

# IOWA DRUG TRENDS & UPDATES

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# ODCP UPDATES

Statewide Alignment – July 1, 2023, ODCP merged into DPS

Elimination of the Drug Policy Advisory Council (DPAC)



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[ODCP Legislative Update \(Substance-related\)](#)

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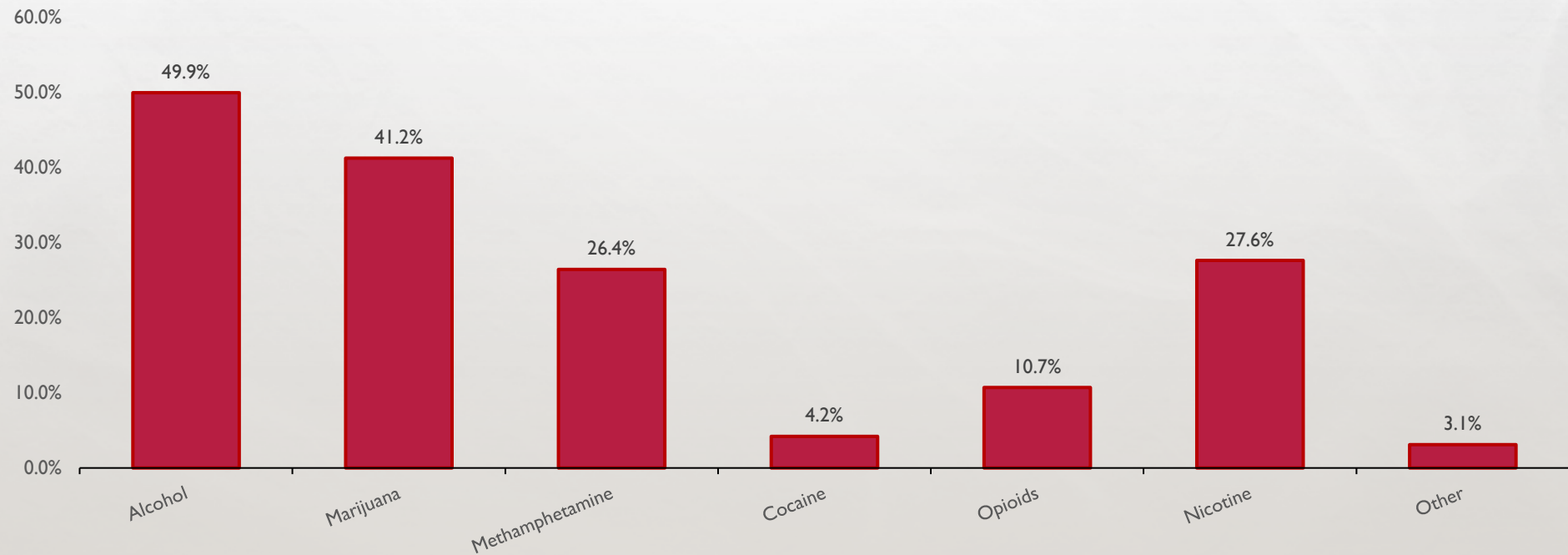
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THE 2025 IOWA DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY IS A COMPREHENSIVE AND FLEXIBLE BLUEPRINT DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS ON MULTIPLE HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY FRONTS, INCLUDING: PREVENTING DRUG USE, TREATING ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOR, HELPING IOWANS GET INTO RECOVERY, INTERRUPTING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND REDUCING OVERDOSE DEATHS. THIS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS DRUG TRENDS, TACTICAL RESPONSES, EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AND PROMISING APPROACHES, A THOROUGH ACTION PLAN FOR ADDRESSING CURRENT AND EMERGING NEEDS, AND A SUMMARY OF ASSOCIATED FUNDING THAT FLOWS THROUGH STATE AGENCIES.

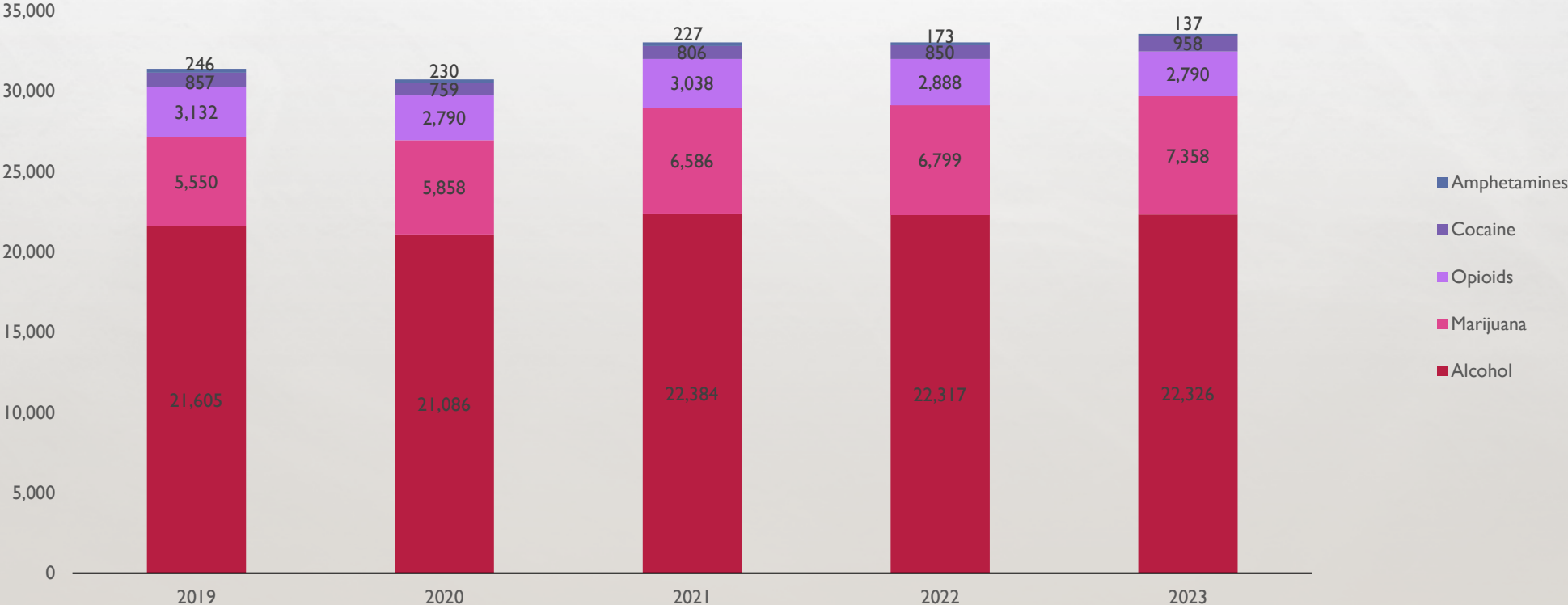
## 2025 IOWA DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

