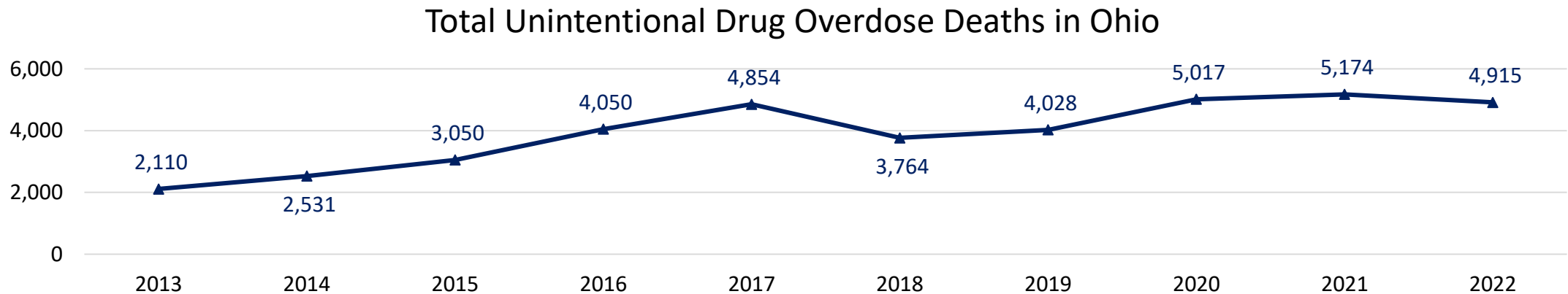


Unintentional overdose deaths decreased slightly in 2022 after ten-year high in 2021



Sources: Ohio Department of Health; U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- 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, from 2019 to 2021, the number increased again before falling in 2022 by 5.0%.
 - Nationally, the number of unintentional drug overdoses increased by 1.2% from 2021 to 2022.
 - 2021 was the highest year of the decade for unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio.
- In 2022, fentanyl (both illicit and analog) was involved in 80.6% of unintentional drug overdose deaths – often in combination with other drugs. Additionally, in 2022:
 - Deaths related to heroin decreased by 43.4%, while those related to benzodiazepines decreased by 15.9%.
 - 63.7% 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.