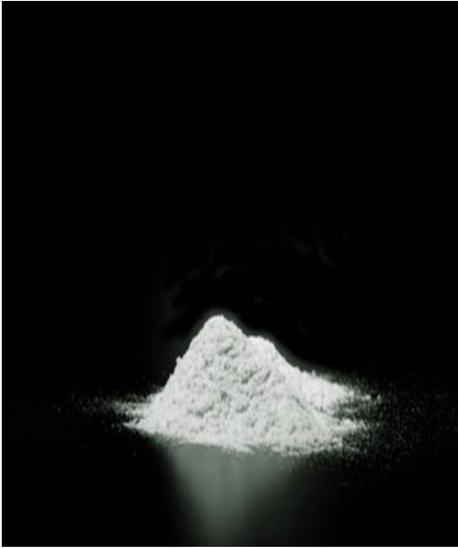


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Quarterly Laboratory Drug Cases Report July – September 2015

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Overview



The purpose of the following report is to provide law enforcement with a brief snapshot of statewide and regional drug trends in Ohio, based on internal BCI statistics. The report highlights the most prevalent drugs as reported by BCI laboratories.

The data compiled in this report is based on reporting of drug case testing results by BCI laboratories. The following statistics represent drug cases reported by BCI laboratories during the period of July 1 - September 30, 2015. Please note however that these cases may have been submitted during a previous quarter.

Drug evidence is submitted by law enforcement agencies, and then tested by BCI's Drug Chemistry laboratory section. BCI accepts evidence submissions in the following facilities/locations: Athens, Bowling Green, Cambridge, London, Richfield, and Youngstown. The figures below indicate which location received the initial drug case submissions, in order to offer a regional perspective on drug trends. This is not necessarily where the drug case was eventually tested.

In the numbers provided, a substance is counted each time it was reported in a drug laboratory case, either by itself or in combination with another substance. For example, in a case where heroin and cocaine were reported as a mixture, it would count as one report of heroin and one report of cocaine.

This report should not be considered an all-inclusive account of illegal drug activity throughout Ohio.

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Spotlight on Drug Overdoses

Preliminary data from the Ohio Department of Health shows unintentional drug overdoses remained the state's leading cause of injury-related death in 2014.¹² According to the data, unintentional drug overdoses caused the deaths of nearly 2,500 residents in Ohio. Fentanyl is suspected to be a large contributor to the increase in overdose deaths.

The Ohio Department of Health lists a wide range of ages in its 2014 preliminary data for those who overdosed from fentanyl-related drugs. Beginning at age 15 and ending at 74, the age most affected was the '25-34' category.

In 2015, more county prosecutors in Ohio have been charging drug dealers in court when those dealers customers have overdosed on drugs, particularly due to heroin. In August, a Brown County grand jury indicted three individuals for involuntary manslaughter, plus other charges, in three separate fatal drug overdose incidents.¹³ In September, a Trumbull County grand jury indicted a male for involuntary manslaughter for a fentanyl overdose death of a female in April. Trumbull County Sheriff Thomas Altieri said "we're looking at overdoses now as a homicide and we are going to investigate it as a homicide."¹⁴

Ohio House Bill 508 was introduced in March 2014, which would increase the penalties to include murder for drug dealers when someone purchases drugs from them resulting in a fatal overdose. The legislation is currently pending in the Ohio Senate.

In March of this year, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine negotiated with Amphastar Pharmaceuticals Inc., maker of the drug naloxone, to provide a \$6 rebate for each dose of the drug sold to public safety and emergency medical agencies between March 2015 and March 2016.¹⁵ Naloxone reverses the effects of opioid overdoses, including heroin and most prescription painkillers.

12. "2014 OHIO DRUG OVERDOSE PRELIMINARY DATA: GENERAL FINDINGS." Per ODH, 2014 drug overdose data is based on information listed on death certificates, including for Ohioans who died in other states. 2014 drug overdose data will be officially finalized once all out-of-state death certificates are submitted by other states to the ODH Bureau of Vital Statistics.