# PAST 30-DAY SUBSTANCE USE CITED BY IOWA ADULT AND JUVENILE CLIENTS ADMITTED TO SUD TREATMENT

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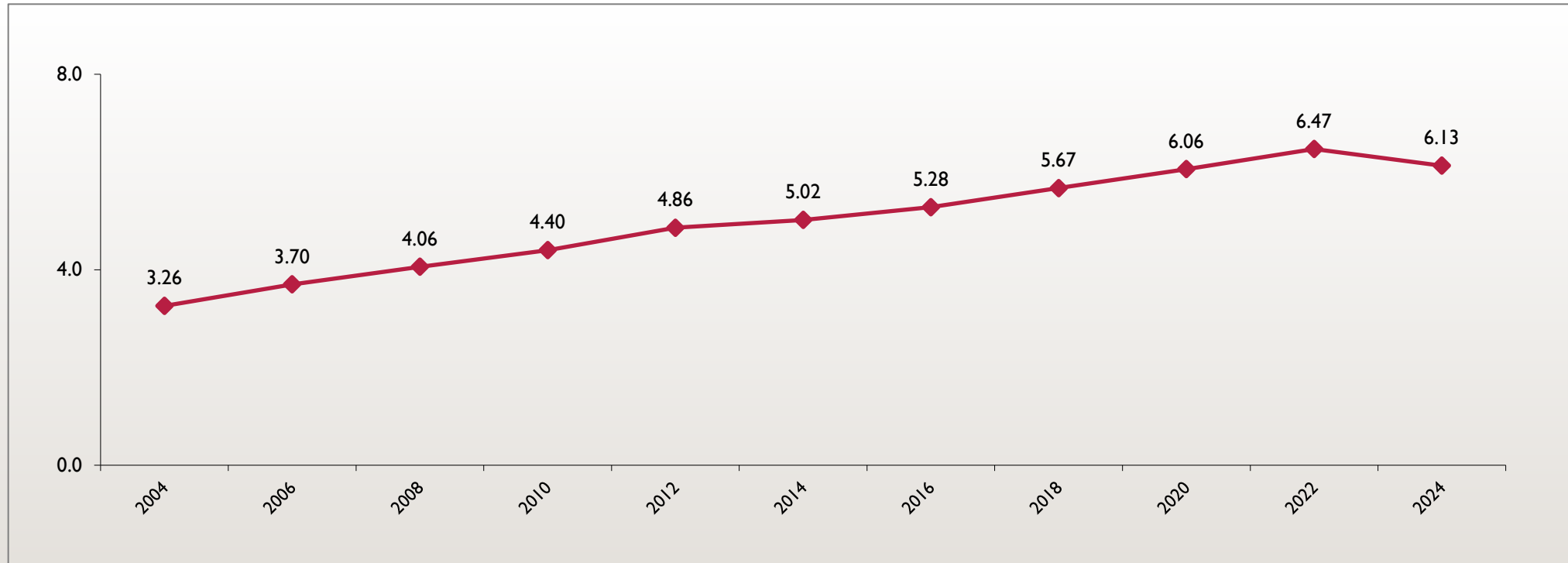
# IOWA DRUG AND ALCOHOL-RELATED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS



