



Department of Forensic Pathology

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2026 Q1 (January 1st- March 31st) Drug Report

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Introduction

Drug-Related Deaths - Defined

We define drug deaths as those which result entirely or partially from the physiologic effects of acute toxicity. Therefore, included here are deaths which resulted from a combination of natural disease and acute intoxication (e.g. lung disease complicated by opioid intoxication). Our definition does not include deaths by violence, in which the violent behavior may have been caused or contributed to by intoxication (e.g. death due to injury from motor vehicle crash in which the at-fault driver was intoxicated). We also do not include deaths related to the effects of chronic substance use (e.g. deaths due to alcoholic liver disease or heart disease which may have been contributed to by chronic cocaine use) if not combined with acute toxicity.

Methods

The majority of the drug deaths reported are due to more than one substance, as you will see in the detailed tables that follow. Often, decedents have even more substances present in their body at the time of death or overdose incident than just the substances listed as having caused or contributed to death. After autopsy and review of records, including toxicology report, the medical examiner assigned to the case determines which of the substances present played a causal role in the death. Thus, there may be substances present in a given case which are not included in the cause of death statement.

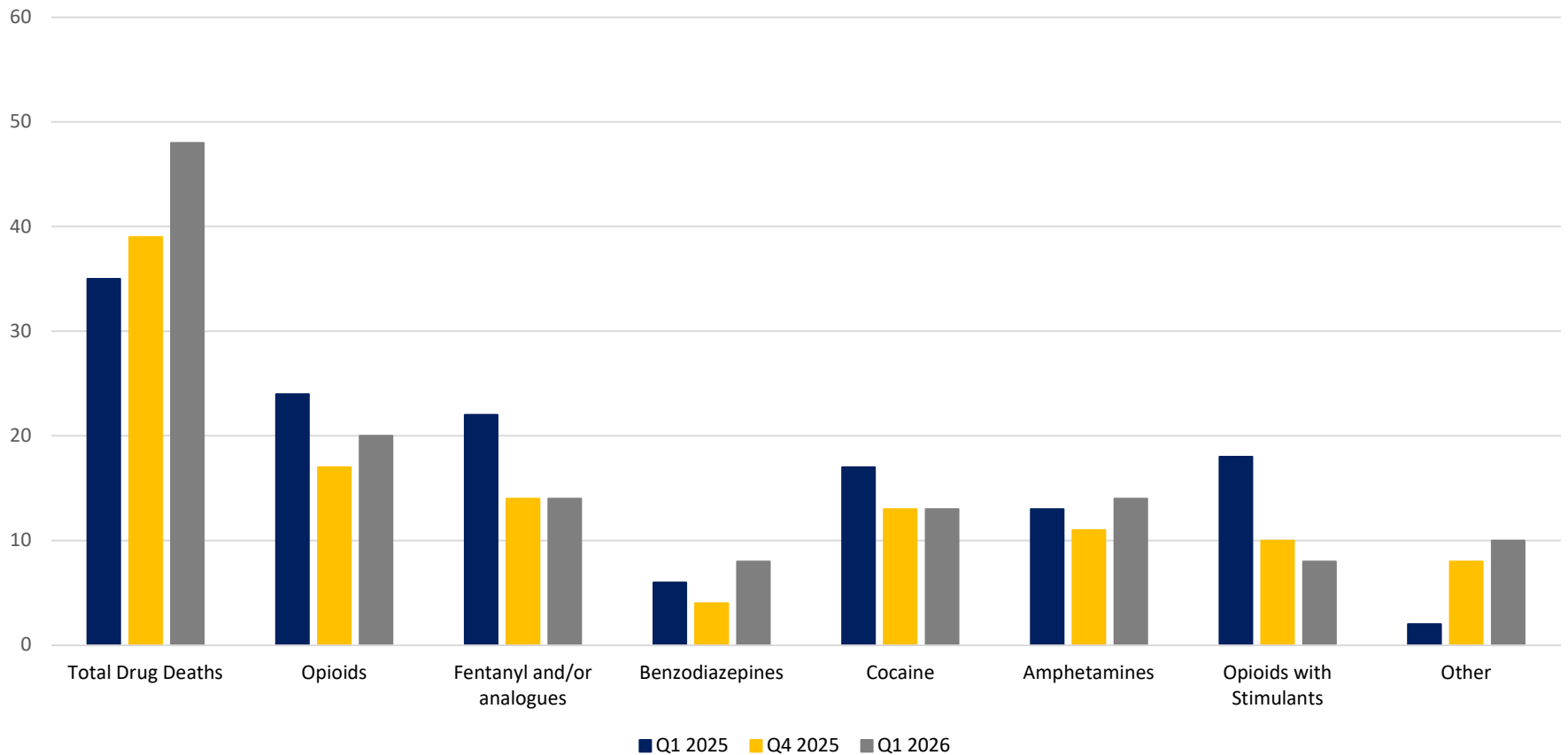
Occasionally, intoxicated decedents survive in the hospital for a time prior to death, following acute drug intoxication. In these cases, all efforts are made to obtain and test the earliest blood and urine available from their time in the hospital for the overdose incident, so that the toxicology results reflect what was in the body at the time the overdose occurred.