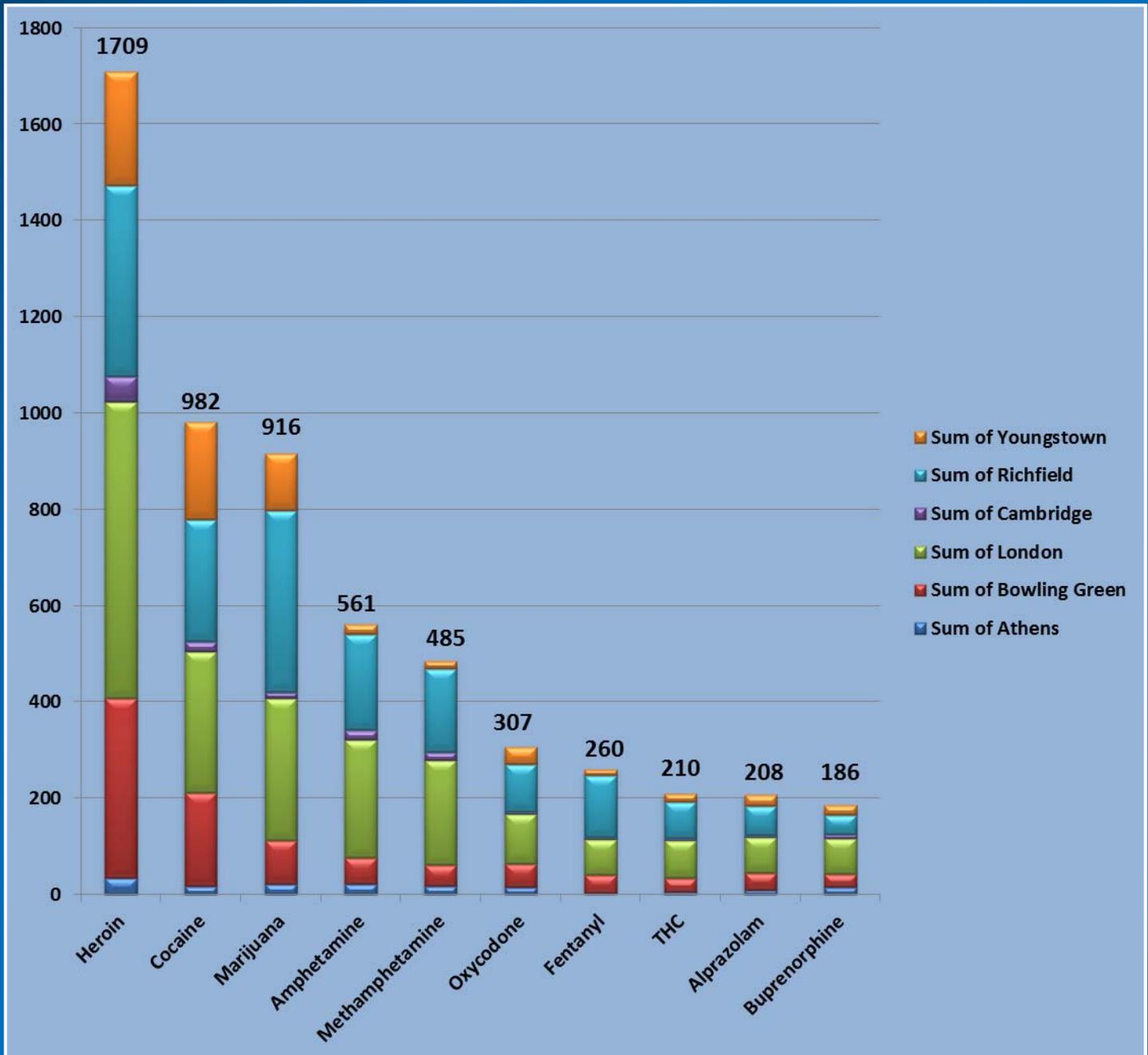
13. "Drug overdose deaths: Brown County indicts 3 suspects in 3 separate cases." <http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/brown-county/drug-overdose-deaths-brown-county-indicts-3-suspects-in-3-separate-cases>

14. "Charges filed in connection with fatal drug overdose in Trumbull County." <http://www.wfmj.com/story/30011741/charges-filed-in-connection-with-fatal-drug-overdose-in-trumbull-county>.

15 "Naloxone drug is saving lives after overdoses." <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/03/31/overdose-drug.html>.