# IOWA DISTILLED SPIRITS SALES

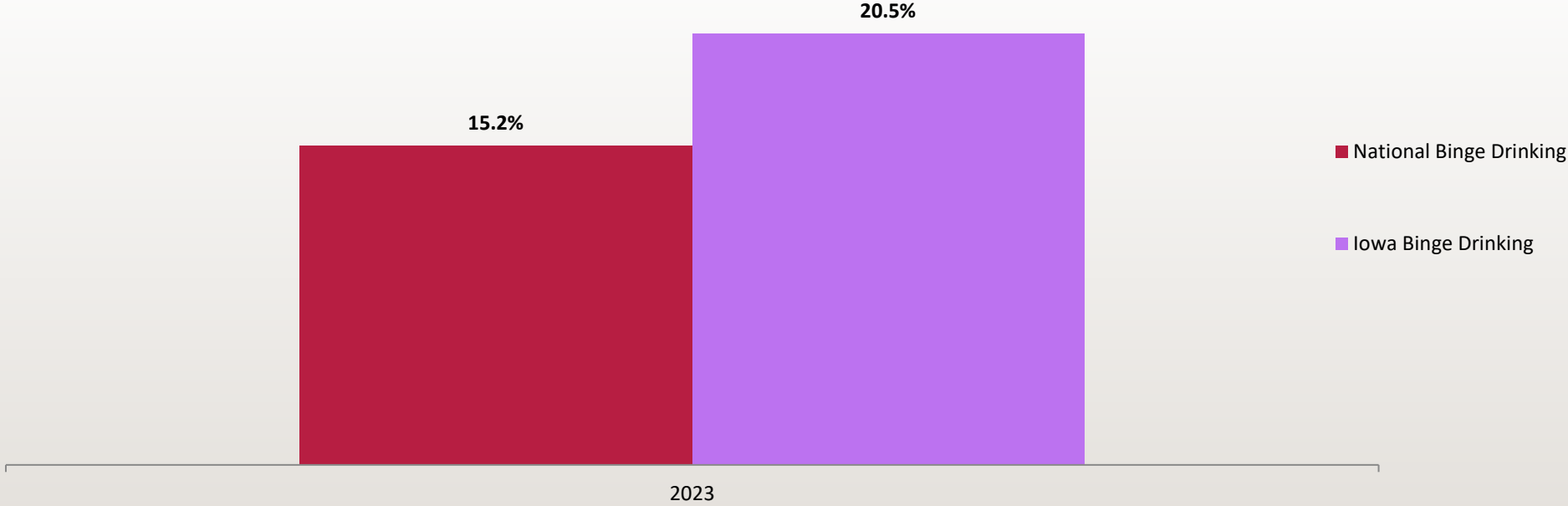
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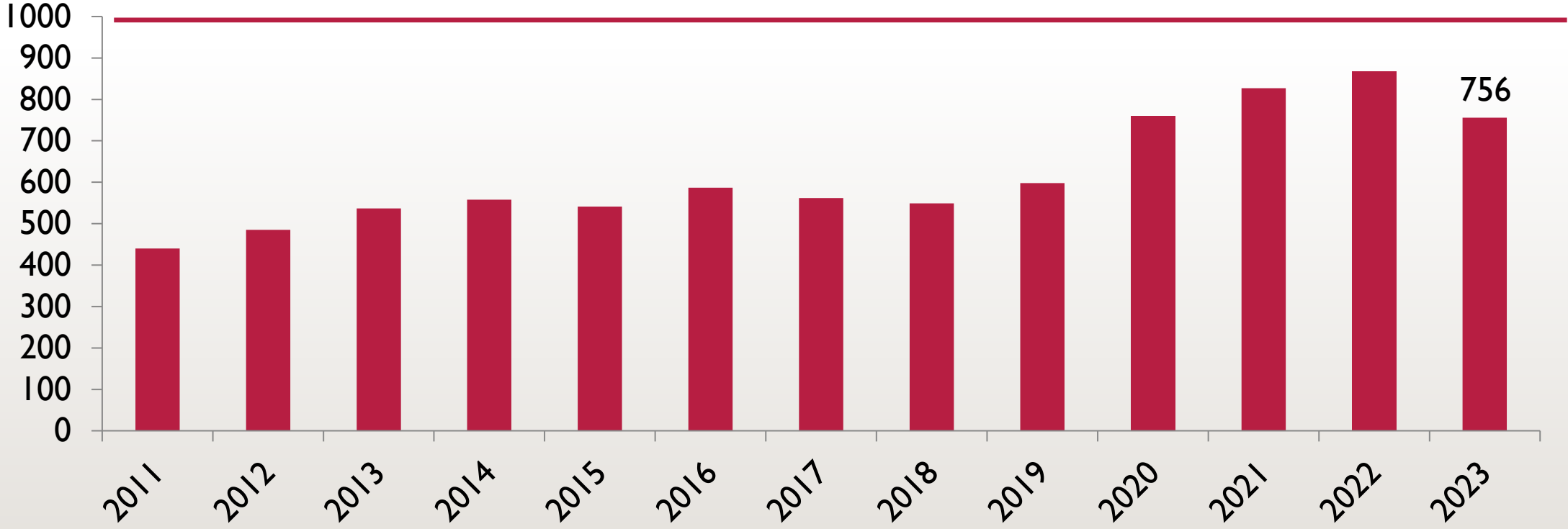
# BINGE DRINKING RATES