New information occasionally becomes available after a "final" cause and manner of death was determined, which sometimes, albeit rarely, results in a change to the "final" cause or manner of death. As such, the statistics contained herein may be subject to change at any time.

The extent of toxicology testing is determined by the medical examiner assigned to the case, based upon the circumstances of death. During the period reported, our office used Axis Forensic Toxicology for toxicology testing.¹

¹ If you have questions about what drugs we are currently capable of detecting, please visit www.axisfortox.com or email michelle.fox@uofmhealth.org

All-County Drug Class Occurrences in Drug-Related Deaths Q1 2026 compared with Q4 2025 and Q1 2025



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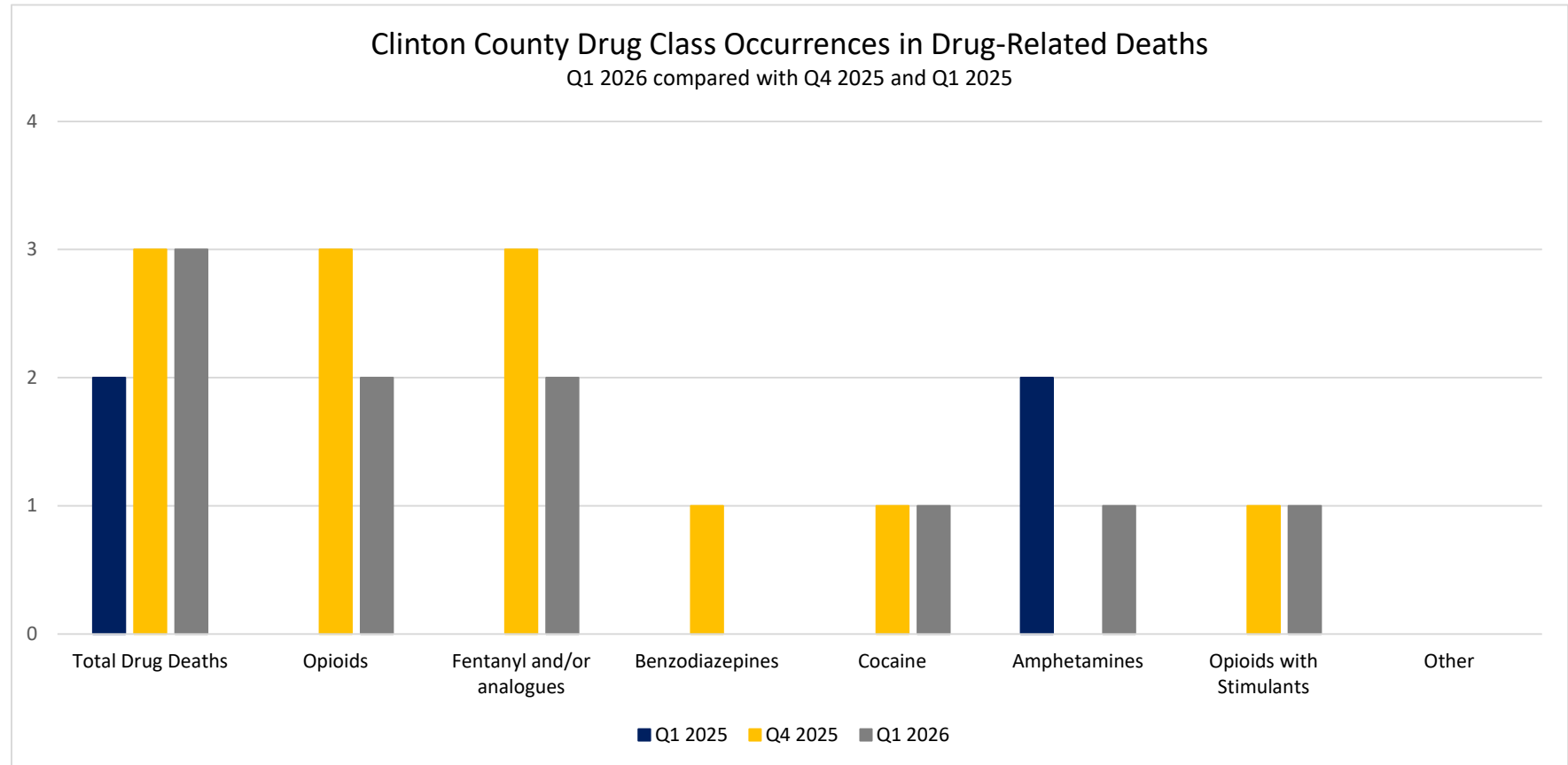
Clinton County

