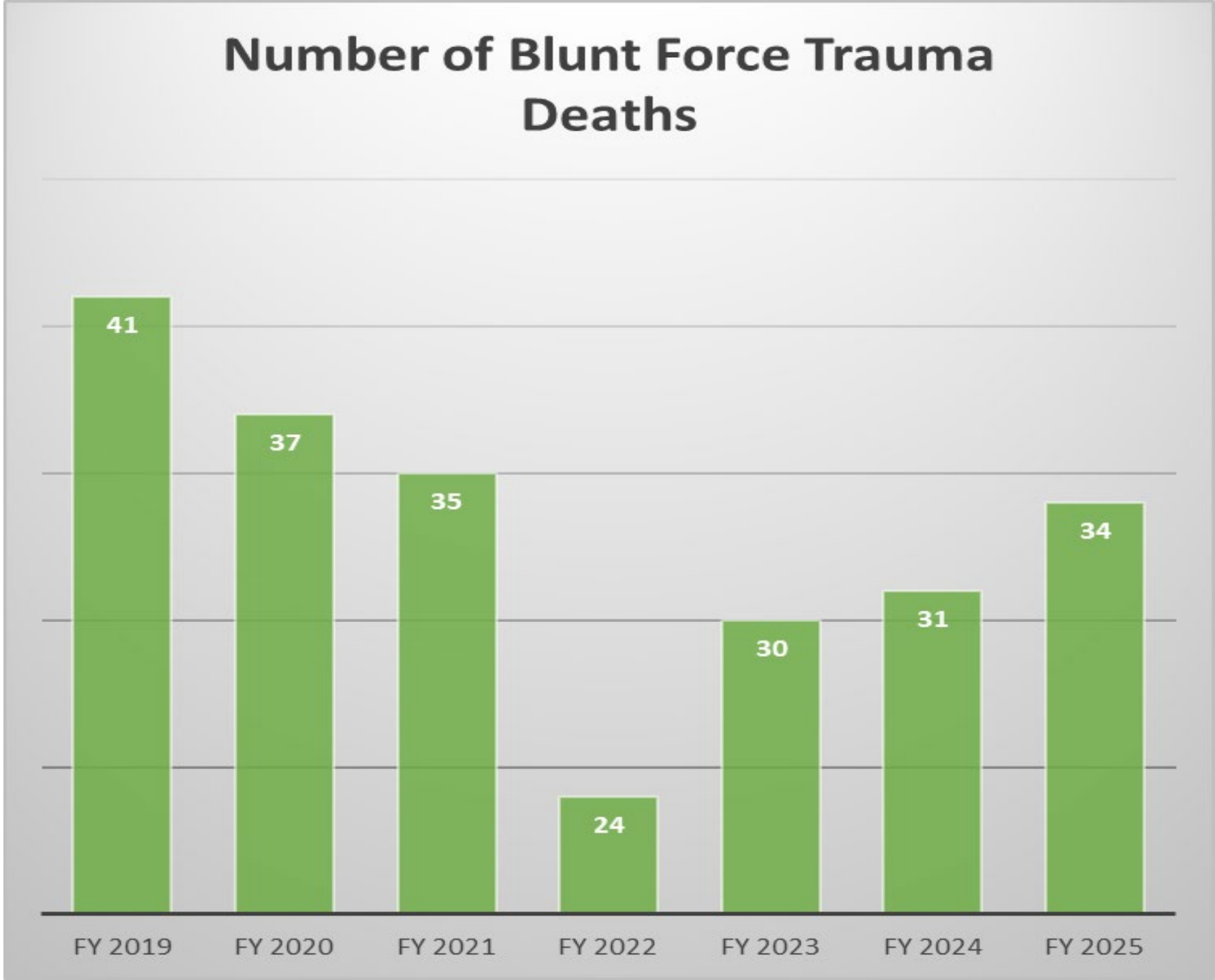


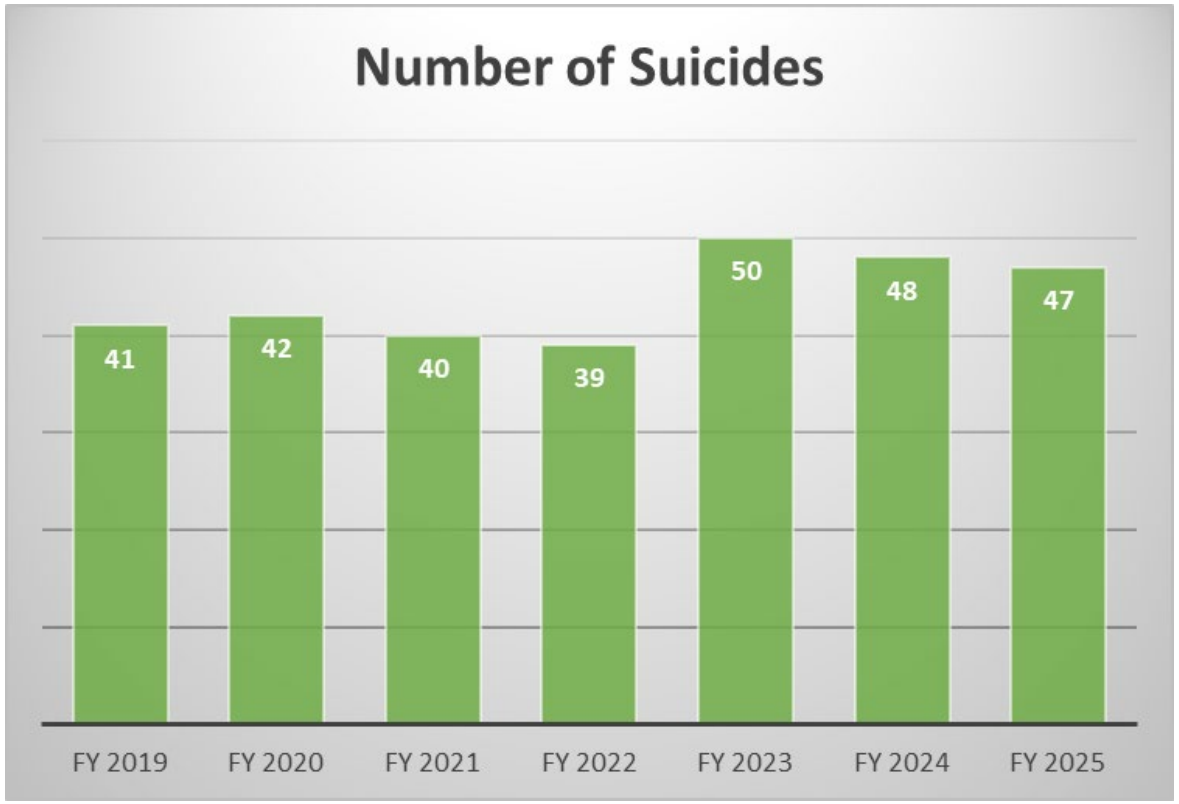
# Transportation Fatalities FY 2025

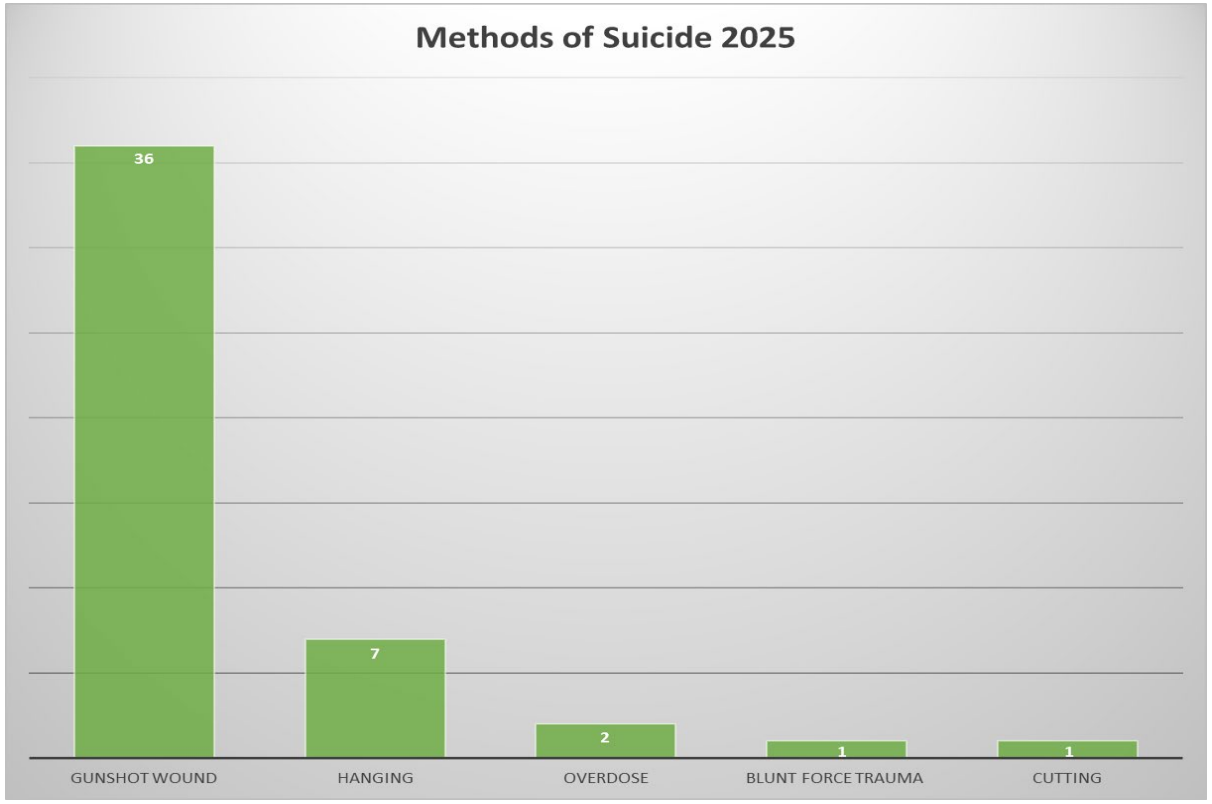
| | |
|---|---|
| **Automobile** | 15 |
| **Other Motorized Vehicle** | 7 |
| **Pedestrian** | 1 |
| **Bicyclist** | 1 |
| **Total** | **24** |
| **Seatbelt Usage in Automobile Fatalities** | |
| **Seatbelt Used** | 7 |
| **Seatbelt Not Used** | 4 |
| **Unknown if Seatbelt Used** | 4 |