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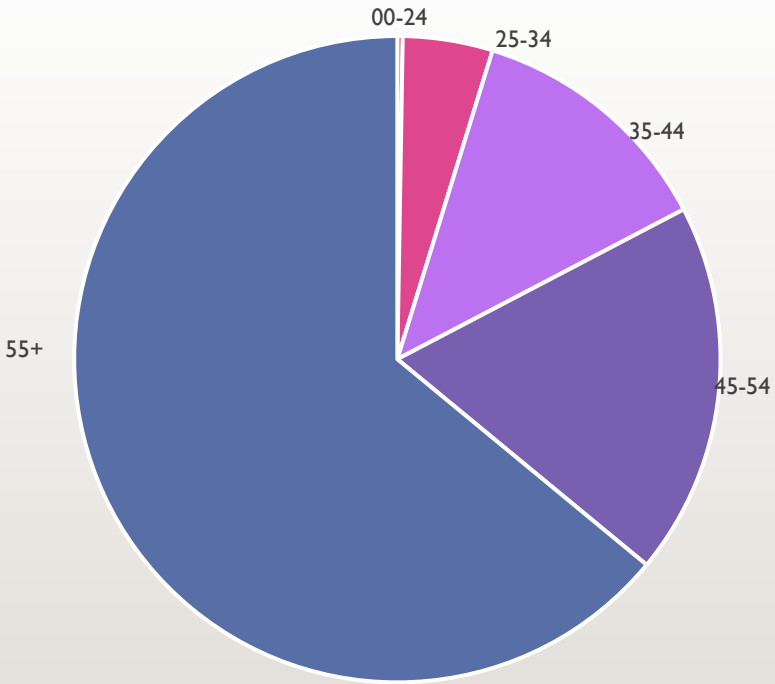


# IOWA ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS



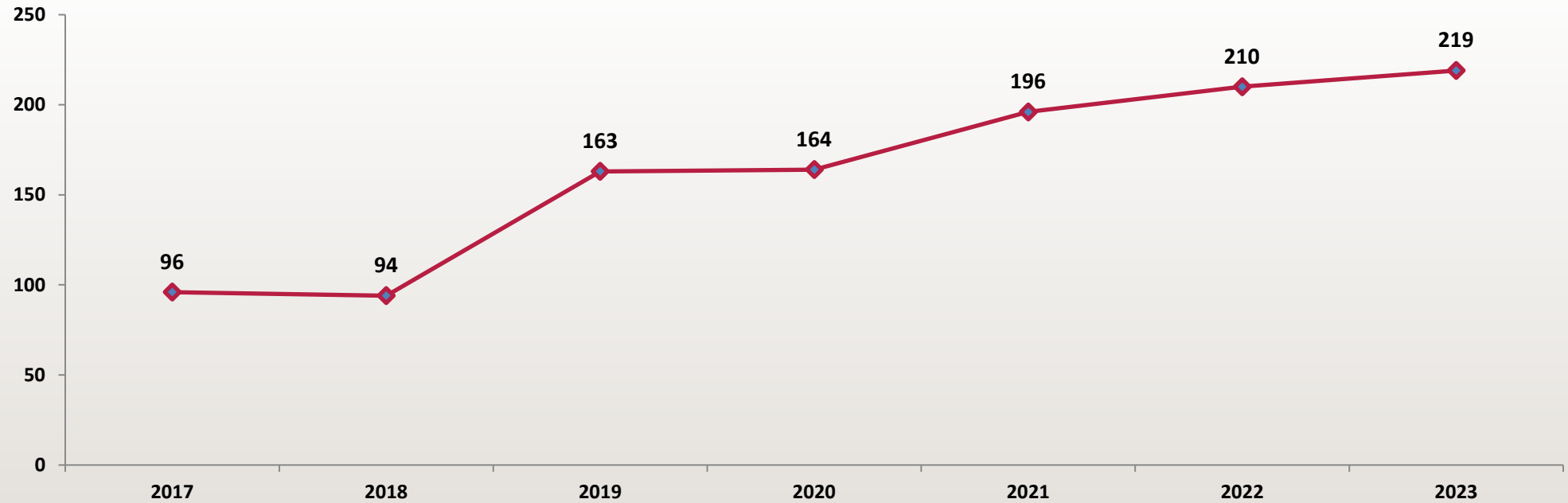
# ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

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# IOWA PSYCHOSTIMULANT-RELATED DEATHS