Drug-Related Deaths

2026 Q1 Clinton County Drug-Related Deaths					
Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substance(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Male	Black	29	Ingham	ethanol, fentanyl	Accident
Male	White	55	Clinton	cocaine	Accident
Female	White	64	Clinton	carfentanil, fentanyl, methamphetamine, morphine	Accident

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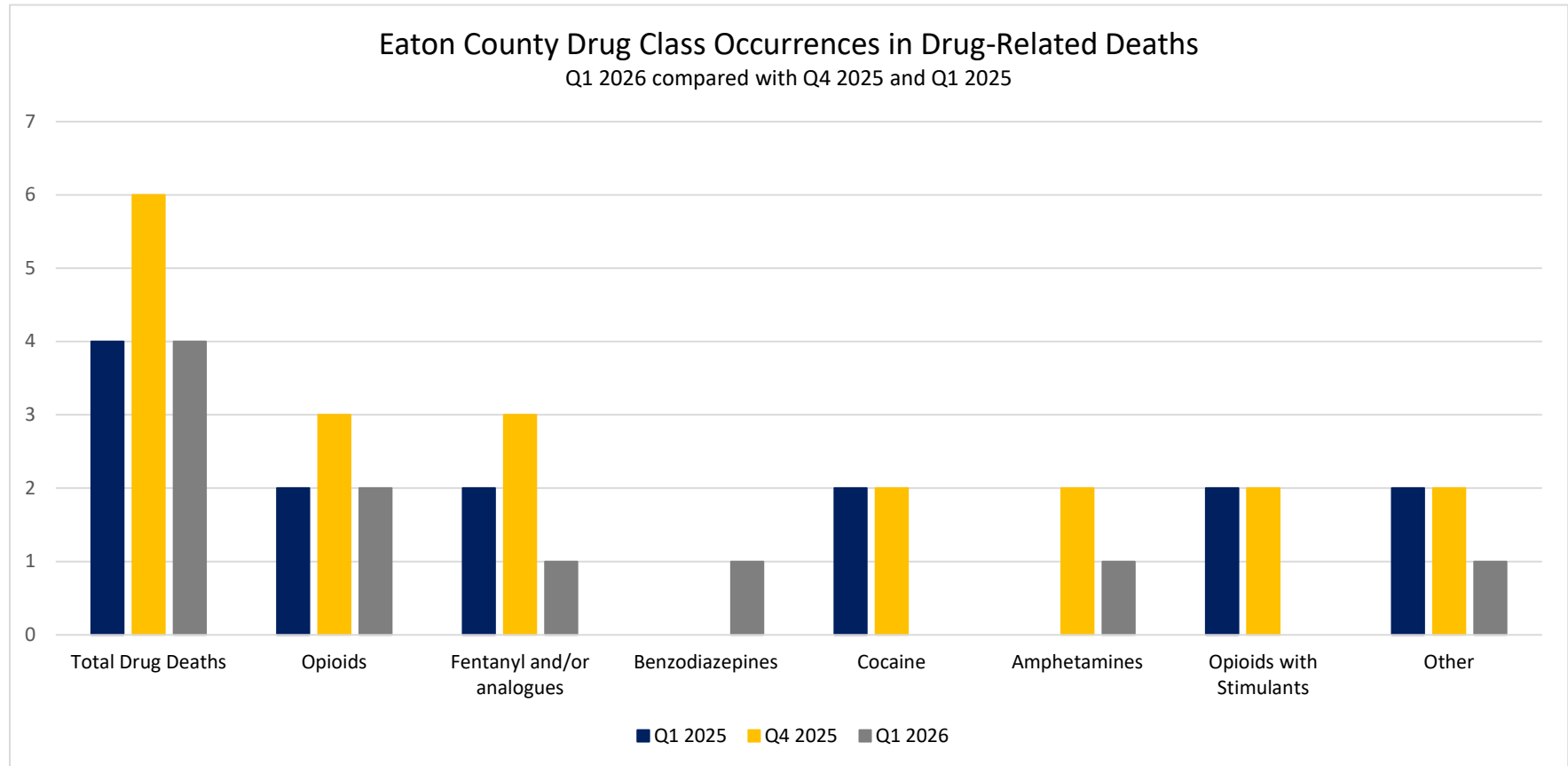
Eaton County

Drug-Related Deaths

2026 Q1 Eaton County Drug-Related Deaths					
Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substance(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Male	White	48	Eaton	alprazolam, amitriptyline, fentanyl	Accident
Male	White	63	Eaton	diphenhydramine, duloxetine, hydrocodone, Pregabalin	Suicide
Female	White	64	Eaton	methamphetamine	Accident
Female	White	73	Eaton	bupropion, dextromethorphan, fluoxetine, trazadone	Suicide

