

# Colorado Drug Trends

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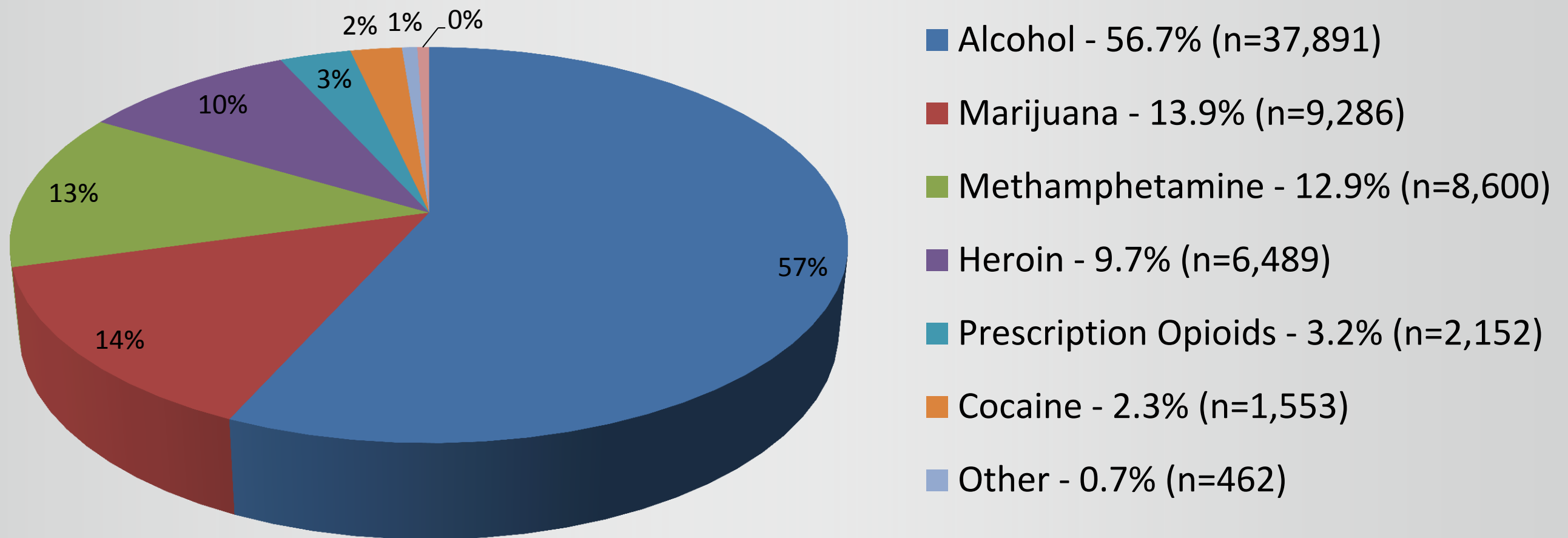
# *Caveats*

- Focus: Alcohol, Marijuana, Prescription Opioids, Heroin, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine
- Treatment admissions for OBH licensed facilities only
- Information based on Primary Drug only



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# Treatment Admissions Calendar Year 2016



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# Regional Differences

2015							2016						
Region	CO Population	Drug					Region	CO Population	Drug				
		Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth	Heroin	Rx Opioids			Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth	Heroin	Rx Opioids
Northeast	13%	17.2%	8.2%	23.5%	8.7%	14.9%	Northeast	13%	18.5%	12.3%	25.1%	10.5%	16.8%
Denver / Boulder	56%	47.4%	68.3%	37.6%	51.3%	45.2%	Denver / Boulder	56%	47.7%	66.1%	36.2%	53.3%	46.1%
South Central	15%	15.7%	8.9%	16.6%	11.5%	10.9%	South Central	15%	14.3%	9.2%	15.4%	11.7%	12.7%
Southeast	5%	8.3%	11.5%	9.3%	22.4%	18.8%	Southeast	5%	9.0%	6.4%	8.5%	18.6%	12.0%
Southwest	4%	2.7%	.7%	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%	Southwest	4%	3.1%	1.0%	5.4%	2.2%	5.4%
Northwest	7%	8.7%	2.4%	8.5%	4.5%	7.0%	Northwest	7%	7.4%	5.0%	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%