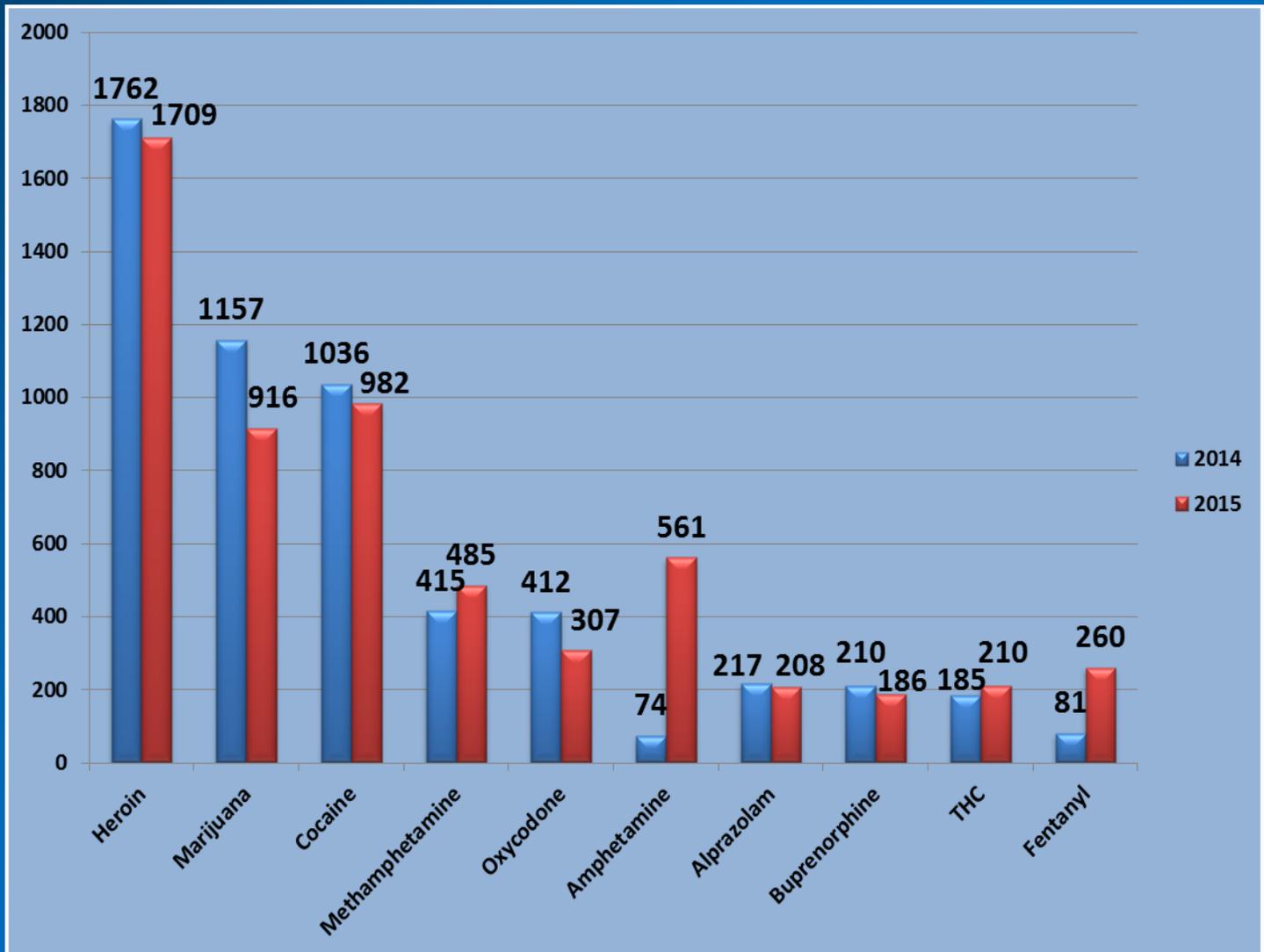
Statewide Figures

The following shows the top 10 laboratory drug cases reported statewide for the period July - September 2015.



Statewide Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI statewide for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014