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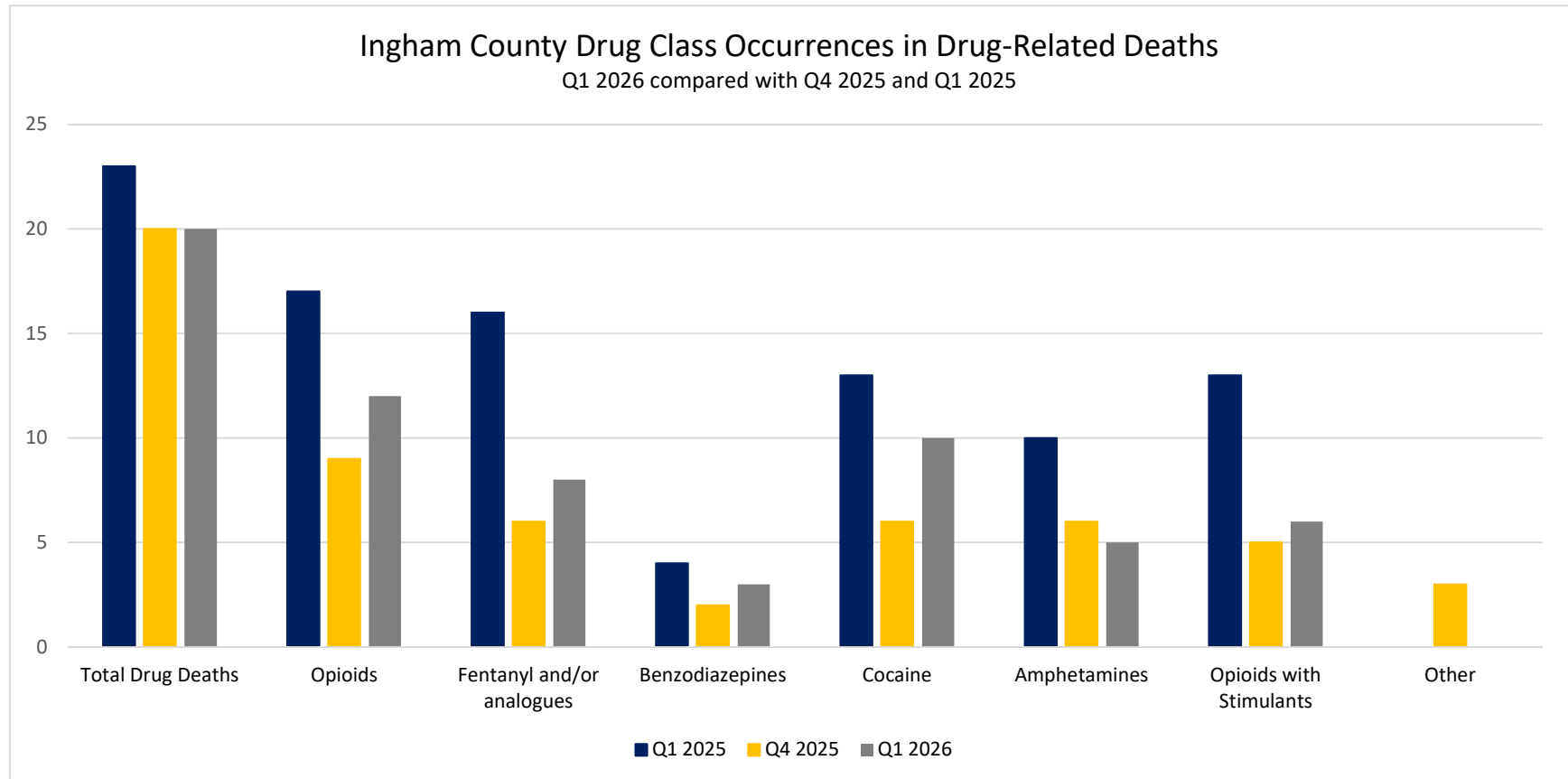
Ingham County