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# *Alcohol*

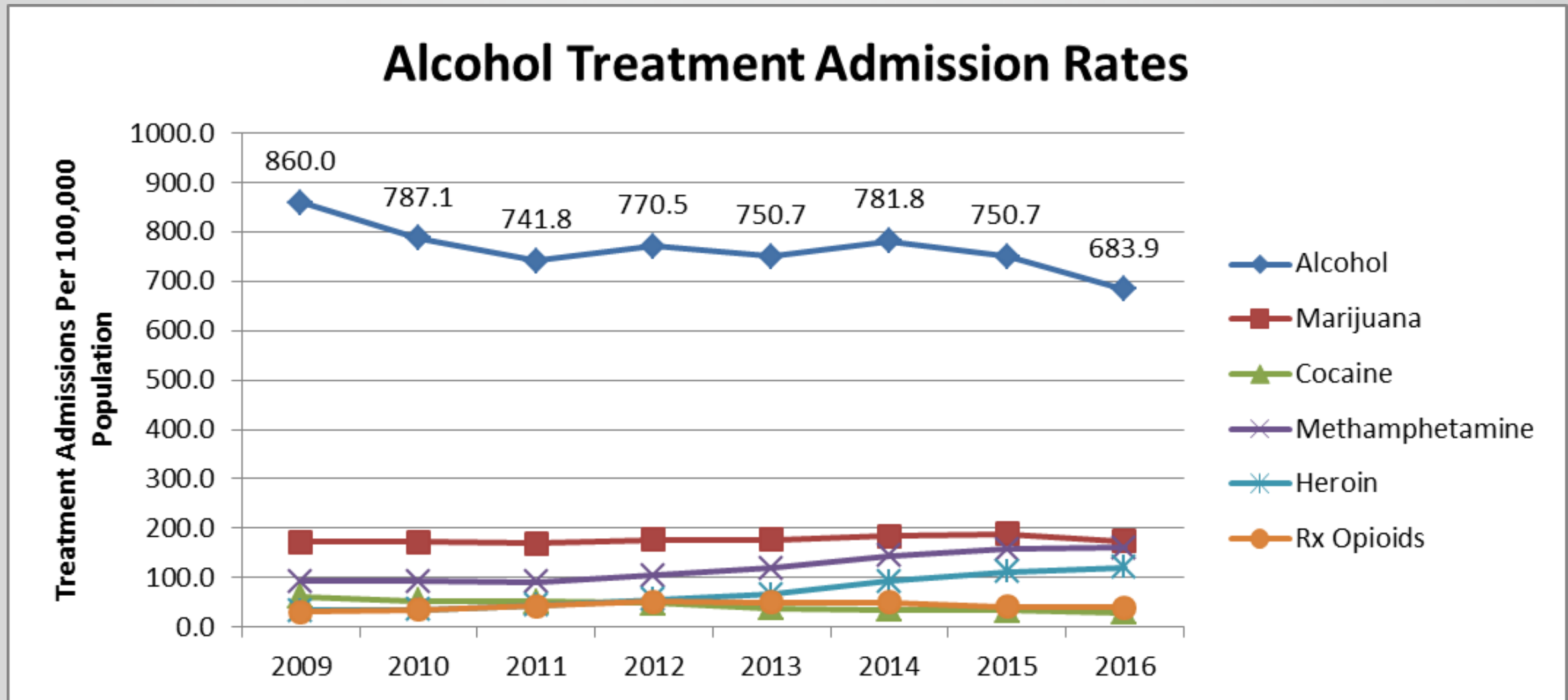


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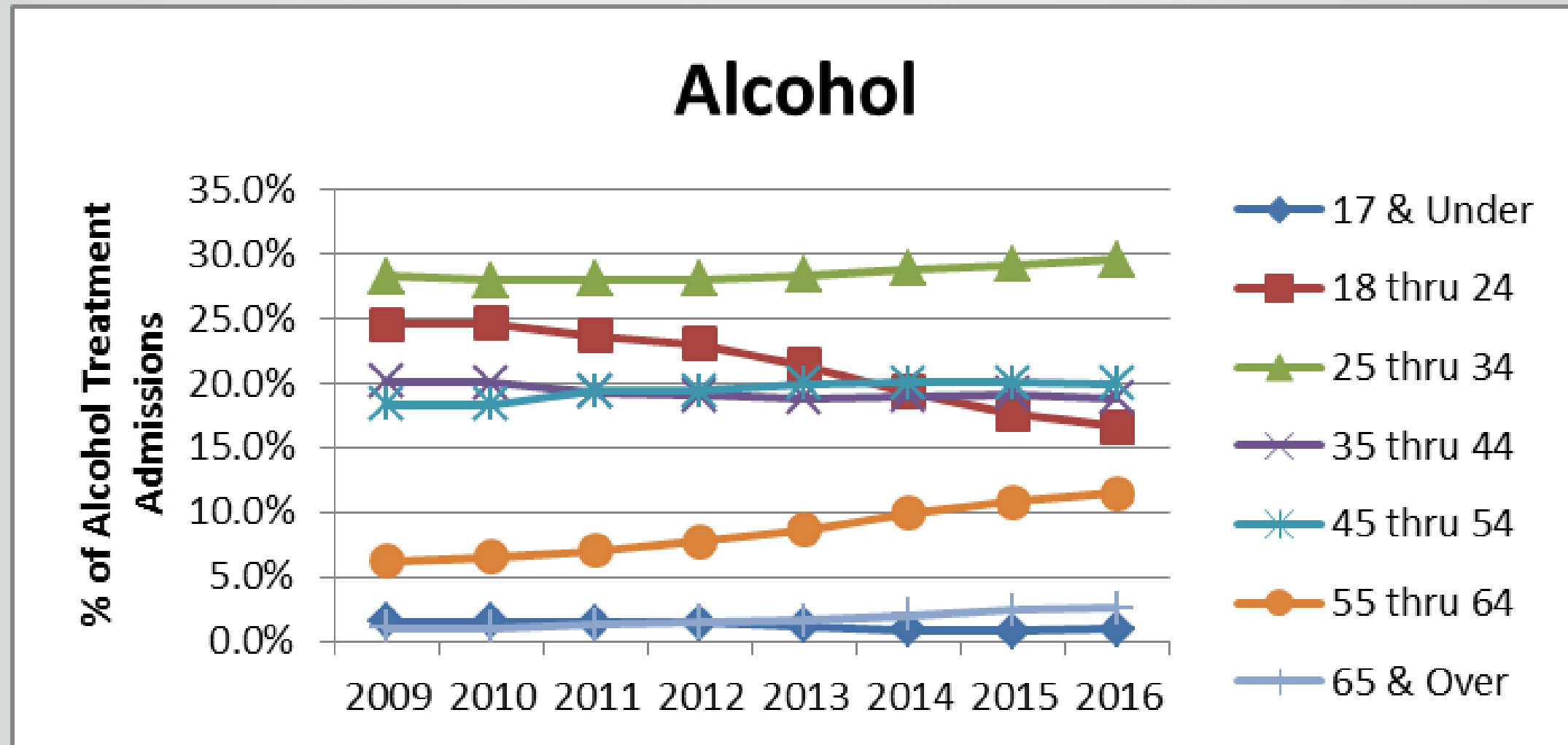


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# Alcohol by Age

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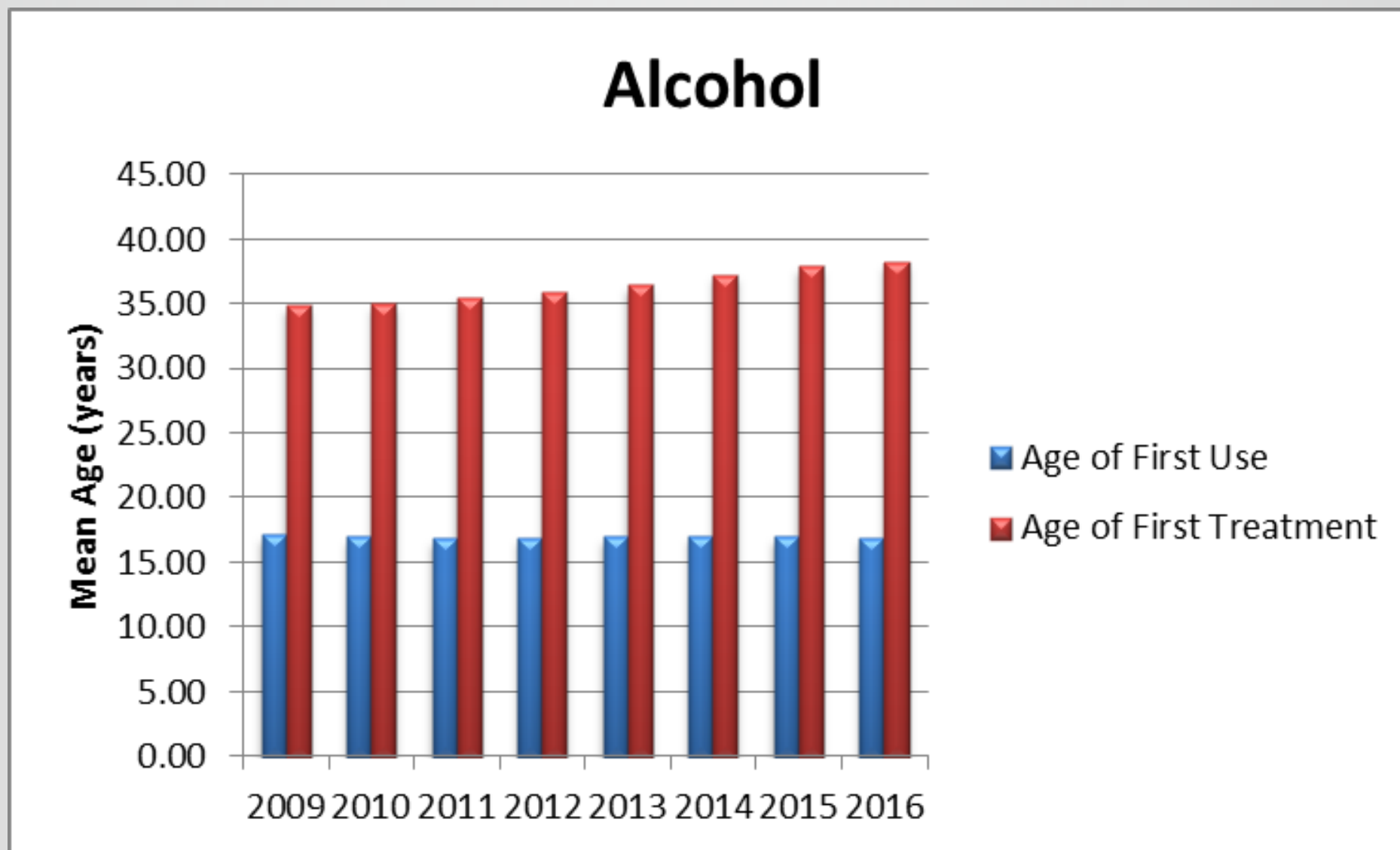


