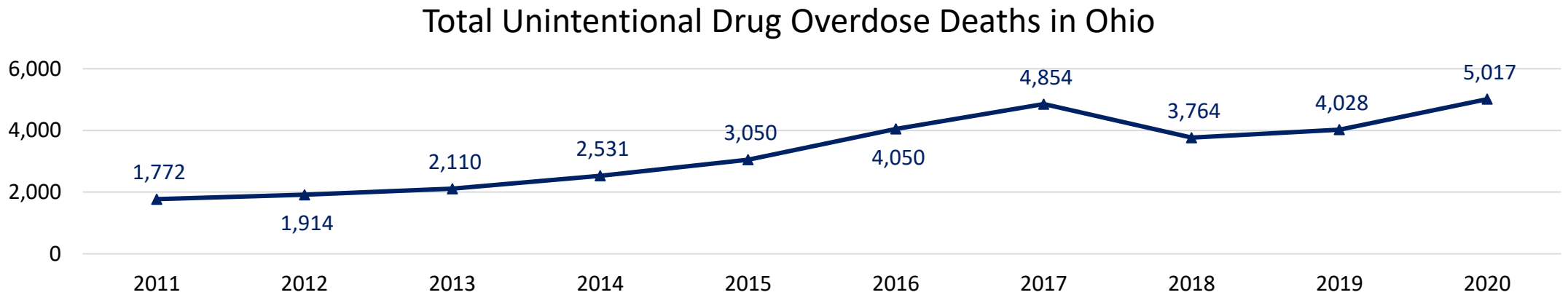


Unintentional overdose deaths increased in 2019 and 2020 after falling in 2018



Source: Ohio Department of Health

- The total number of unintentional drug overdose deaths steadily increased every year from 2011 to 2017. In 2018, the number decreased by 22.5%. However, in 2019 and 2020, the number again increased, by 7.0% and 24.6%, respectively.
 - Nationally, the number of unintentional drug overdoses increased by 35.0% from 2019 to 2020.
 - 2020 was the highest year of the decade for unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio.
- In 2020, fentanyl (both illicit and analog) was involved in 80.5% of unintentional drug overdose deaths – often in combination with other drugs. Additionally, in 2020:
 - Deaths related to fentanyl increased by 31.6%, while those related to psychostimulants increased by 28.4%.
 - 58.2% of deaths involved multiple drugs.
 - The age group 35 to 44 had the highest overdose death rate.
 - Black, non-Hispanic males had the highest rate compared with other sex and race/ethnic groups.