Drug-Related Deaths

2026 Q1 Ingham County Drug-Related Deaths					
Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substances(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Female	White	10	Ingham	methadone	Indeterminate
Male	White	20	Ingham	alprazolam, mitragynine, nitrous oxide	Accident
Male	Black	31	Ingham	cocaine, fentanyl, ethanol	Accident
Female	White	37	Ingham	cocaine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, doxylamine, fentanyl, medetomidine, morphine	Accident
Male	White	37	Ingham	hydrocodone, tramadol	Accident
Male	White	38	Ingham	methamphetamine, opioids	Accident
Female	White	41	Ingham	cocaine	Accident
Male	White	51	Ingham	methadone, methamphetamine	Accident
Male	White	52	Kent	cocaine	Accident
Female	White	57	Ingham	cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine	Accident
Female	White	58	Ingham	cocaine	Accident
Female	White	61	Ingham	fentanyl	Accident
Male	Indian	63	Ingham	methamphetamine	Accident
Male	Black	63	Kent	cocaine, methamphetamine	Accident
Male	Black	64	Ingham	cocaine, ethanol, fentanyl	Accident
Female	White	64	Ingham	clonazepam, eszopiclone, fentanyl, methadone, pregabalin	Accident
Male	White	67	Ingham	cocaine	Accident
Male	Black	70	Ingham	bupropion, doxepin, Fentanyl, gabapentin, mirtazapine	Accident
Female	Black	73	Ingham	diazepam, fentanyl, hydrocodone, promethazine	Accident
Male	Black	75	Ingham	cocaine	Accident

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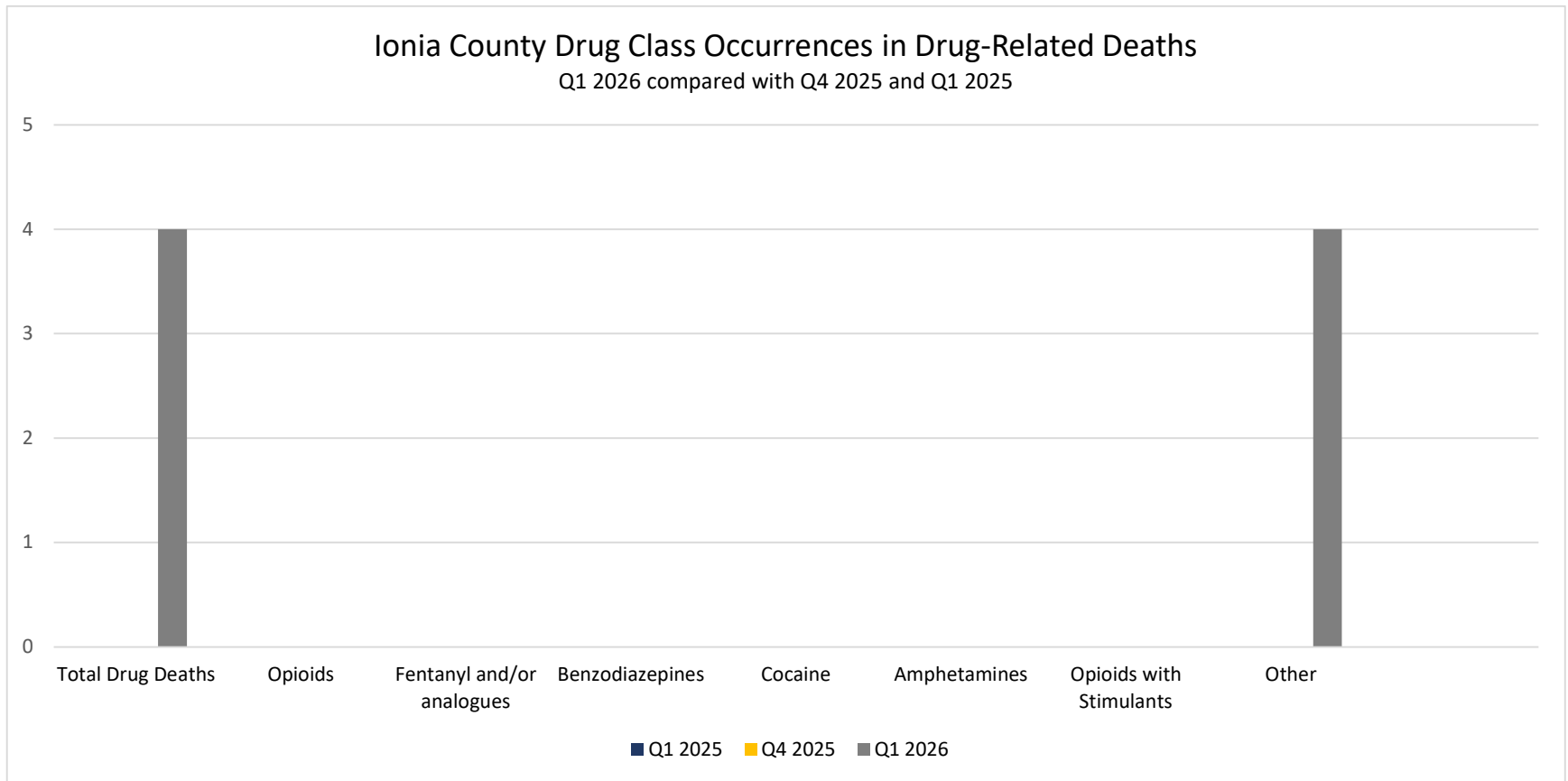
Ionia County