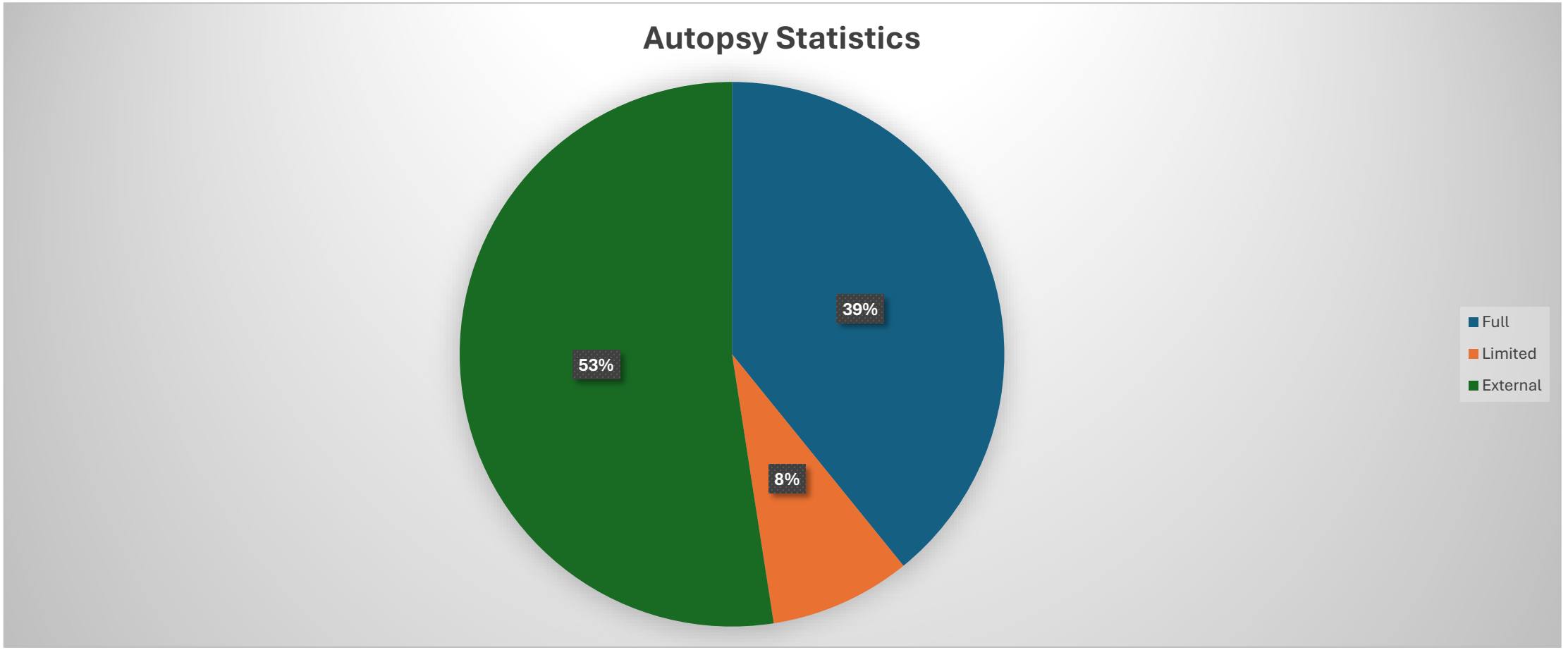


| | |
|---|---|
| BFT MVA | 24 |
| BFT Fall | 6 |
| BFT Assault | 4 |




Number of Suicides
41
42
40
39
50
48
47
FY 2019
FY 2020
FY 2021
FY 2022
FY 2023
FY 2024
FY 2025


Methods of Suicide 2025
36
7
2
1
1
GUNSHOT WOUND
HANGING
OVERDOSE
BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA
CUTTING

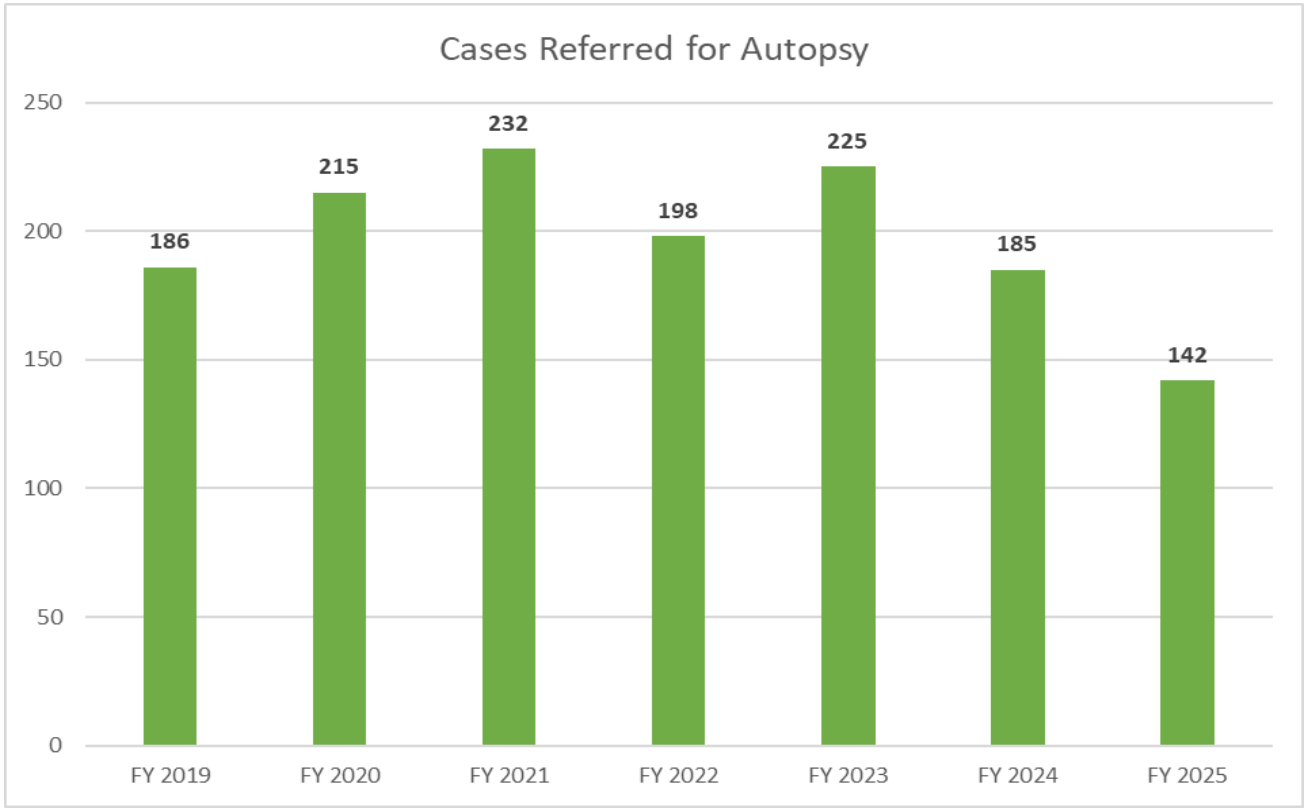



During FY 2025, 142 cases were referred for examination.