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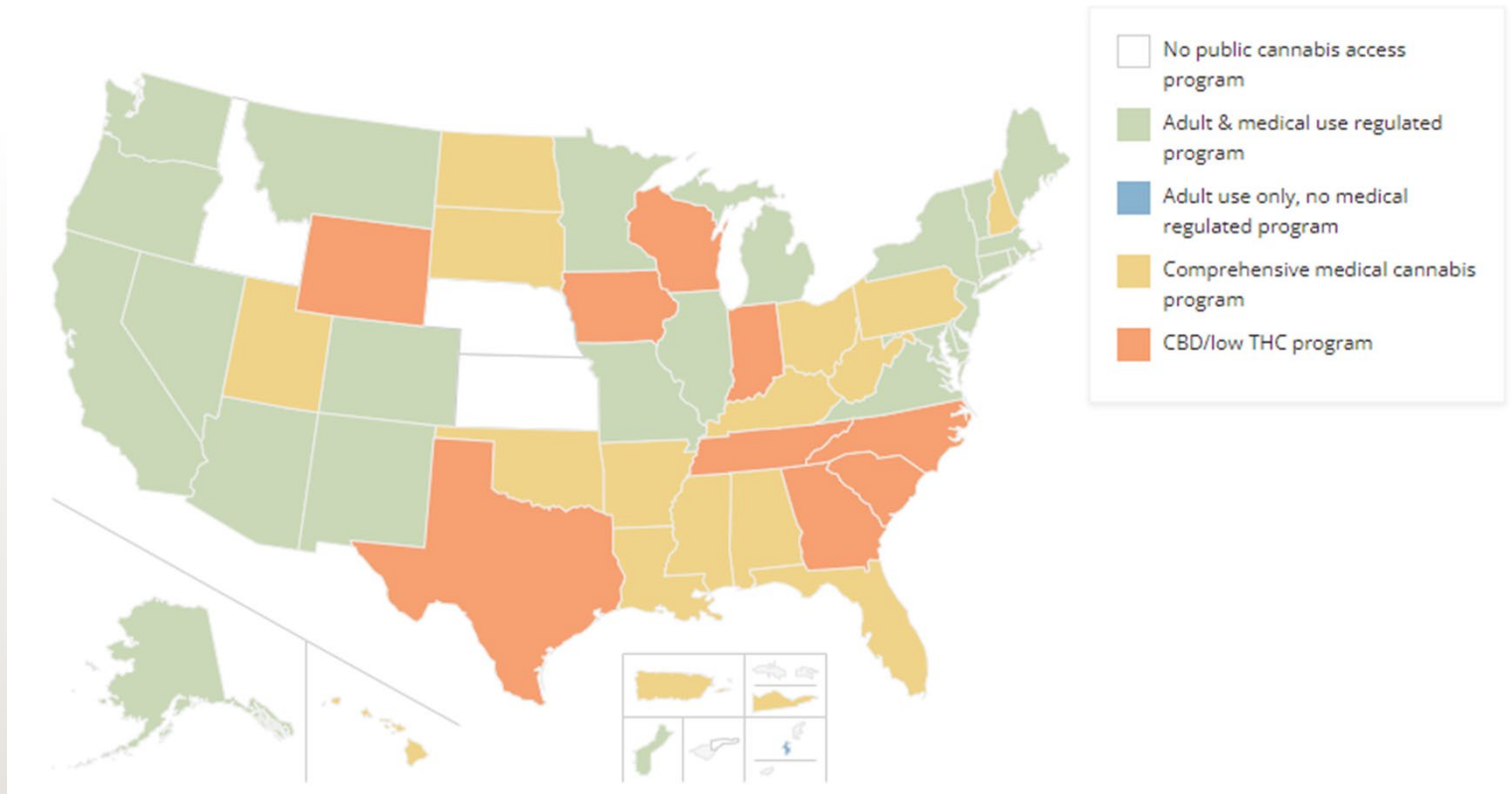


# IOWA AVERAGE METHAMPHETAMINE PRICE PER GRAM AND PURITY

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	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2023
Price	\$130	\$135	\$125	\$105	\$105	\$89	\$43
Purity	79%	87%	95%	97%	97%	97%	98%

# MARIJUANA LAWS ACROSS THE U.S.



**14 of 15 states with highest  
12+ past month usage  
legalized marijuana.**

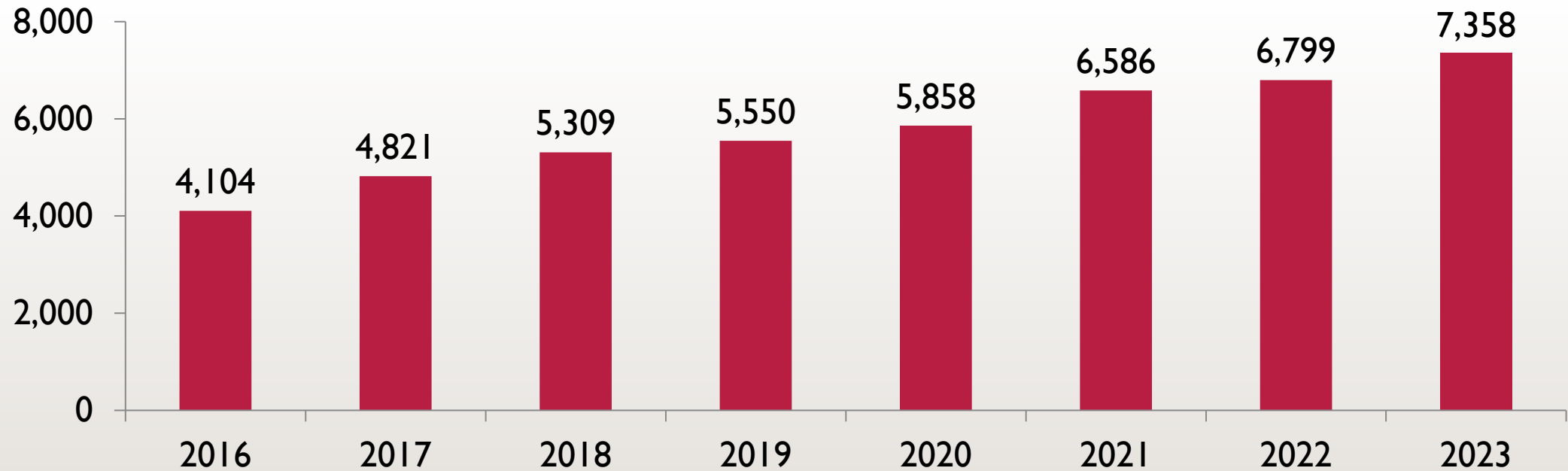
NSDUH/NCSL, 2020/2022

**Youth 12-20 were more likely to  
become cannabis users in legal  
marijuana states vs. others.**

University of California-San Diego, 2022

National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2023

# IOWA MARIJUANA-RELATED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS



# CONSUMABLE HEMP

## Amount of THC in Consumable Hemp Products

**HIGH THC PRODUCTS ARE CURRENTLY PERMISSIBLE**

Edibles with large doses of DELTA-9 THC can still comply with Federal limit of 0.3% THC by weight.