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# Alcohol

## Age of First Use and First Treatment



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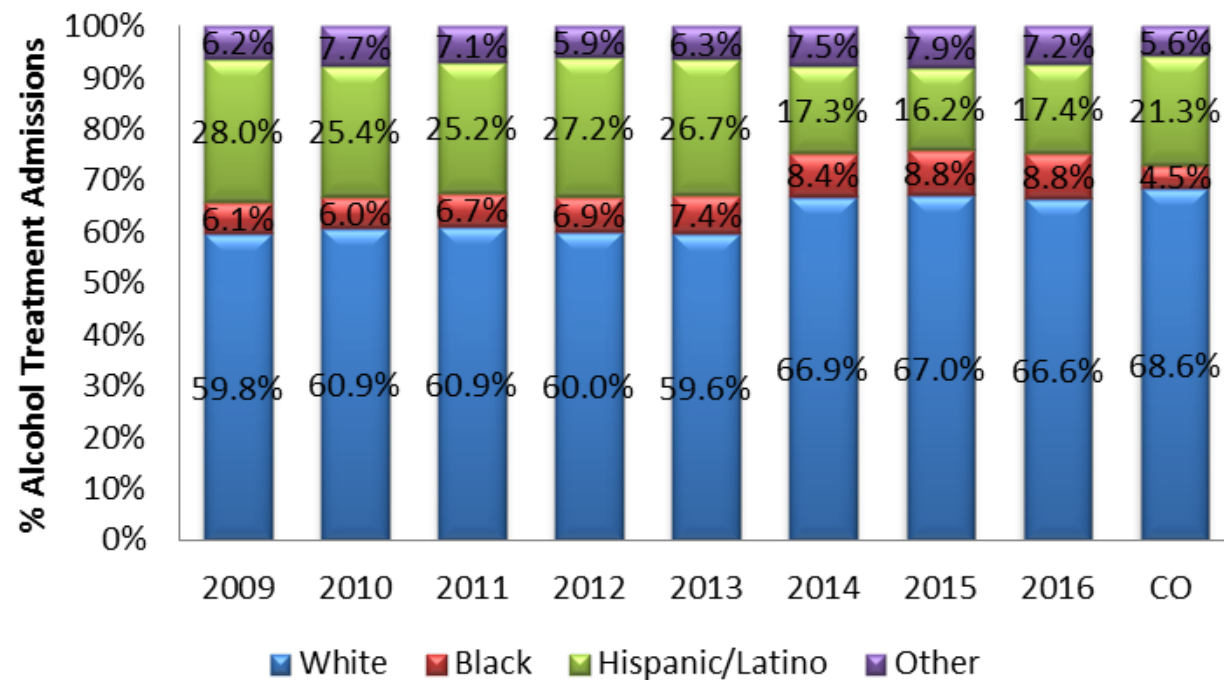
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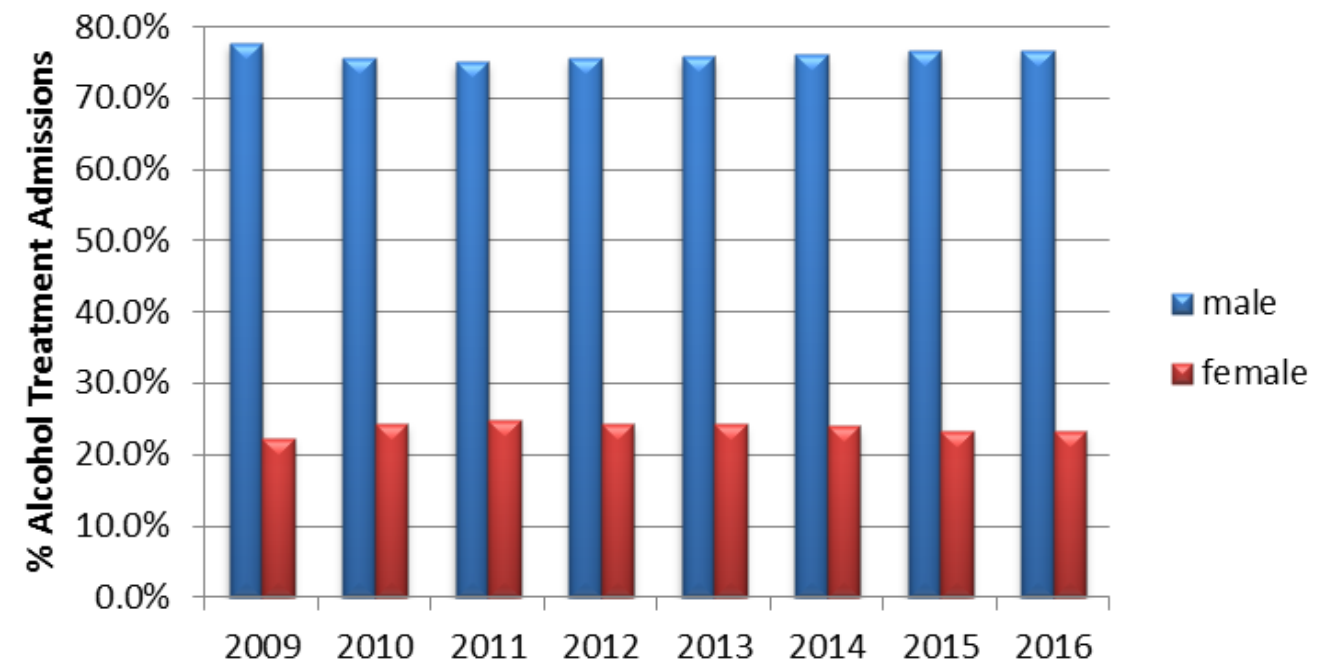
# Alcohol