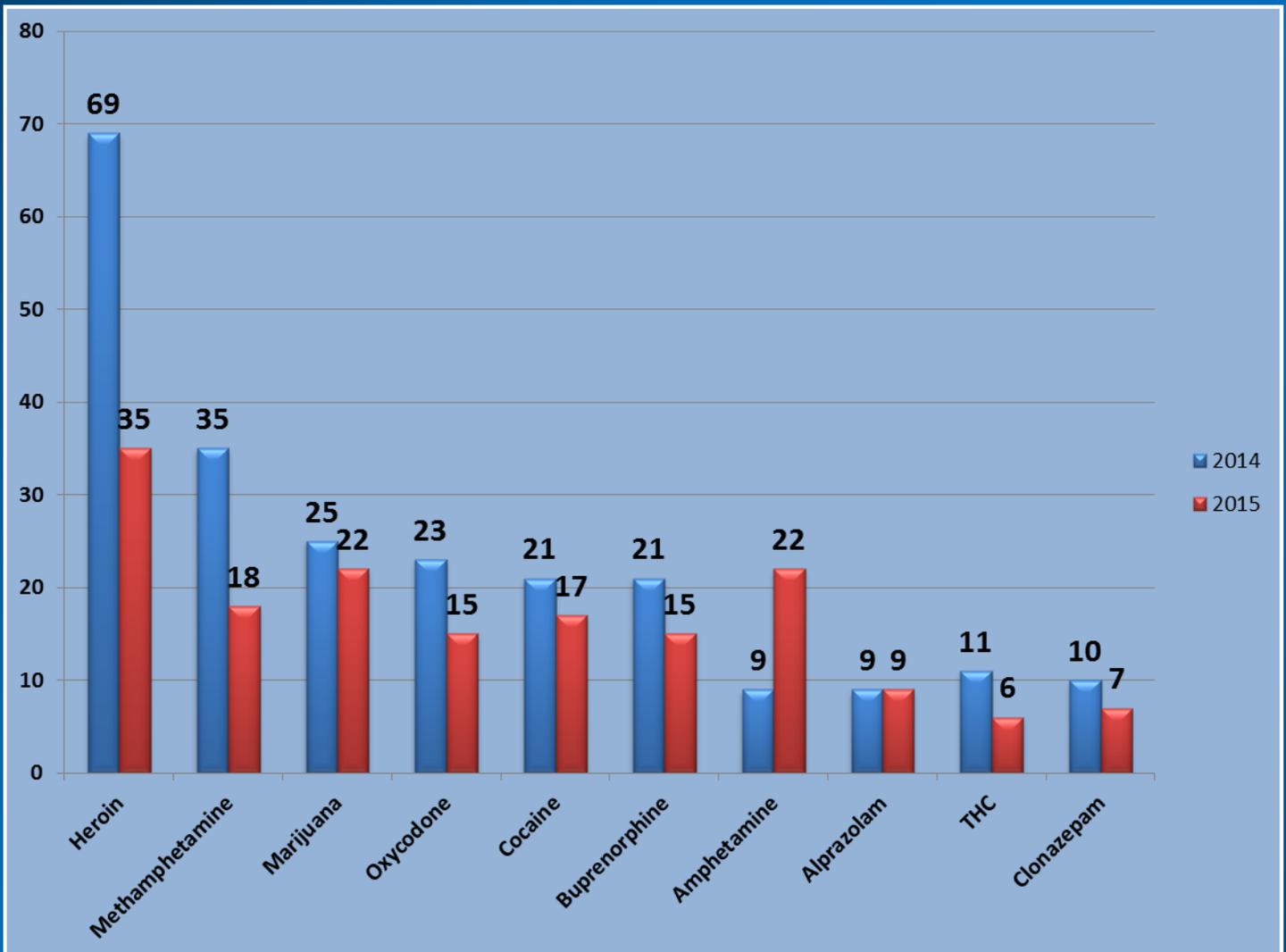


Heroin cases **decreased** by 3%.
Marijuana cases **decreased** by 20.83%
Cocaine cases **decreased** by 5.21%
Methamphetamine cases **increased** 16.87%
Oxycodone cases **decreased** by 25.49%

Amphetamine cases **increased** by 658.11%
Alprazolam cases **decreased** by 4.61%
Buprenorphine cases **decreased** by 11.43%
THC cases **increased** by 13.51%
Fentanyl cases **increased** by 220.99%

Athens Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI Athens for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014