56 required full autopsies, 12 involved limited autopsies, and 74 were resolved through external examinations only.




Benefits of Randox




Autopsy referrals to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences decreased from 185 to 142, 43 less than previous year.

Toxicology for 52 cases were process with Randox.  ADFS toxicology was utilized on 141 cases with concerns of potential overdose.

# FY 2025

- 711Cases called in for Service
  - 642Coroner Cases
  - 69 Non-Coroner Cases

- Took Custody of 419 bodies
  - 278 housed for out of state
  - Or extended medical reviews

- 142 were sent for Autopsy/Medical Examiner opinion

- Responded to 197 death scenes for investigation

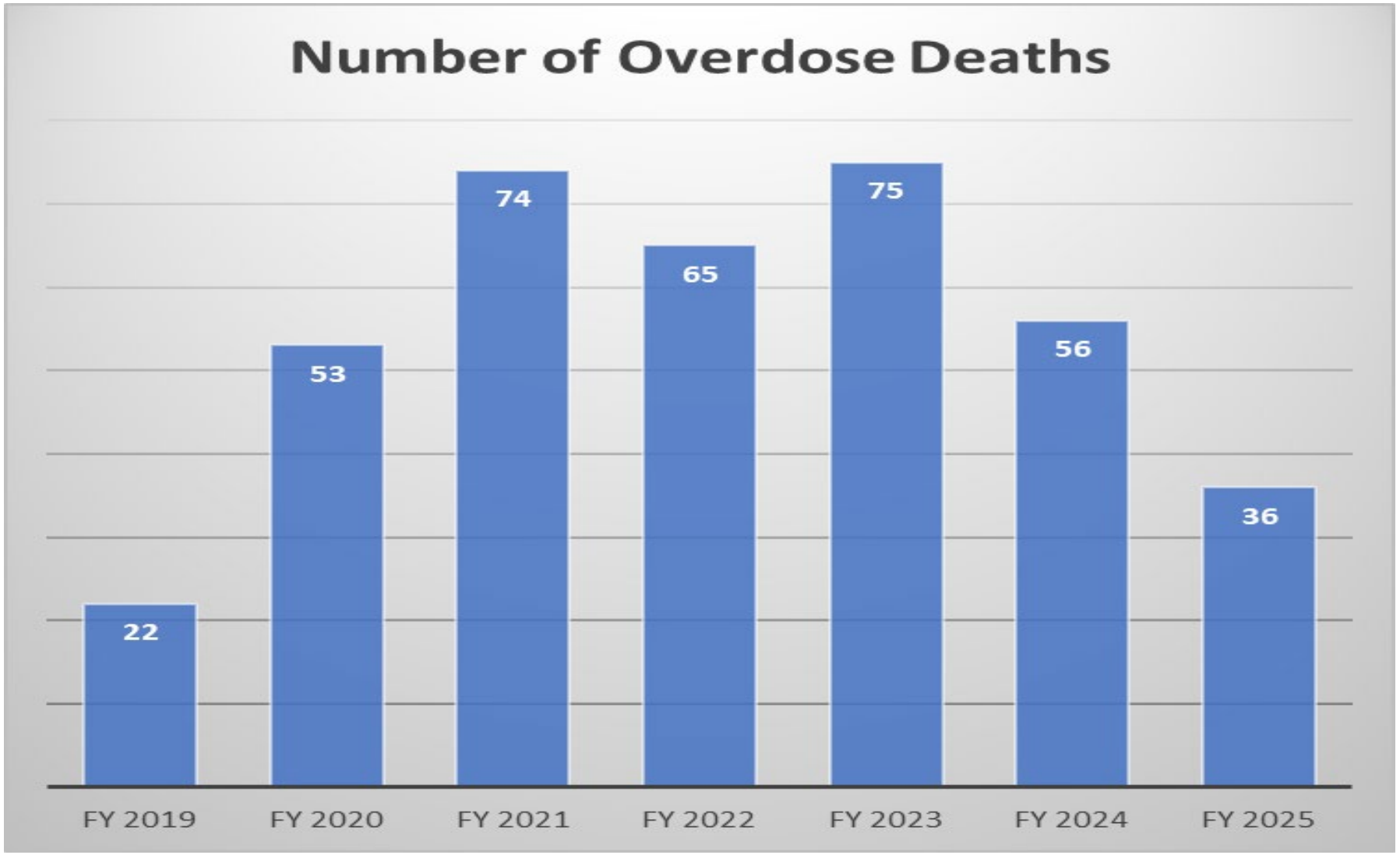
- **Worked with the Council on Aging, on 21 County Cremations**