## Treatment Admissions by Race and Gender

**Alcohol**



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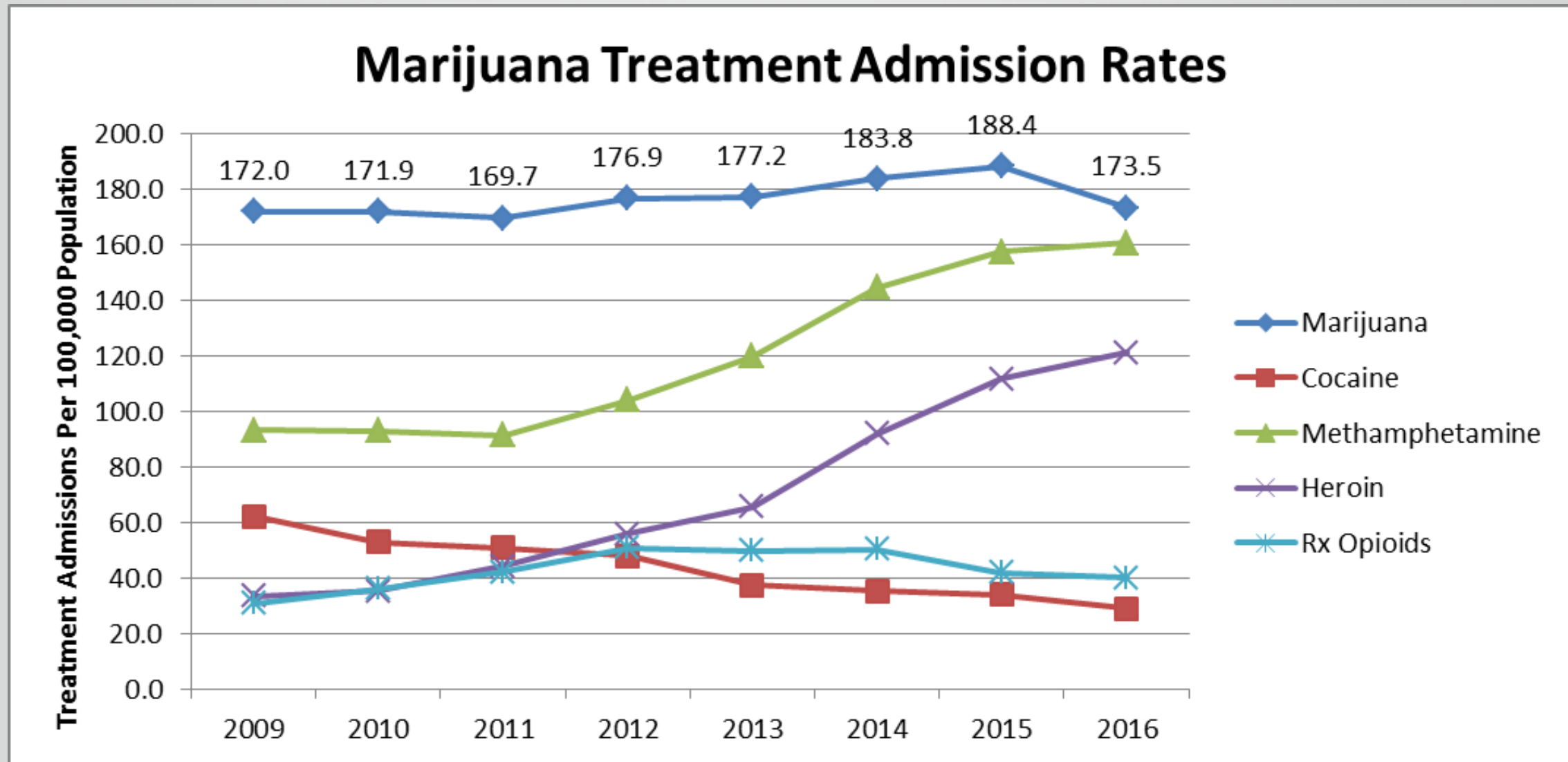
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*Marijuana January 2009 - December 2016*