Drug-Related Deaths

2026 Q1 Ionia County Drug-Related Deaths					
Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substance(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Male	White	31	Ionia	MDMB-4en-PINACA (synthetic cannabinoid)	Accident
Male	Black	31	Ionia	5F-ADB (synthetic cannabinoid)	Accident
Male	White	46	Ionia	1,1-difluoroethane	Accident
Male	Black	66	Ionia	5F-ADB, MDMB-4en-PINACA (synthetic cannabinoids)	Accident

Ionia County

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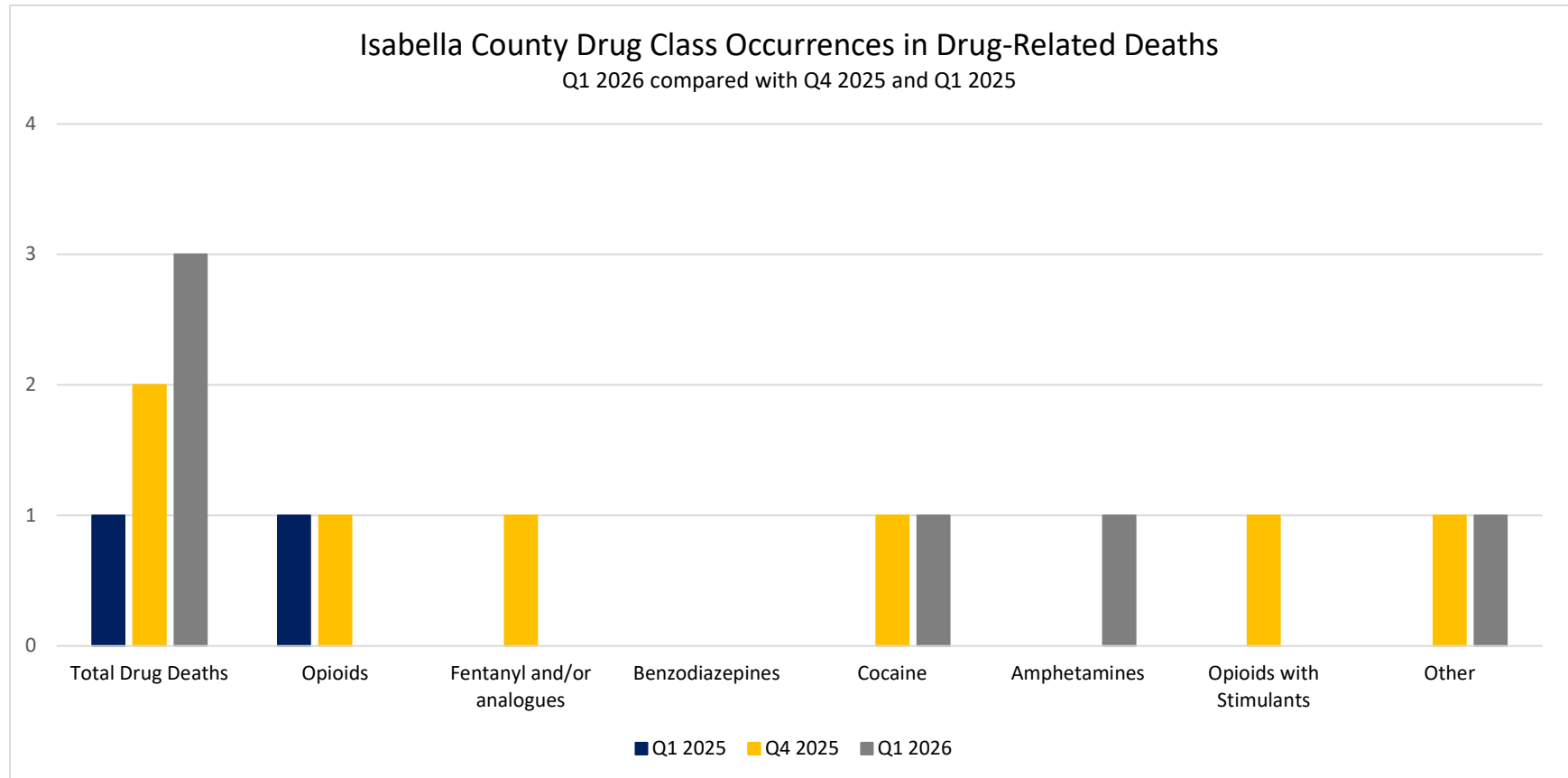
Isabella County

Drug-Related Deaths

2026 Q1 Isabella County Drug-Related Deaths					
Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substance(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Male	White	40	Isabella	methamphetamine	Accident
Male	White	45	Isabella	cocaine, ethanol/acetaldehyde, isopropanol/acetone	Accident
Male	White	59	Isabella	ethanol	Accident