**Standard adult dose of THC = 10mg**



**10mg Beverage**



**50mg multi-colored candy  
10mg gummies**



**100mg Gummy**

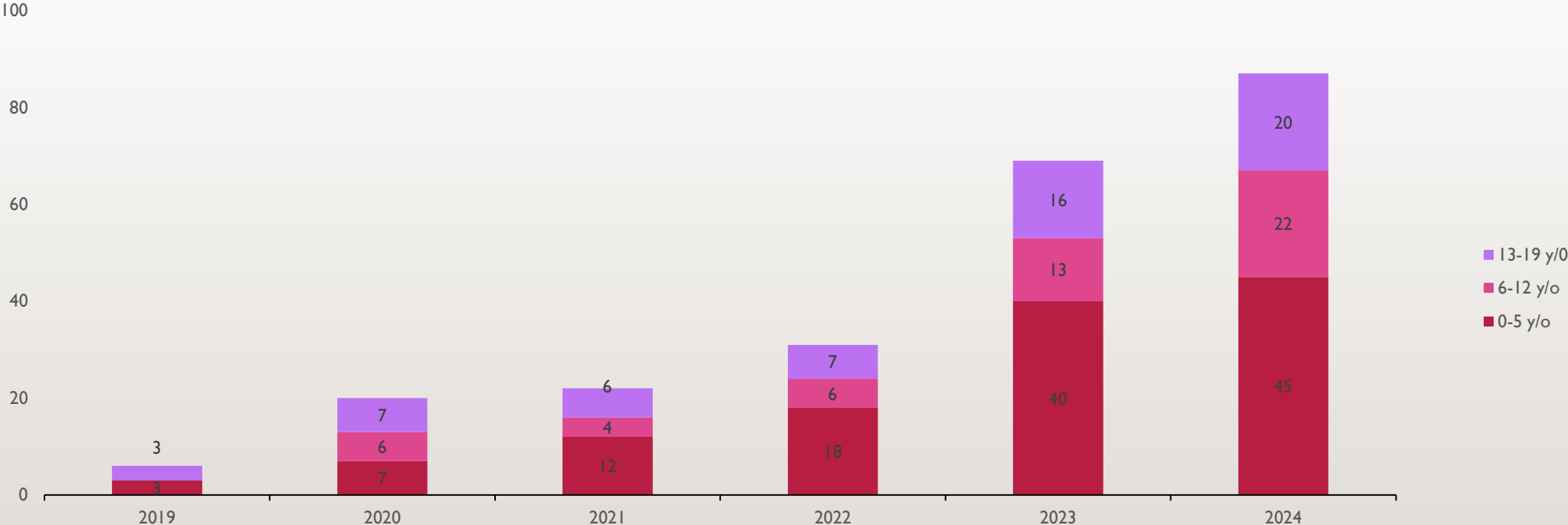


**150mg Chocolate Bar**

Source: Iowa HHS, Cannabis Regulation

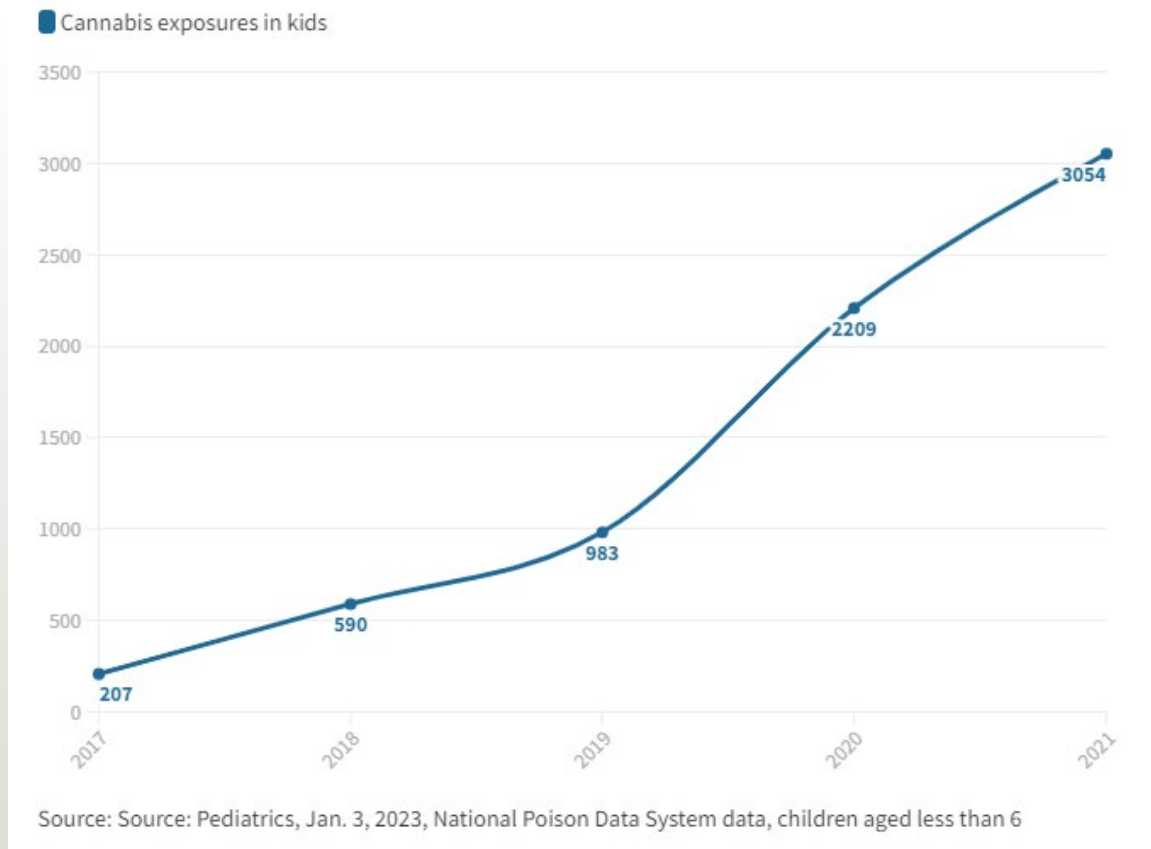
# CASES OF PEDIATRIC THC EXPOSURES

THC Edible Cases Reported to the Iowa Poison Control Center

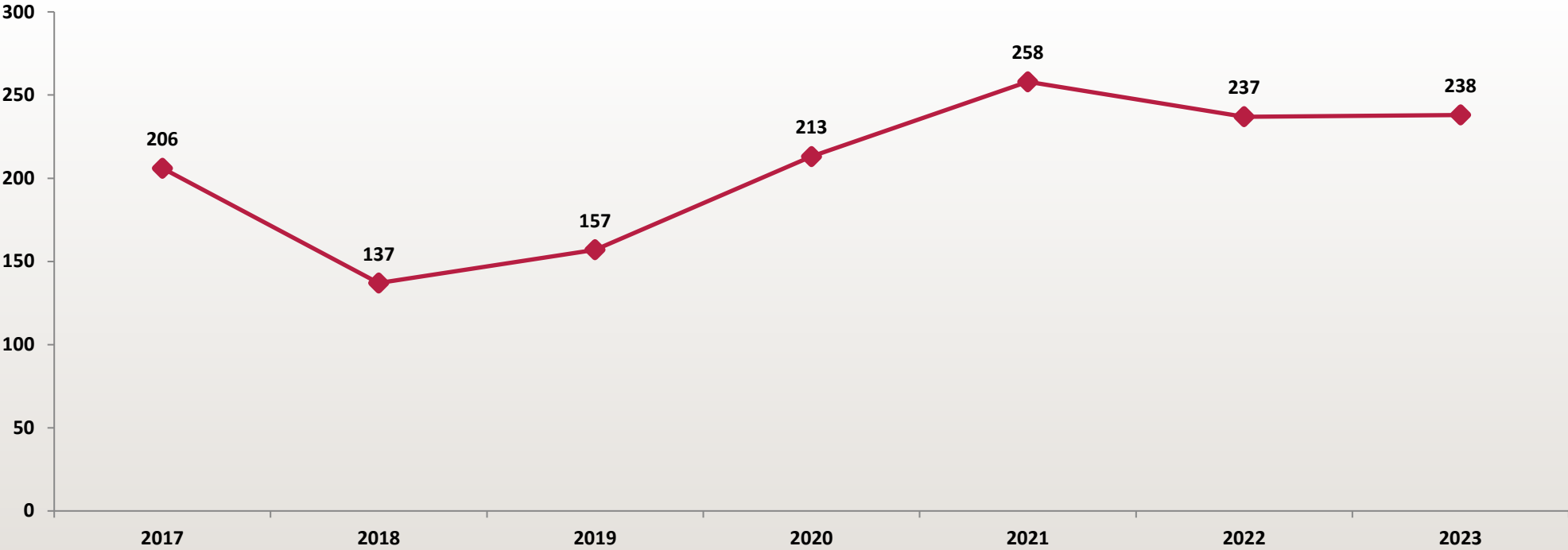




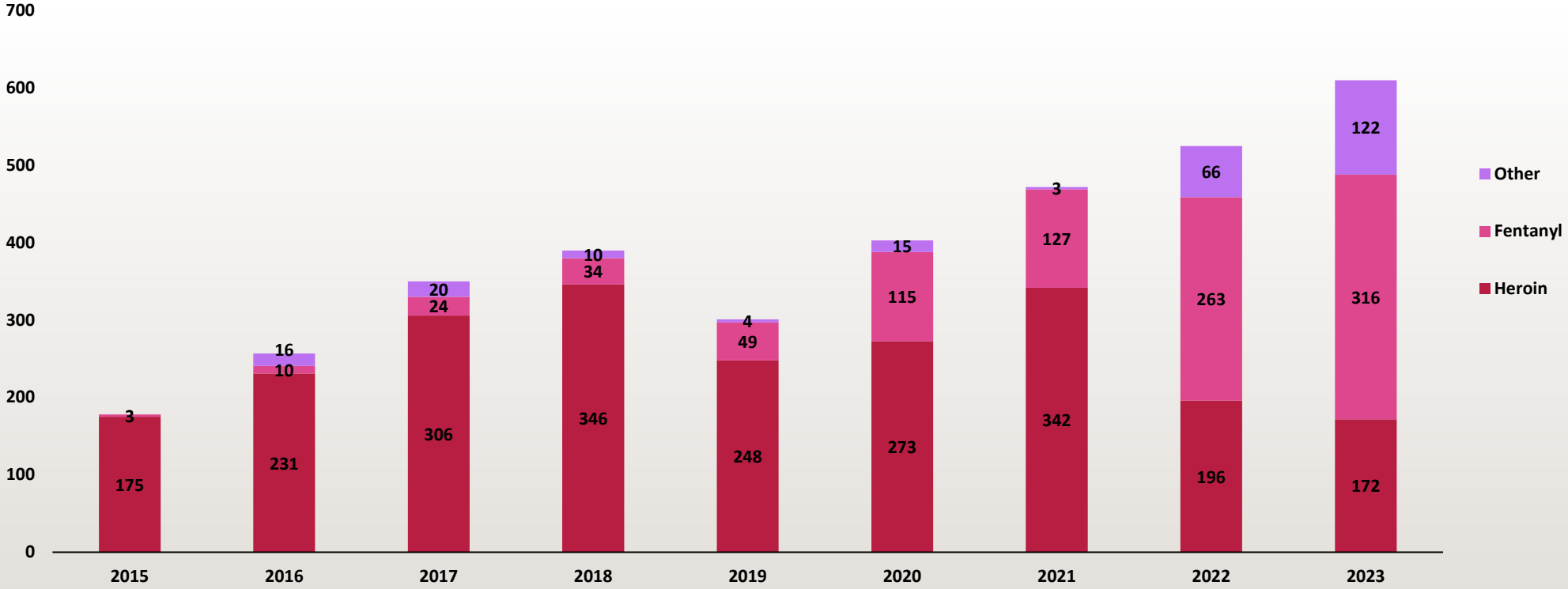