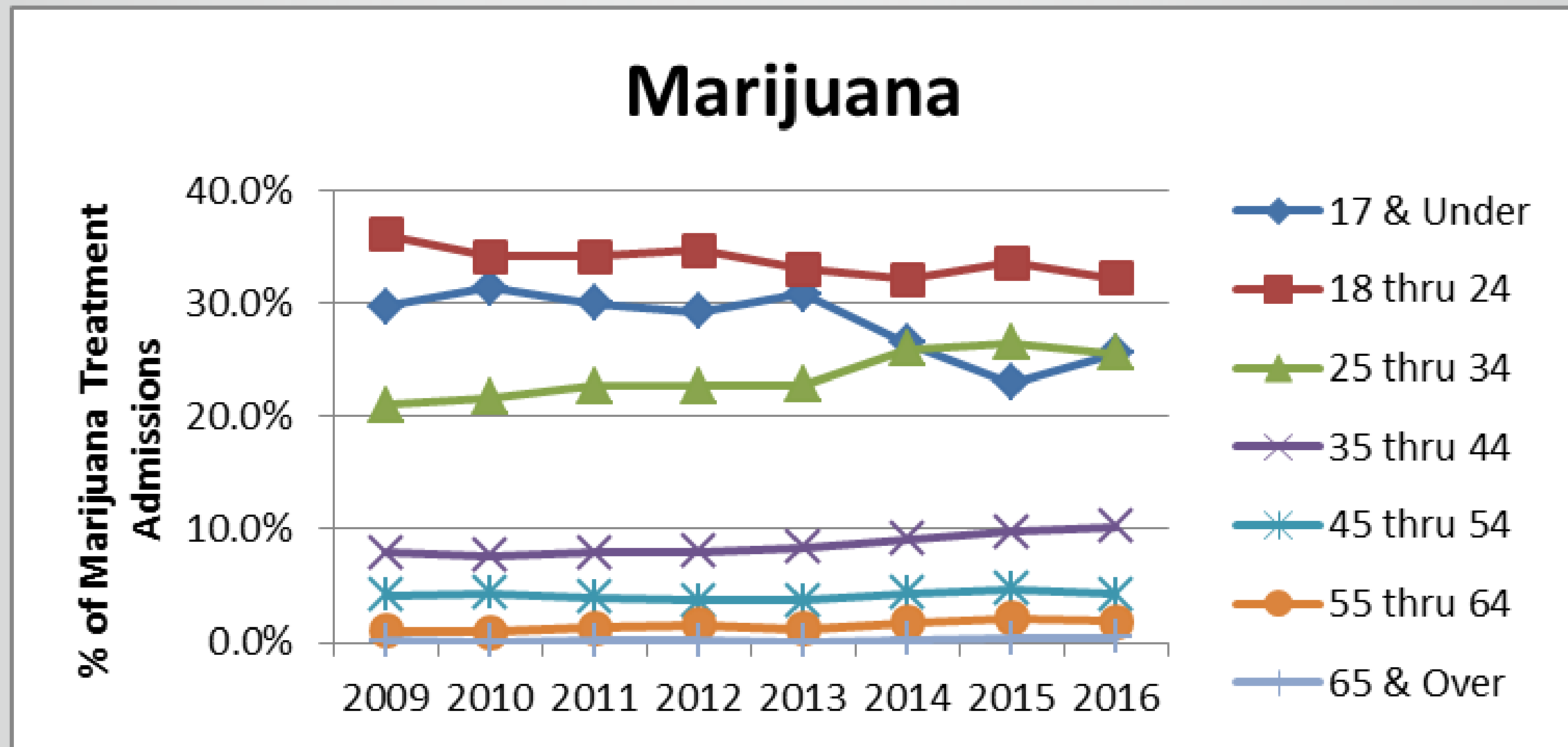


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# Marijuana by Age

## January 2009 - December 2016



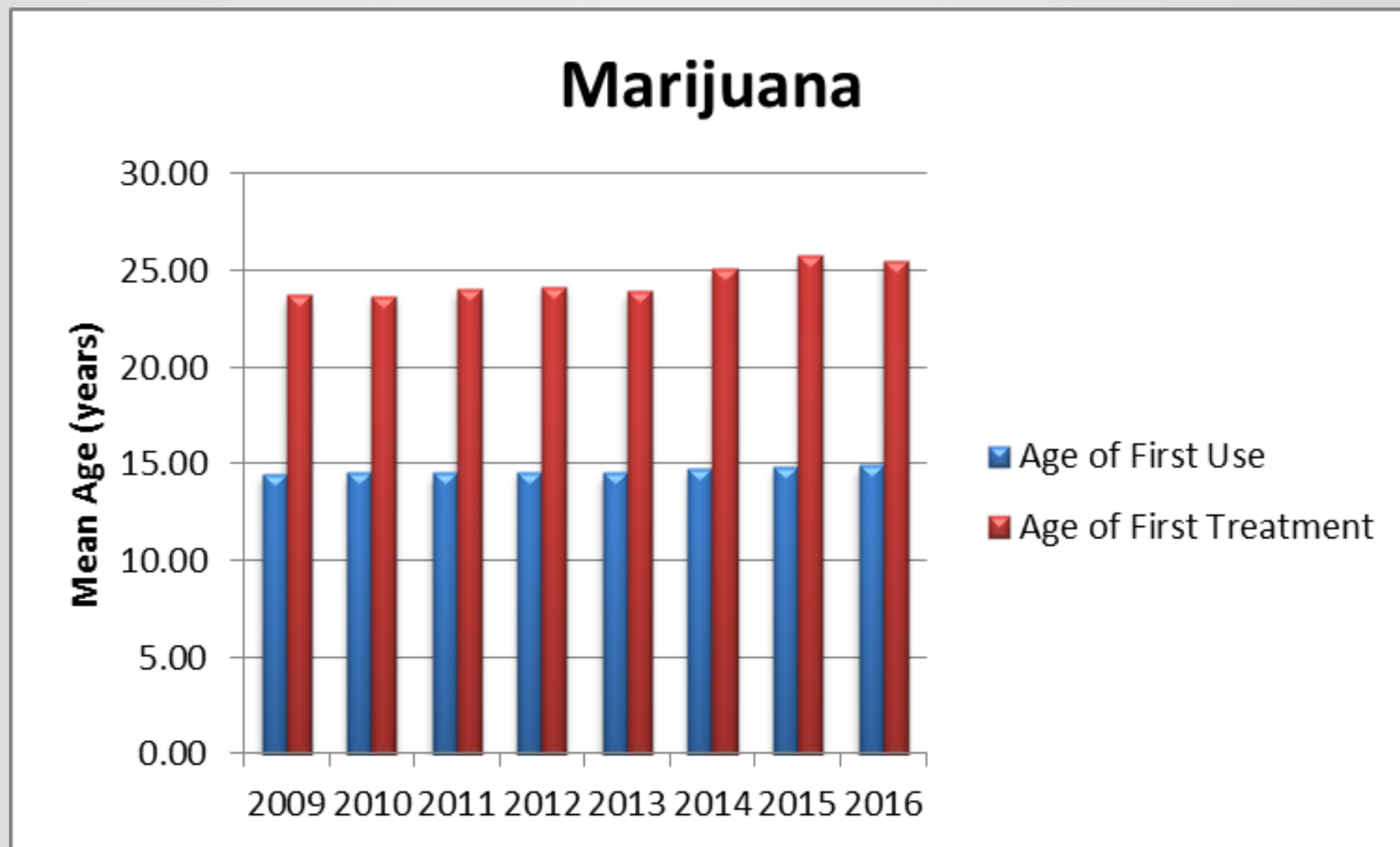
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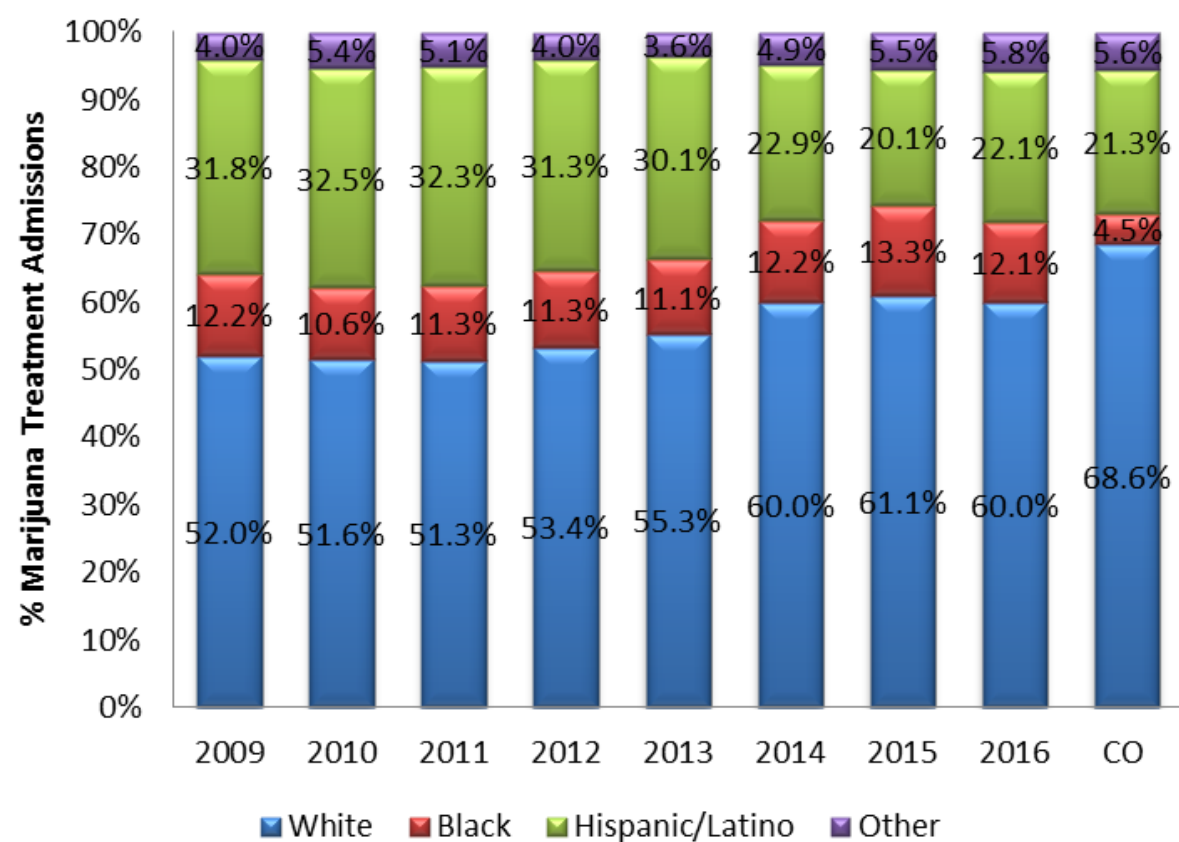
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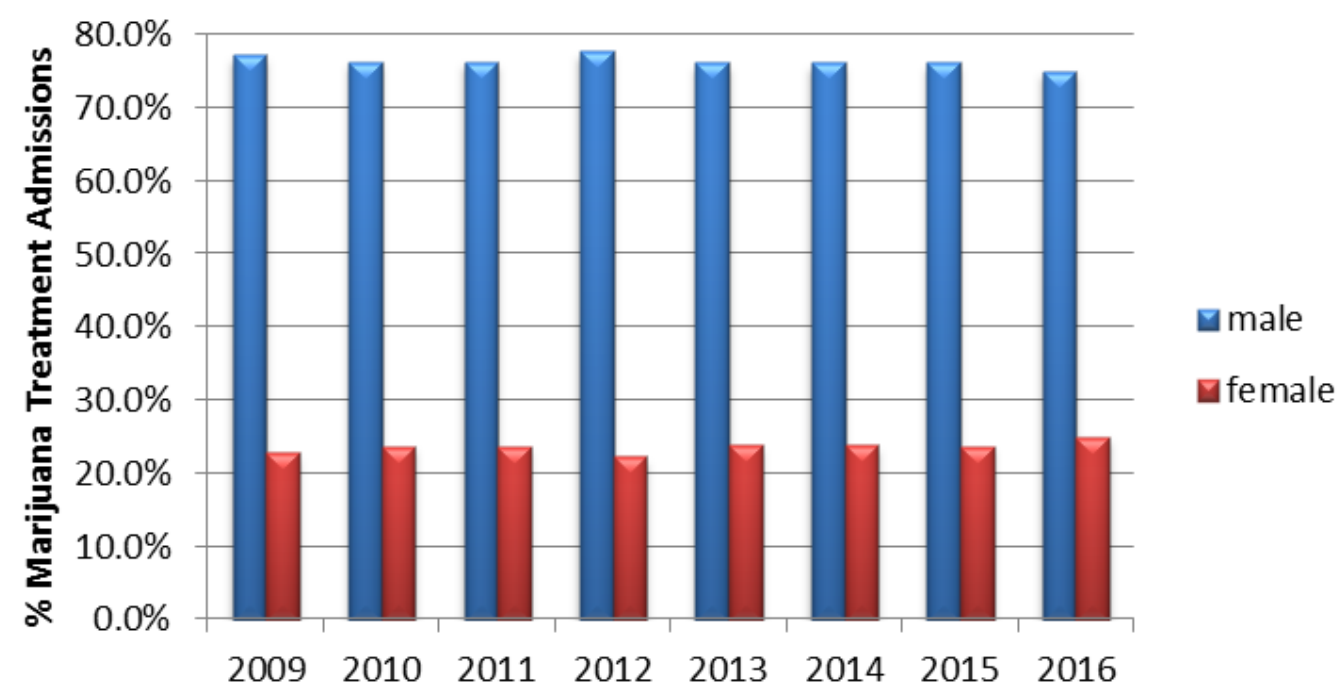
# Marijuana