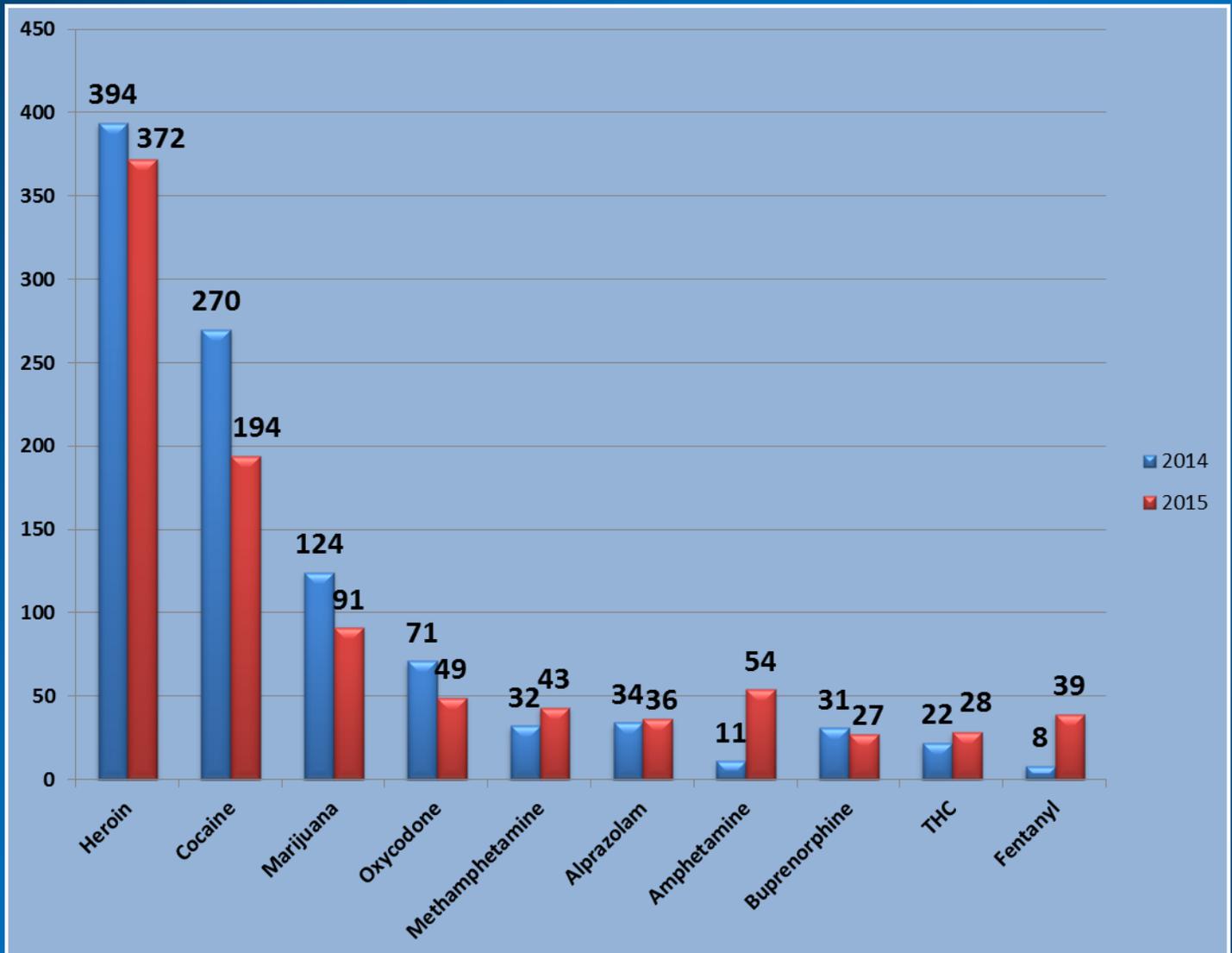


Heroin cases **decreased** by 49.28%
Methamphetamine cases **decreased** 48.57%
Marijuana Cases **decreased** by 12%
Oxycodone cases **decreased** by 34.78%
Cocaine cases **decreased** by 19.05%

Buprenorphine cases **decreased** by 28.57%
Amphetamine cases **increased** by 144.44%
Alprazolam cases didn't change.
THC cases **decreased** by 45.4
Clonazepam cases **decreased** by 30%

Bowling Green Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI Bowling Green for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014

