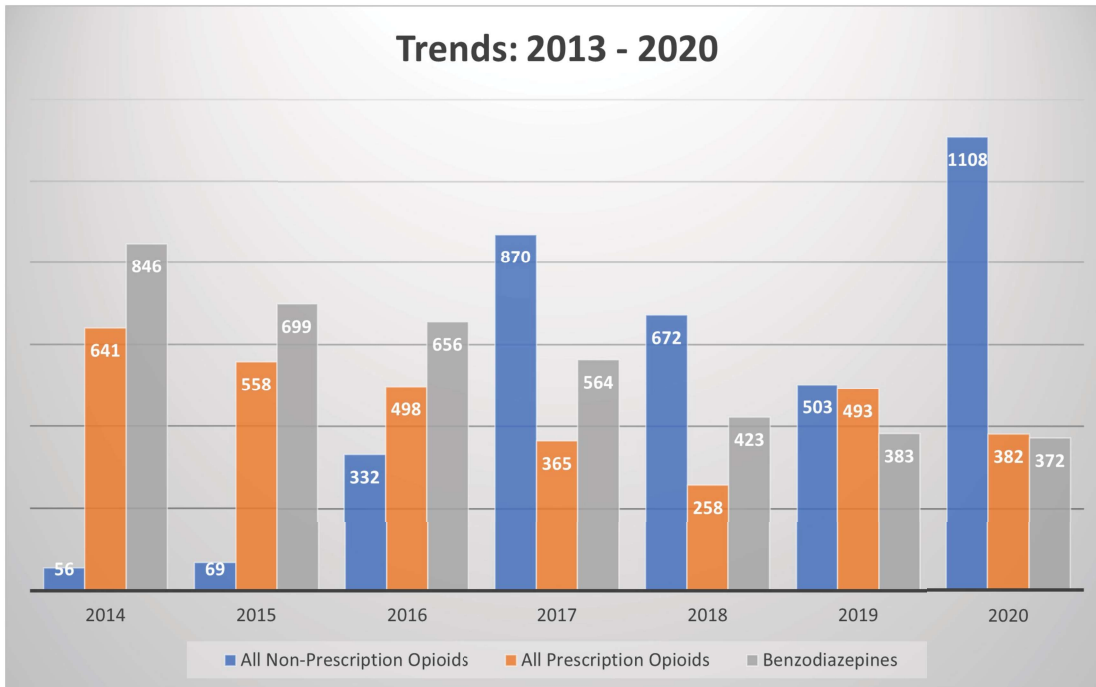
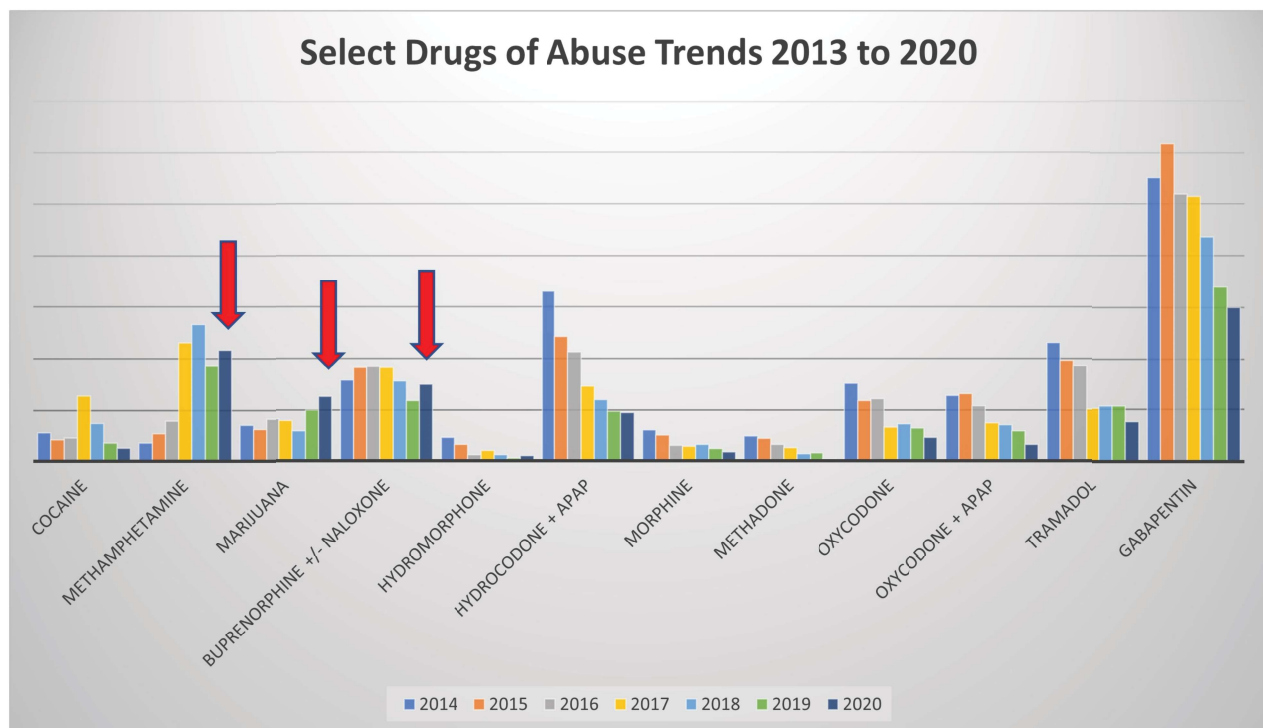


Drugs of Abuse Trends



Non-prescription opioids include: heroin, fentanyl, fentanyl analogs (e.g., carfentanil, acetyl fentanyl)



The WVPC tracks overdoses of all drugs of abuse, not just opioids. This is important as many of these drugs/substances of abuse can cause serious injury or death in addition to risks for violence, crime, and addiction. In addition, decreases in the use of one drug/substance of abuse results in increases in the use of another drug/substance for the same purpose.

For 2020, note the substantial decrease in the number of cases involving gabapentin, but the increase in marijuana and methamphetamine.