## Treatment Admissions by Race and Gender

**Marijuana**



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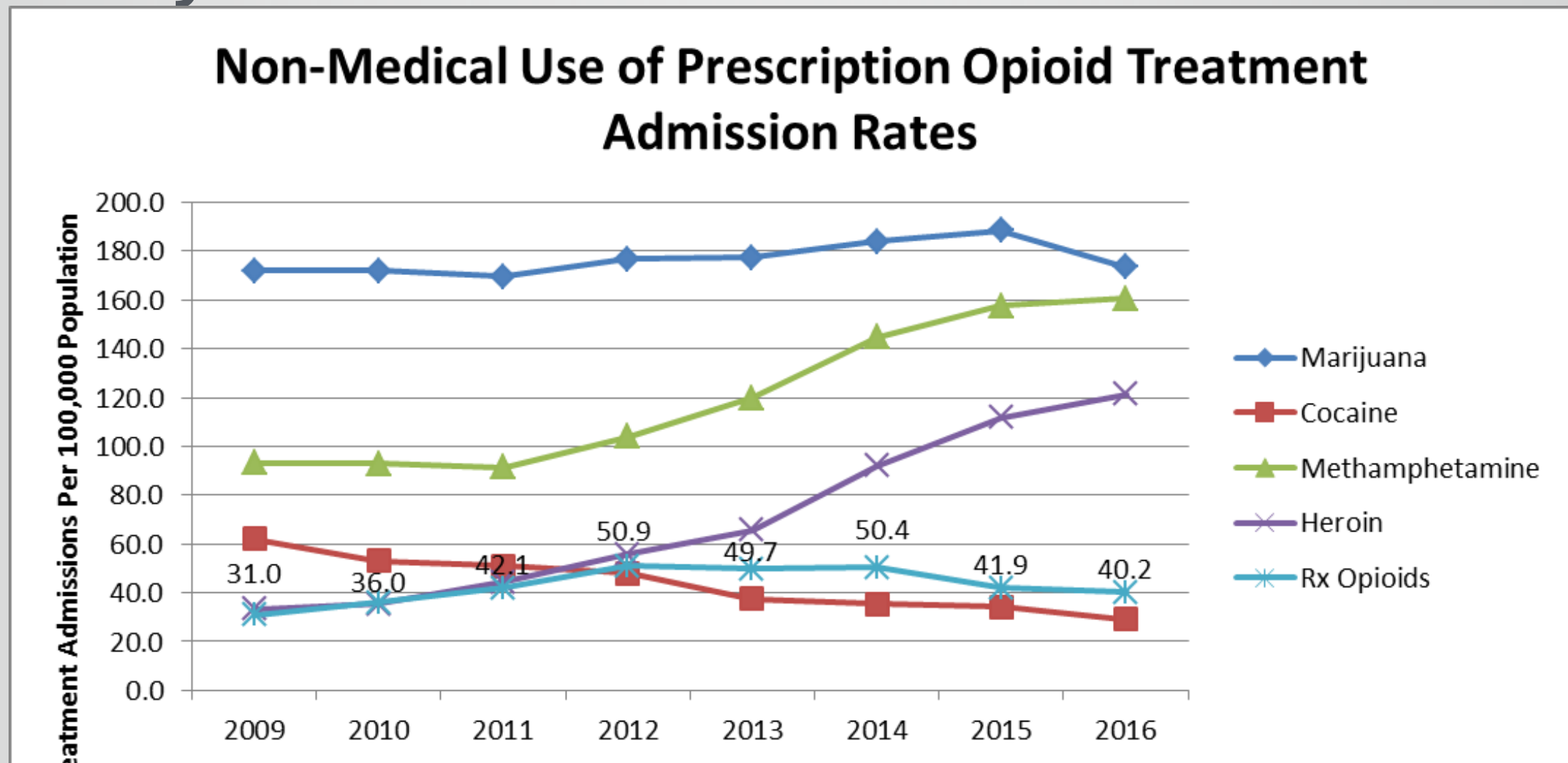
# *Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids*