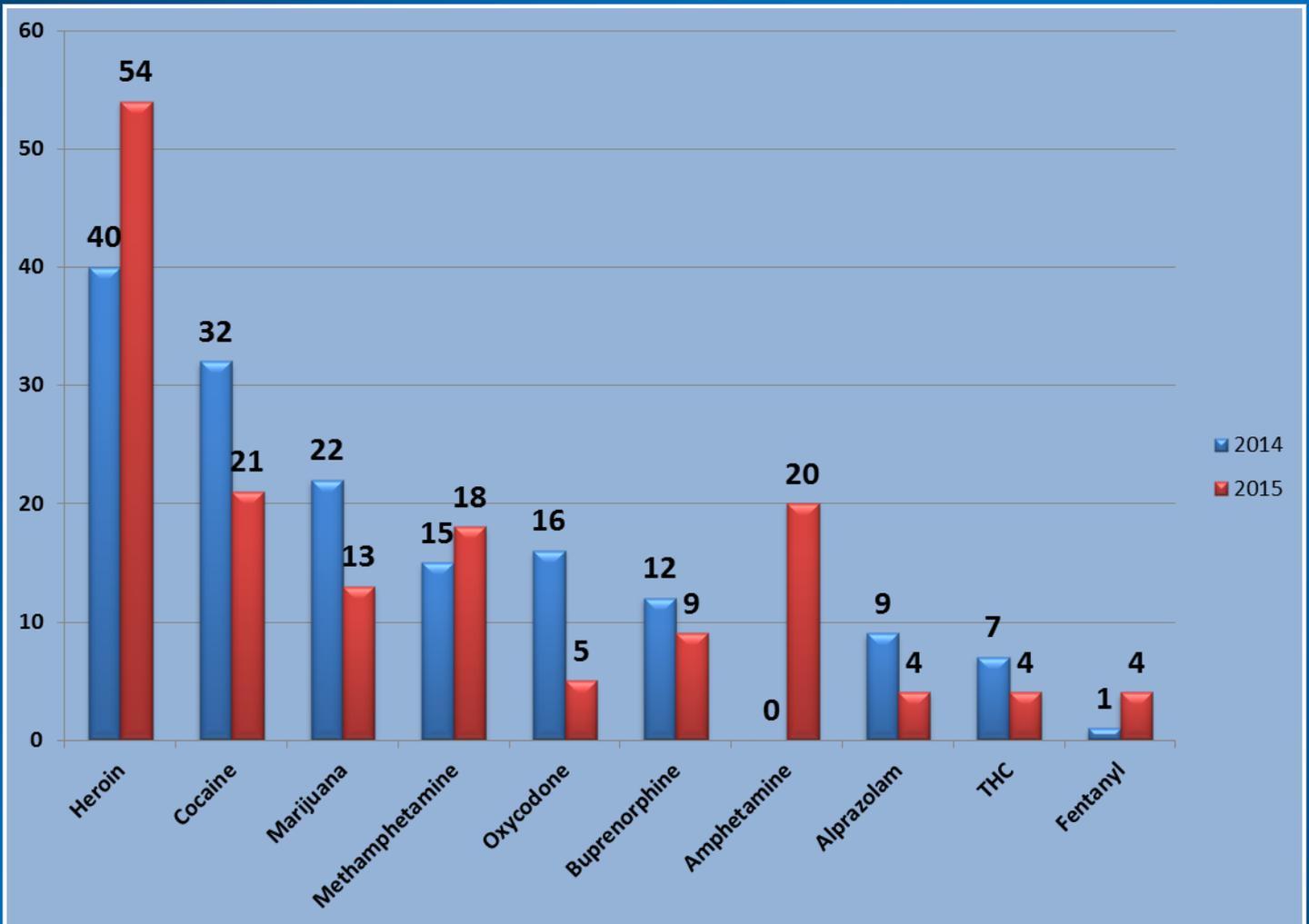


Heroin cases **decreased** by 5.58%.
 Cocaine cases **decreased** by 28.15%
 Marijuana cases **decreased** by 26.61%
 Oxycodone cases **decreased** by 31%
 Methamphetamine cases **increased** 34.38%

Alprazolam cases **increased** by 5.88%
 Amphetamine cases **increased** by 390.91%
 Buprenorphine cases **decreased** by 12.90%
 THC cases **increased** by 27.27%
 Fentanyl cases **increased** by 387.5%

Cambridge Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI Cambridge for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014

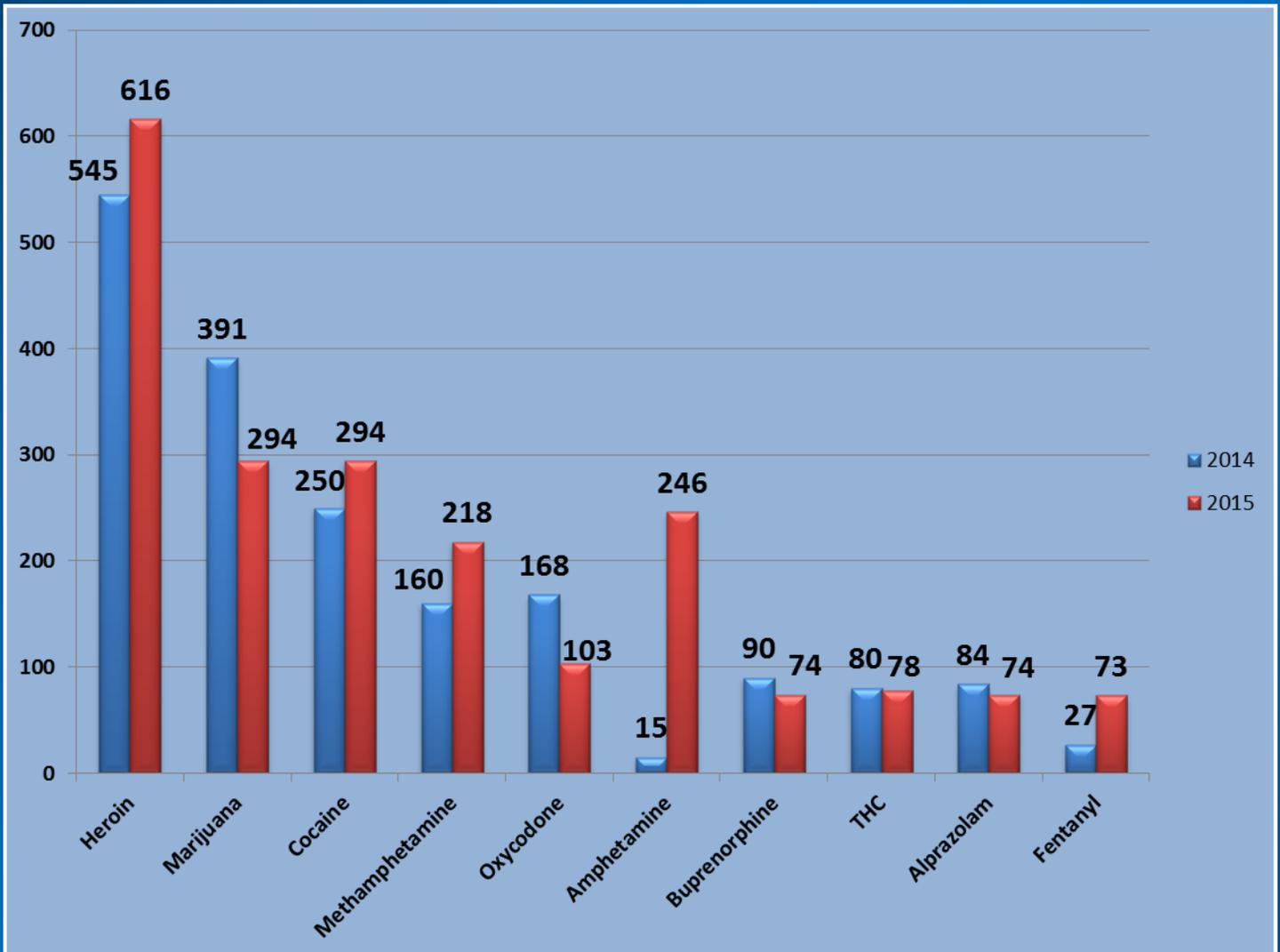


Heroin cases **increased** by 35%
Cocaine cases **decreased** by 34.38%
Marijuana cases **decreased** by 40.91%
Methamphetamine cases **increased** 20%
Buprenorphine cases **decreased** by 25%