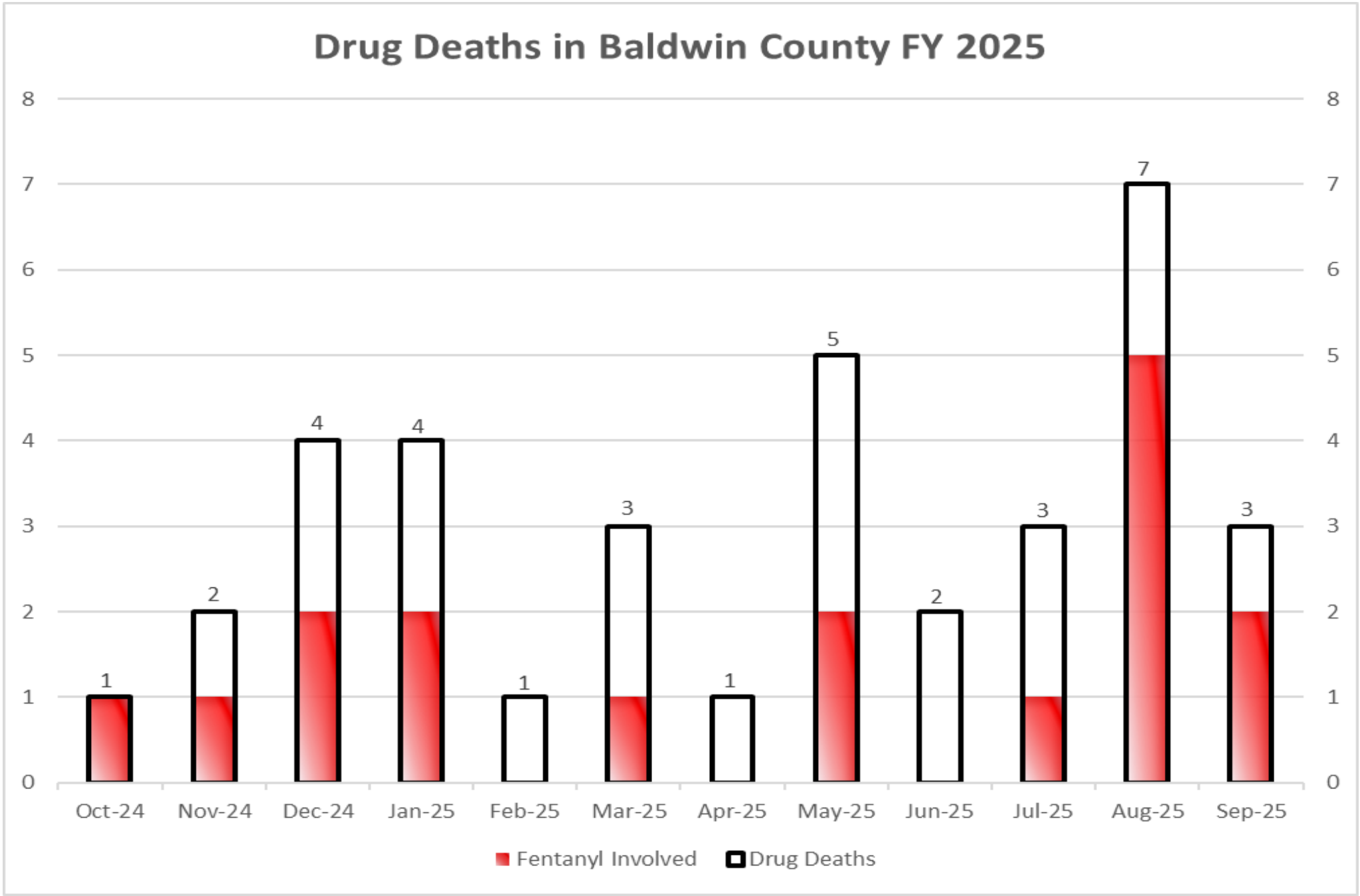
- **Assisted Legacy of Hope with 98 tissue donations**

- **69 of the 711 of cases were non-residents**

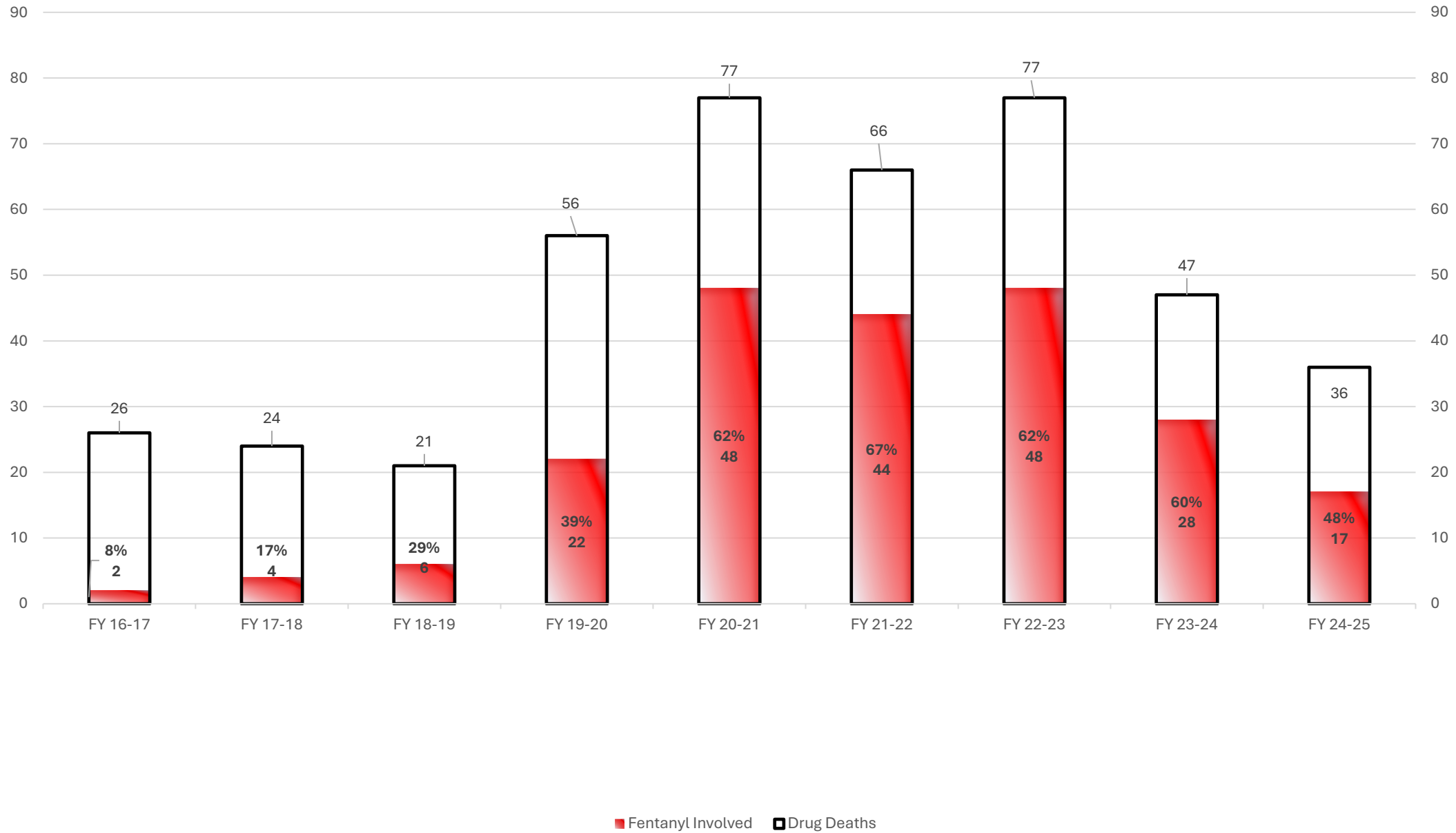
- **Baldwin County Coroner currently has 7 unidentified cases**