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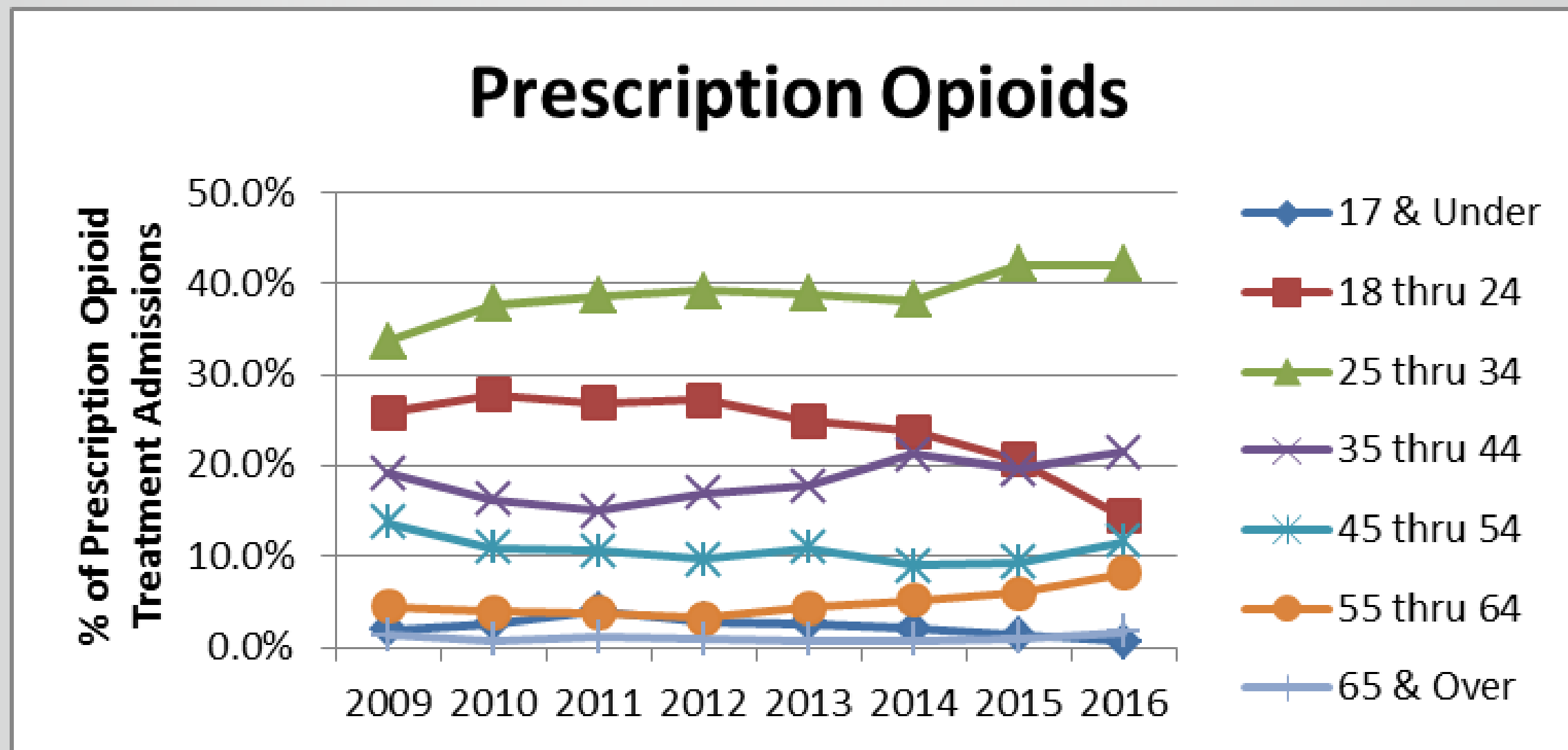


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# Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids by Age

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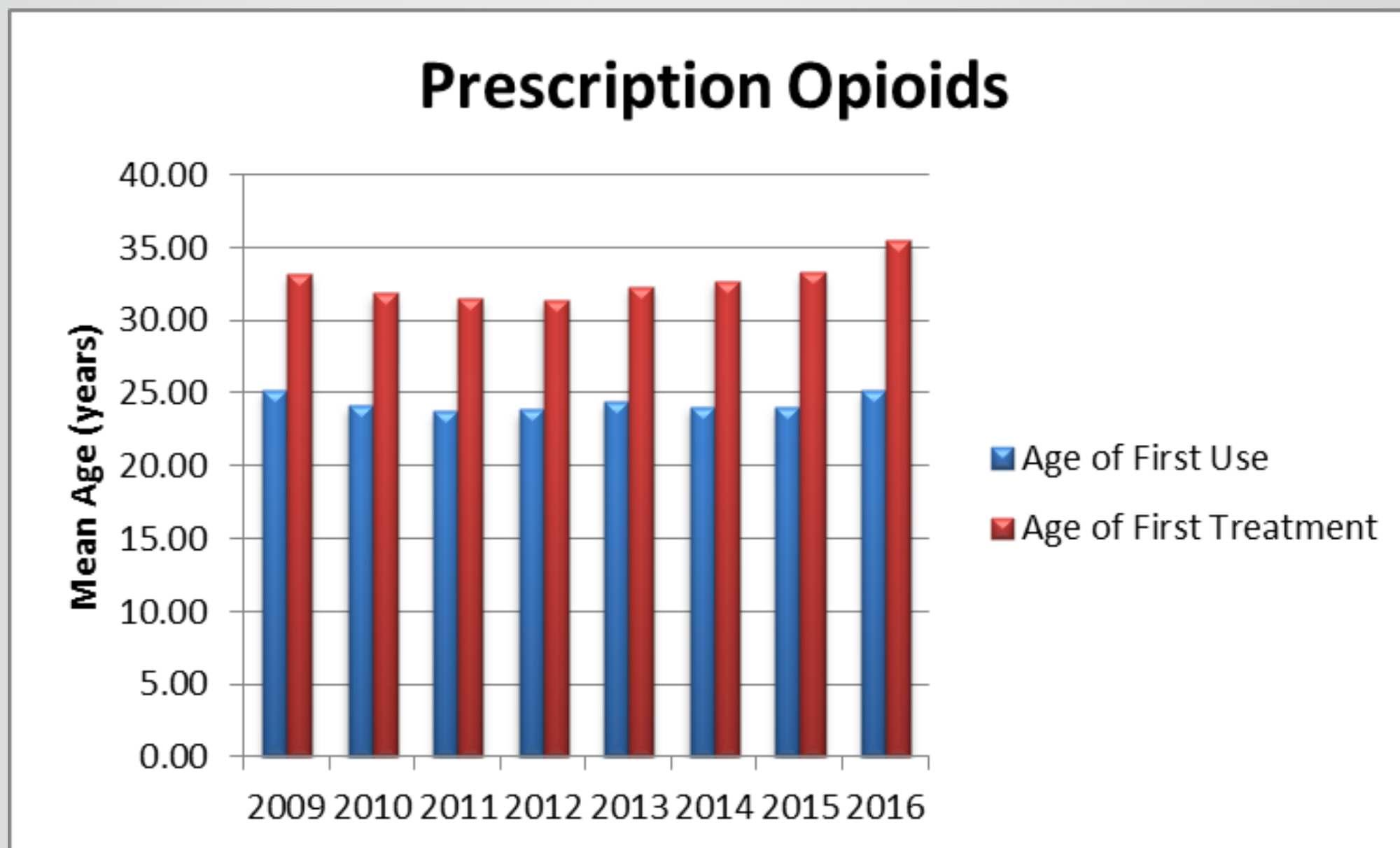