Oxycodone cases **decreased** by 68.75%
Amphetamine cases **increased** from 0 to 20.
Alprazolam cases **decreased** by 55.55%
THC cases **decreased** by 42.86%
Fentanyl cases **increased** by 300%

London Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI London for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014

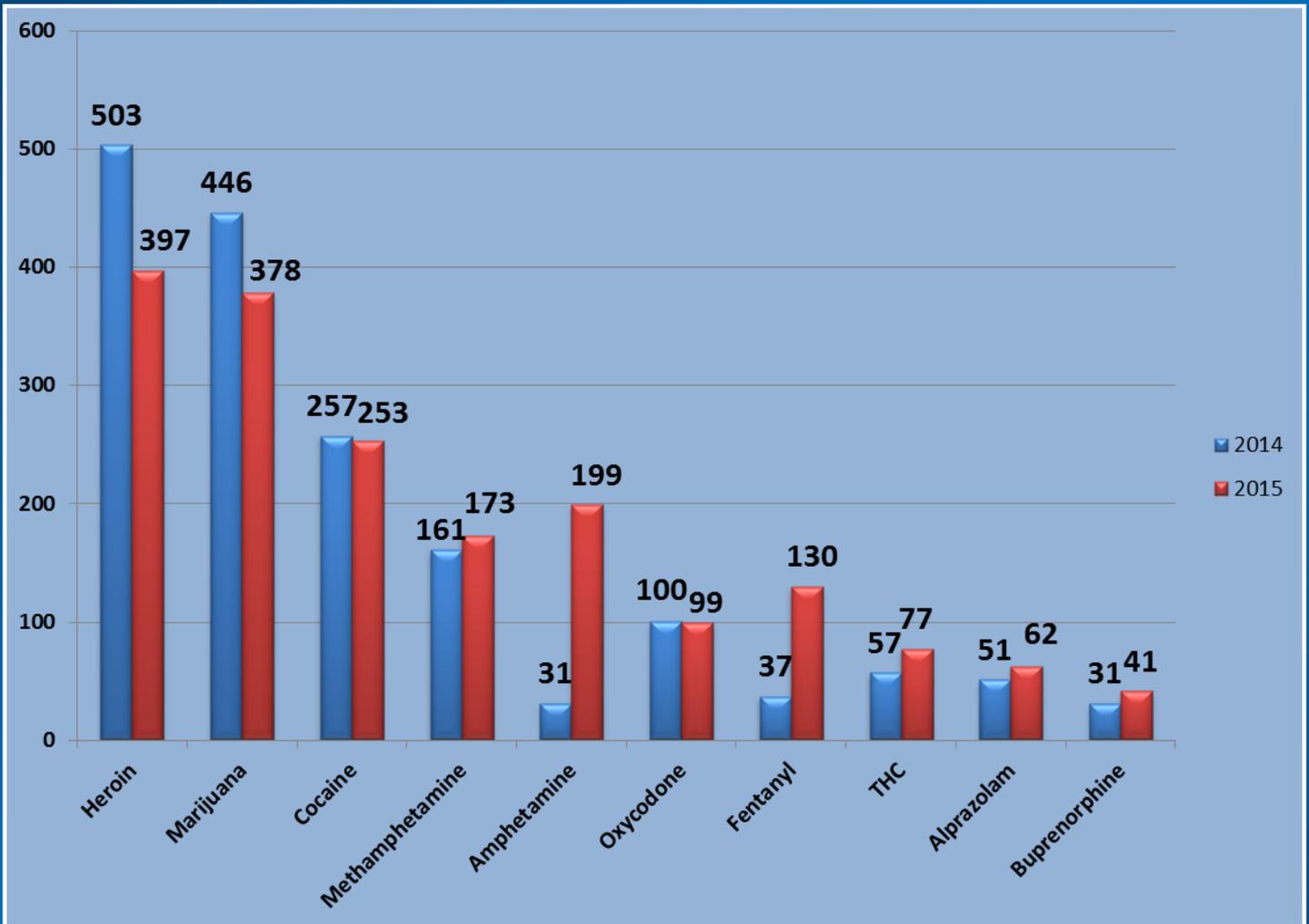


Heroin cases **increased** by 13.03%
Marijuana Cases **decreased** by 24.81%
Cocaine cases **increased** by 17.6%
Methamphetamine cases **increased** 36.25%
Oxycodone cases **decreased** by 38.69%

Amphetamine cases **increased** by 1540%
Buprenorphine cases **decreased** by 17.78%
THC cases **decreased** by 2.5%
Alprazolam cases **decreased** by 11.90%
Fentanyl cases **increased** by 170.37%

Richfield Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI Richfield for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014