Isabella County

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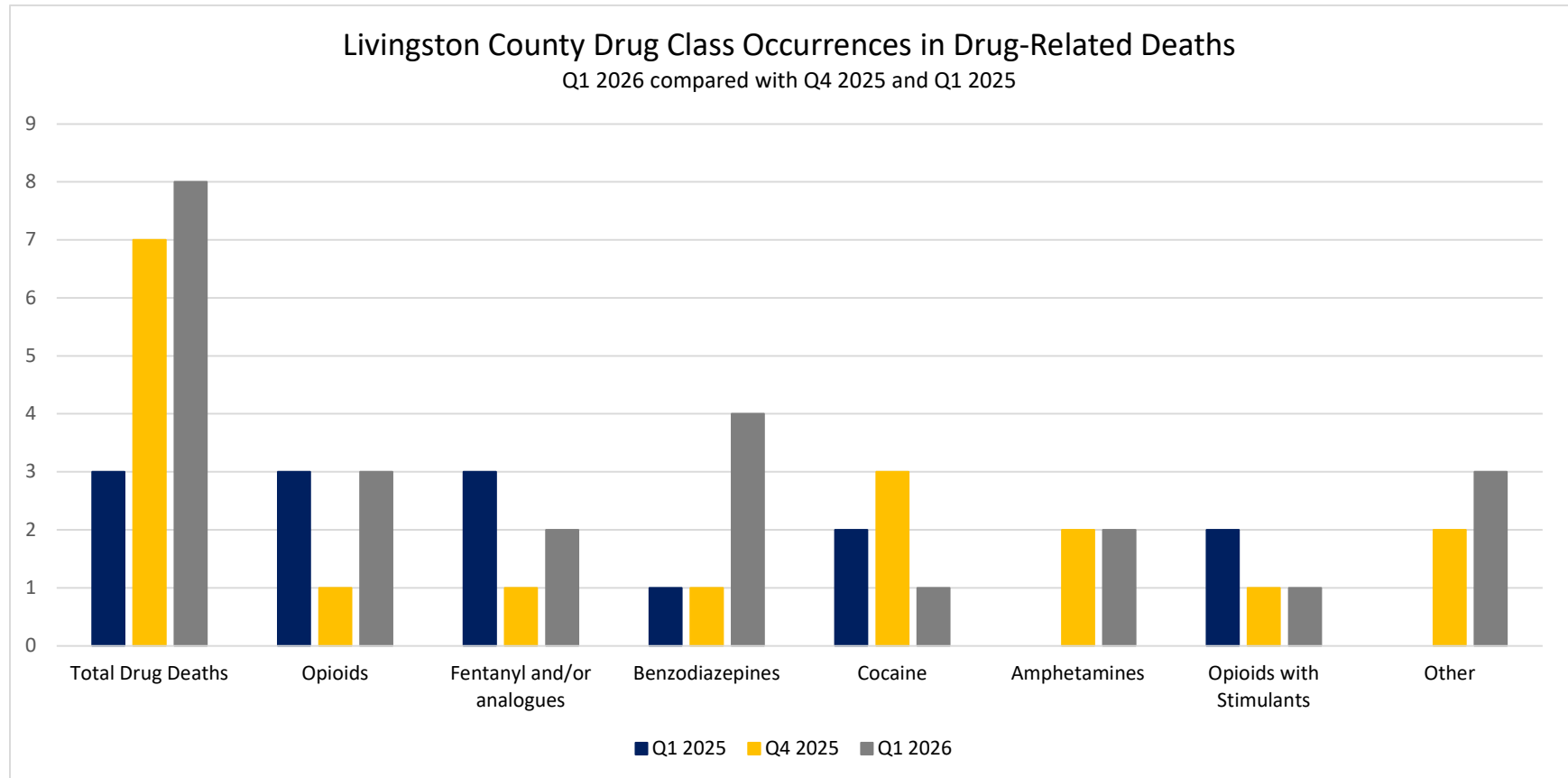
Livingston County

Drug-Related Deaths

2026 Q1 Livingston County Drug-Related Deaths					
Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substance(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Male	White	33	Livingston	alprazolam, cocaine, fluoxetine, 7-hydroxymitragynine, methamphetamine	Accident
Male	White	37	Livingston	diazepam, ethanol	Accident
Female	White	61	Livingston	alprazolam, amphetamine, fentanyl, oxycodone	Accident
Female	White	62	Livingston	alprazolam, fentanyl, hydrocodone	Suicide
Male	White	64	Livingston	ethanol, gabapentin, tadalafil	Accident
Male	White	65	Livingston	ethanol	Accident
Female	White	66	Livingston	aripiprazole, dextromethorphan, doxylamine, fluoxetine, hydroxyzine, trazodone	Indeterminate
Female	White	74	Livingston	codeine, cyclobenzaprine, olanzapine, paroxetine, pregabalin, tramadol	Accident