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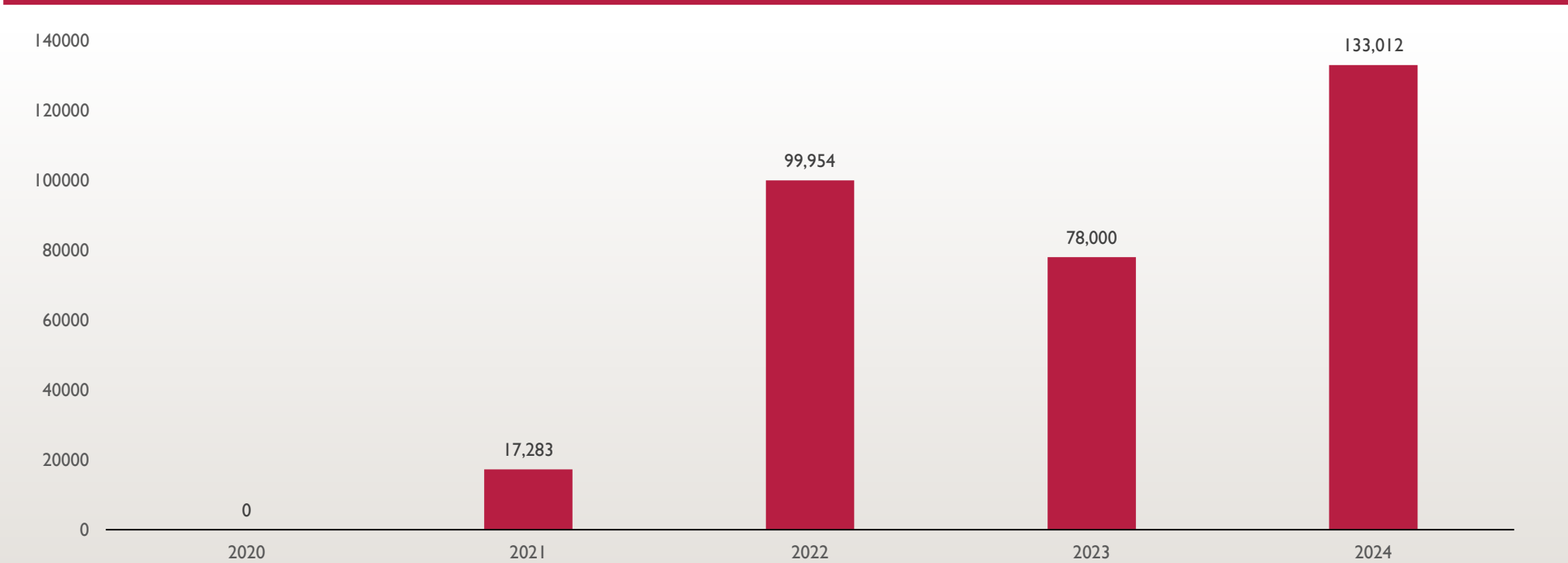
# OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS



# LAW ENFORCEMENT SEIZURES - OPIOIDS



# IOWA CRIME LAB COUNTERFEIT PILLS SUBMISSIONS



# DRUG TAKE BACK

[Iowa Drug Take Back Locations](#)

[DEA Take Back Day](#)



# ALCOHOL RESOURCES

- [DRINK LESS FOR YOUR BREASTS](#)
  - [RETHINKING DRINKING](#)
  - [REPORT: CANCER IN IOWA](#)
  - [YOURLIFEIOWA](#)
  - [HHS SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WEBSITE](#)
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# RESOURCES

- [988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE](#)
- [YOURLIFEIOWA](#)
- [TAKE BACKS/DRUG DISPOSAL](#)

- [GOOD SAMARITAN LAW – CALL 911](#)
- [MAT](#)
- [NALOXONEIOWA.ORG](#)





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