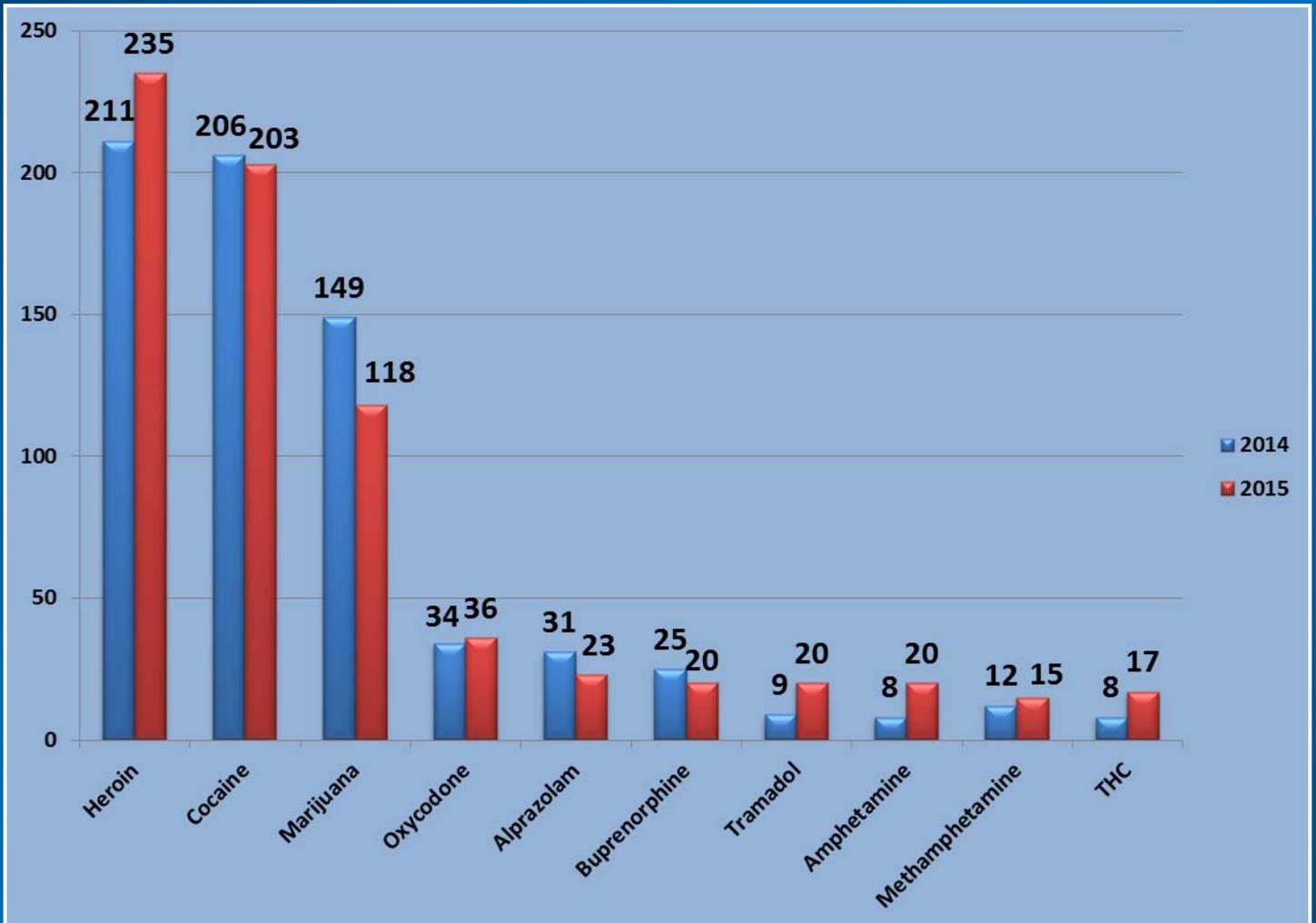


Heroin cases **decreased** by 21.07%
 Marijuana Cases **decreased** by 15.25%
 Cocaine cases **decreased** by 1.56%
 Methamphetamine cases **increased** 7.45%
 Amphetamine cases **increased** by 541.94%

Oxycodone cases **decreased** by 1%
 Fentanyl cases **increased** by 251.35%
 THC cases **increased** by 35.1%
 Alprazolam cases **increased** by 21.57%
 Buprenorphine cases **increased** by 32.26%

Youngstown Figures

Top 10 laboratory drug cases reported for BCI Youngstown for the 3rd Quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in 2014



Heroin cases **increased** by 11.37%
 Cocaine cases **decreased** by 1.46%
 Marijuana Cases **decreased** by 20.81%
 Oxycodone cases **increased** by 25.49%
 Alprazolam cases **decreased** by 25.81%

Buprenorphine cases **decreased** by 20%
 Tramadol cases **increased** by 120.22%
 Amphetamine cases **increased** by 150%
 Methamphetamine cases **increased** 25%
 THC cases **increased** by 112.5%