# 17 (48%) involved fentanyl

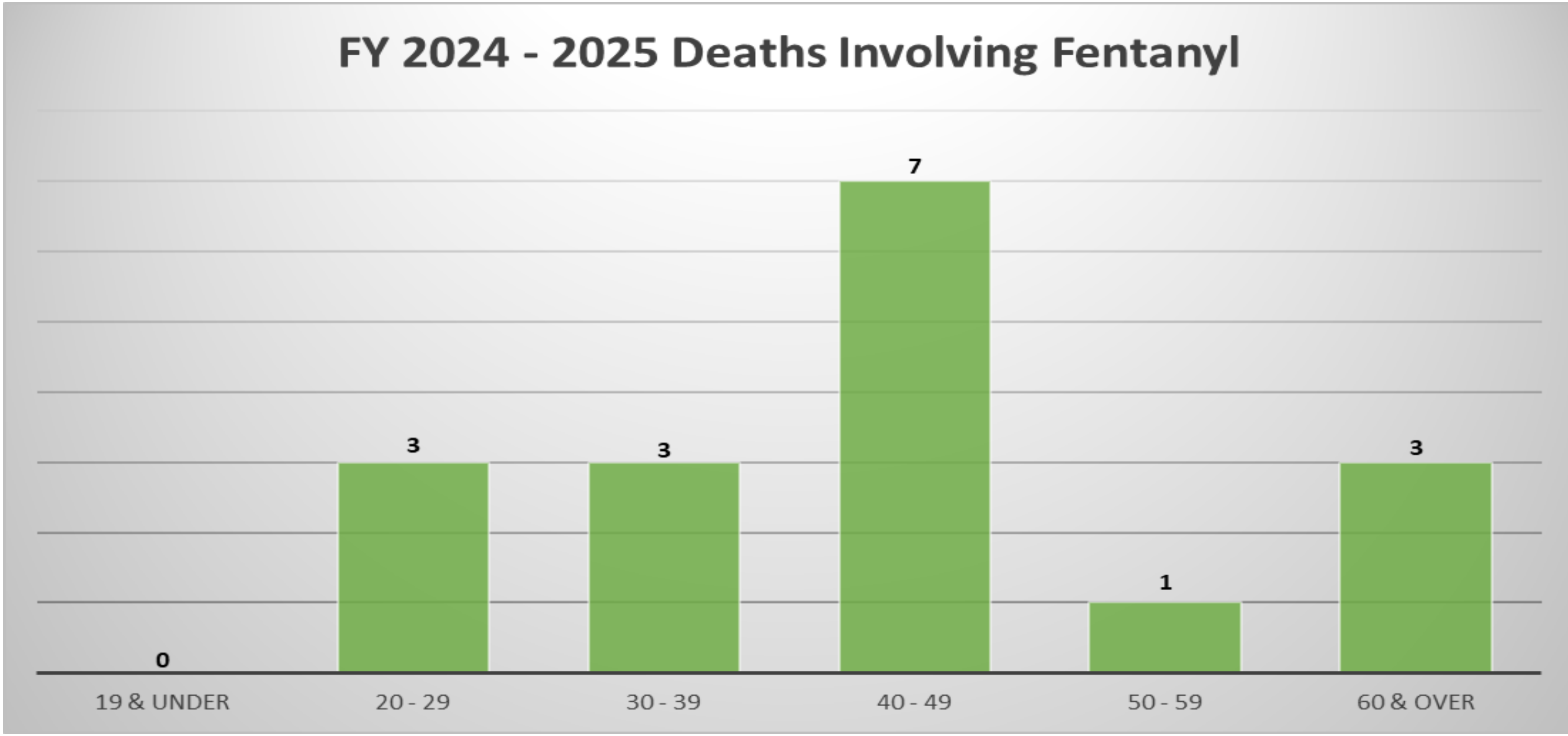



Drug Deaths in Baldwin County FY 2025
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
1
2
4
4
1
3
1
5
2
3
7
3
Oct-24
Nov-24
Dec-24
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Sep-25
Fentanyl Involved
Drug Deaths