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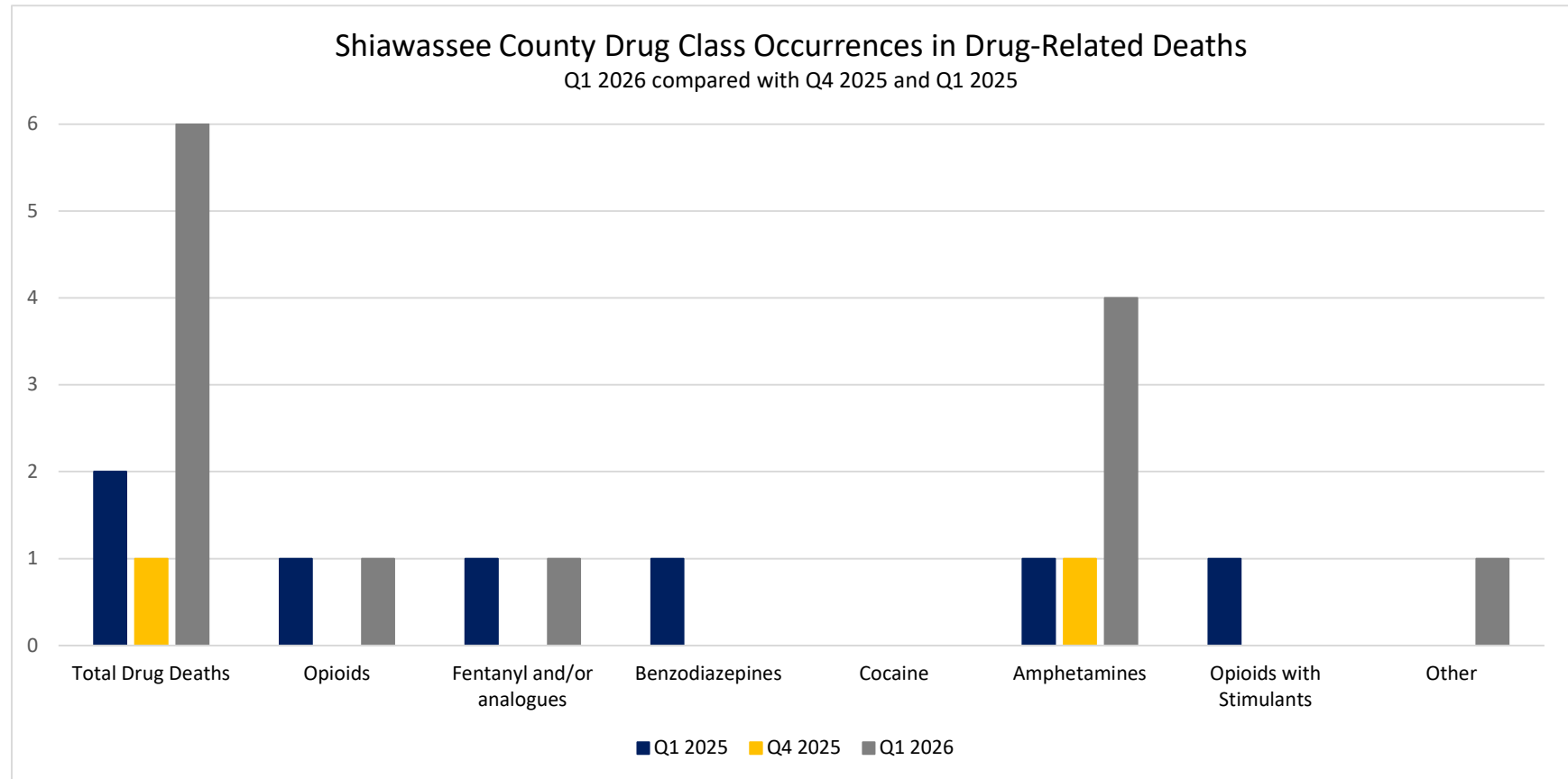
Shiawassee County

Drug-Related Deaths

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Sex	Race	Age	County of Residence	Substance(s) Causing Death	Manner of Death
Female	White	19	Ogemaw	methamphetamine	Accident
Male	Black	25	Wayne	fentanyl	Accident
Male	White	41	Shiawassee	amphetamine, diltiazem, quetiapine, sildenafil	Indeterminate
Female	White	43	Shiawassee	methamphetamine	Accident
Female	White	49	Shiawassee	ethanol, hydroxyzine, propranolol, sertraline, topiramate	Suicide
Female	White	49	Shiawassee	dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, methamphetamine	Accident

Shiawassee County

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Historical Data