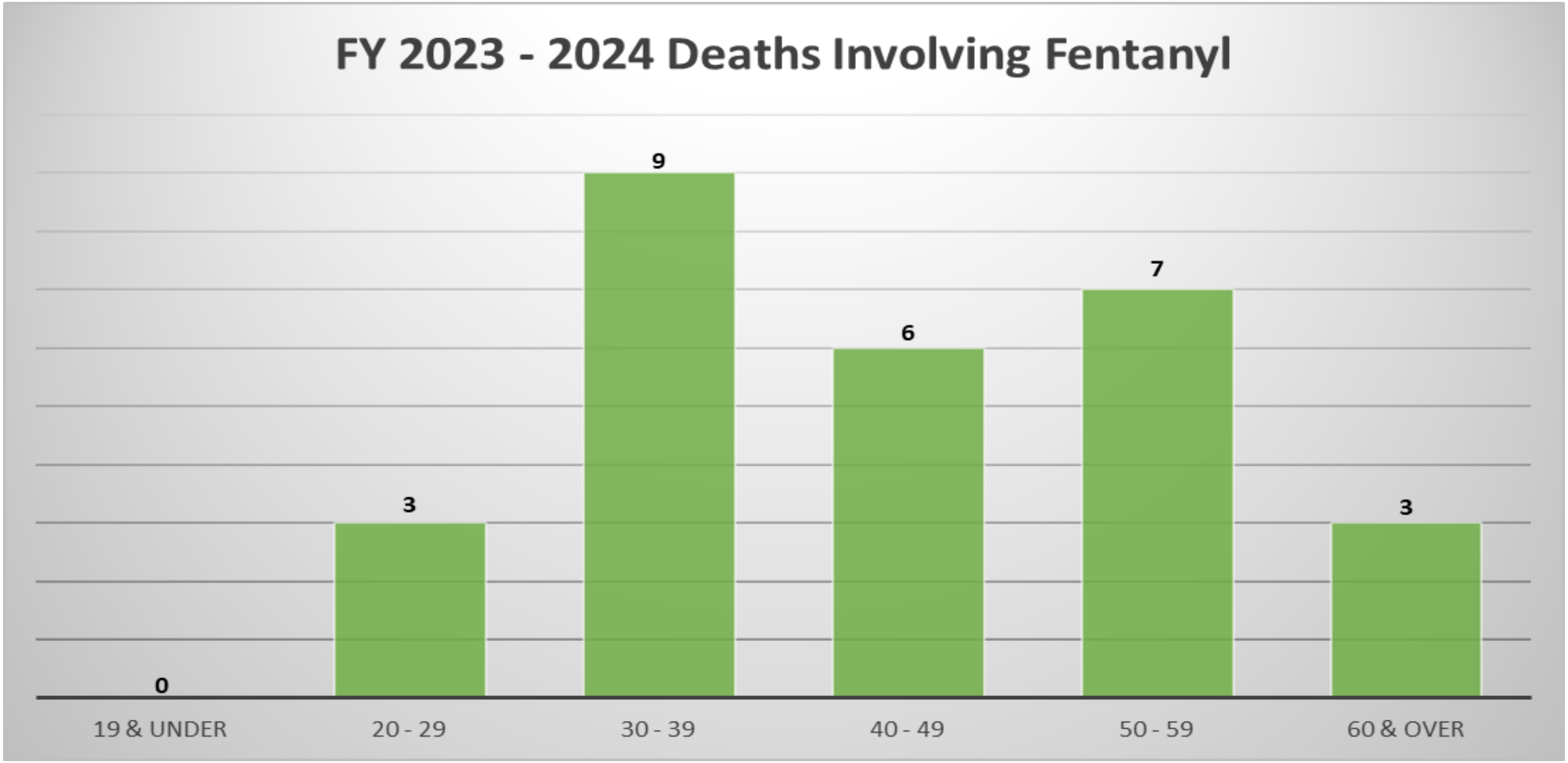
# Baldwin County Drug Overdose Deaths

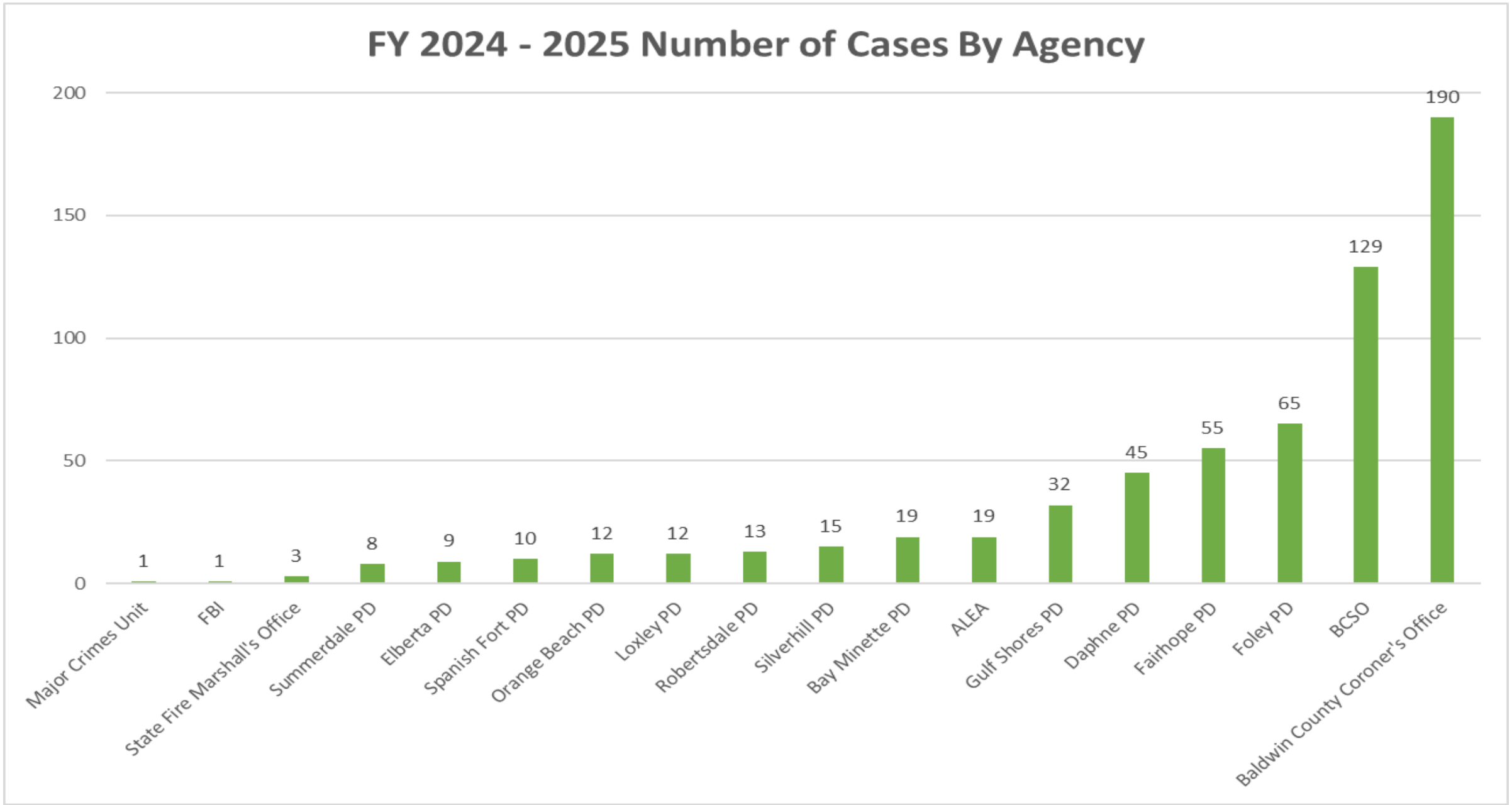


# Ages of Fentanyl related deaths



# AGES of Decedents

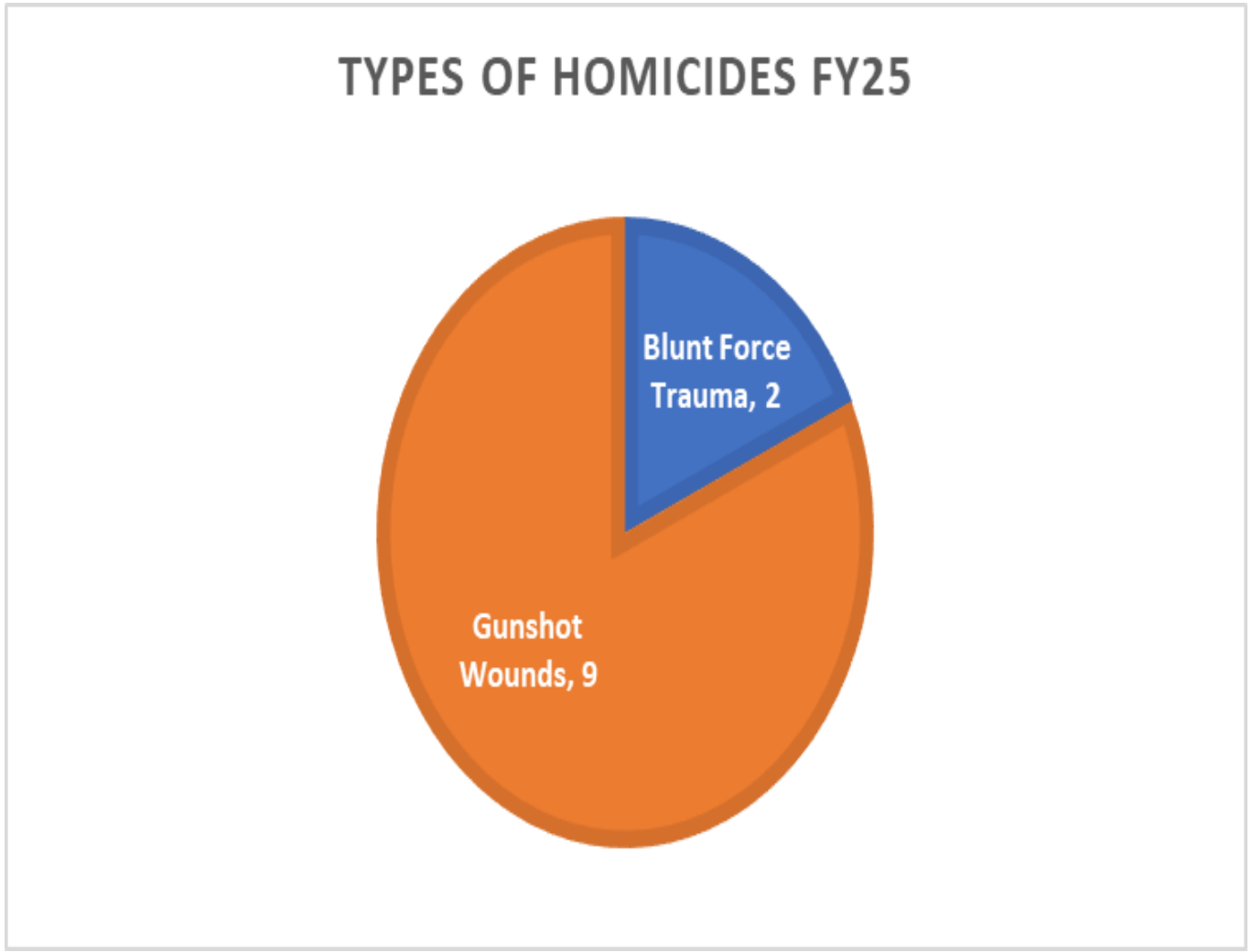



FY 2024 - 2025 Number of Cases By Agency
200
150
100
50
0
1
1
3
8
9
10
12
12
13
15
19
19
32
45
55
65
129
190
Major Crimes Unit
FBI
State Fire Marshall's Office
Summerdale PD
Elberta PD
Spanish Fort PD
Orange Beach PD
Loxley PD
Robertsdale PD
Silverhill PD
Bay Minette PD
ALEA
Gulf Shores PD
Daphne PD
Fairhope PD
Foley PD
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# Baldwin County Coroner's Office
# Homicide Cases



# Type of Homicide Death





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# Questions?