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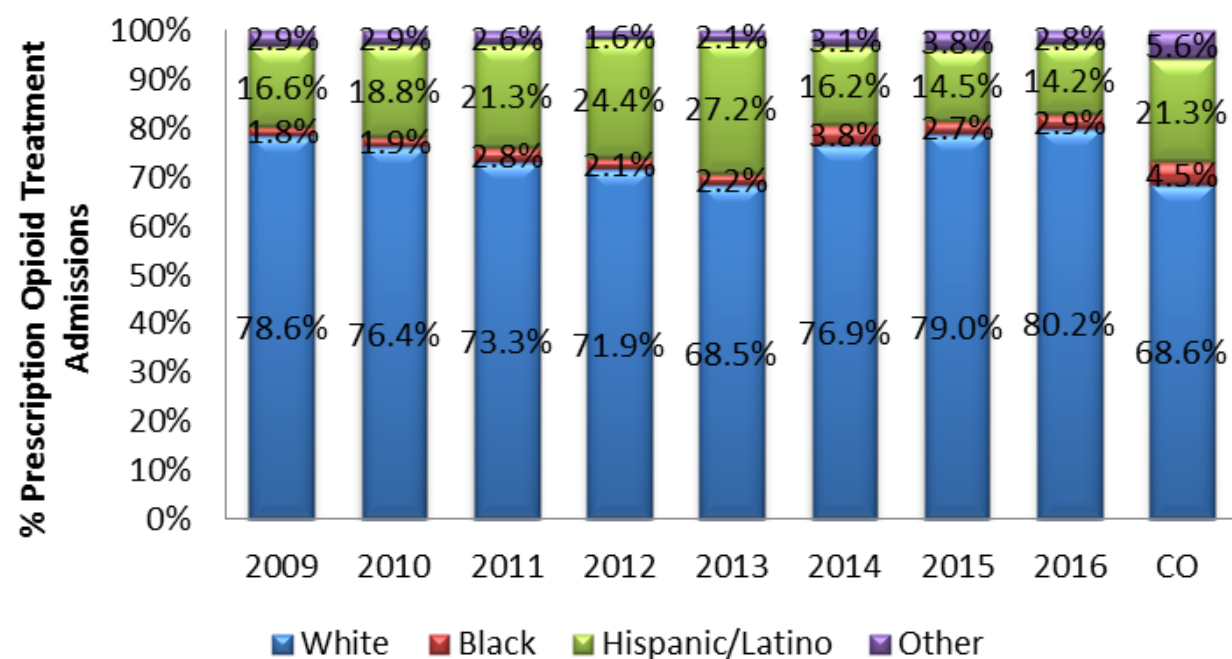
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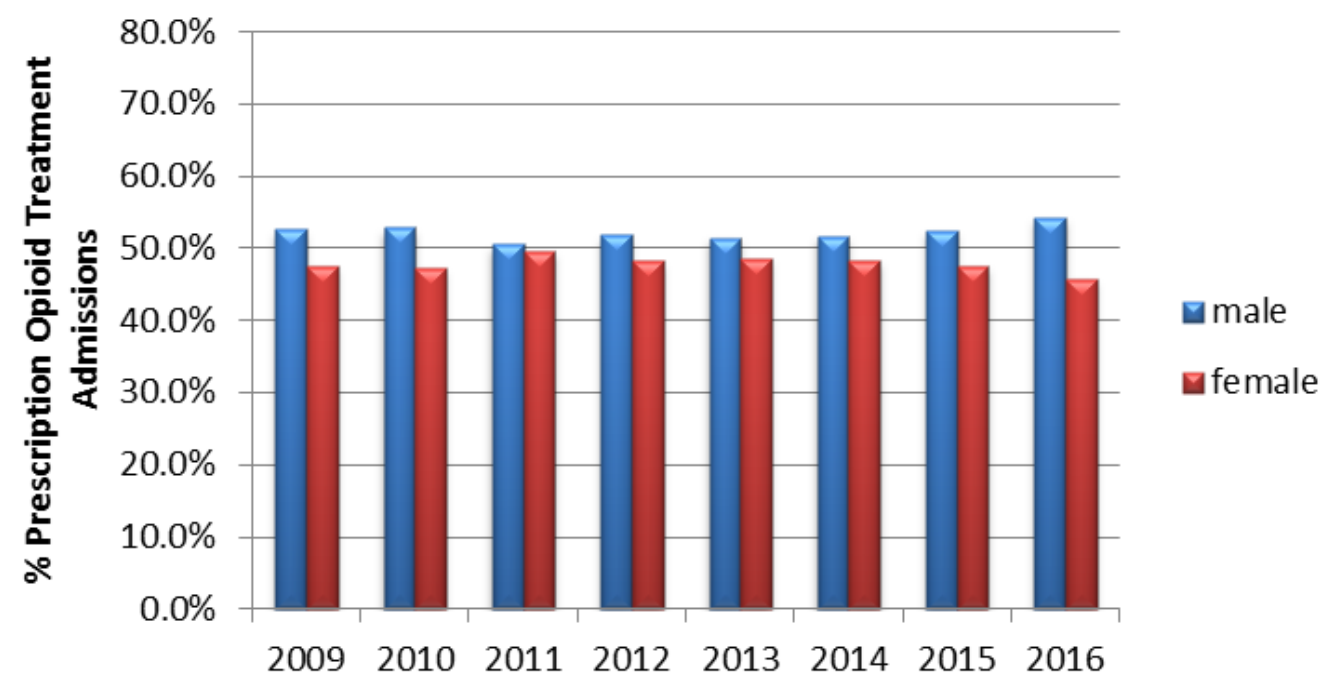
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## Treatment Admissions by Race and Gender

**Prescription Opioids**



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# *Heroin*

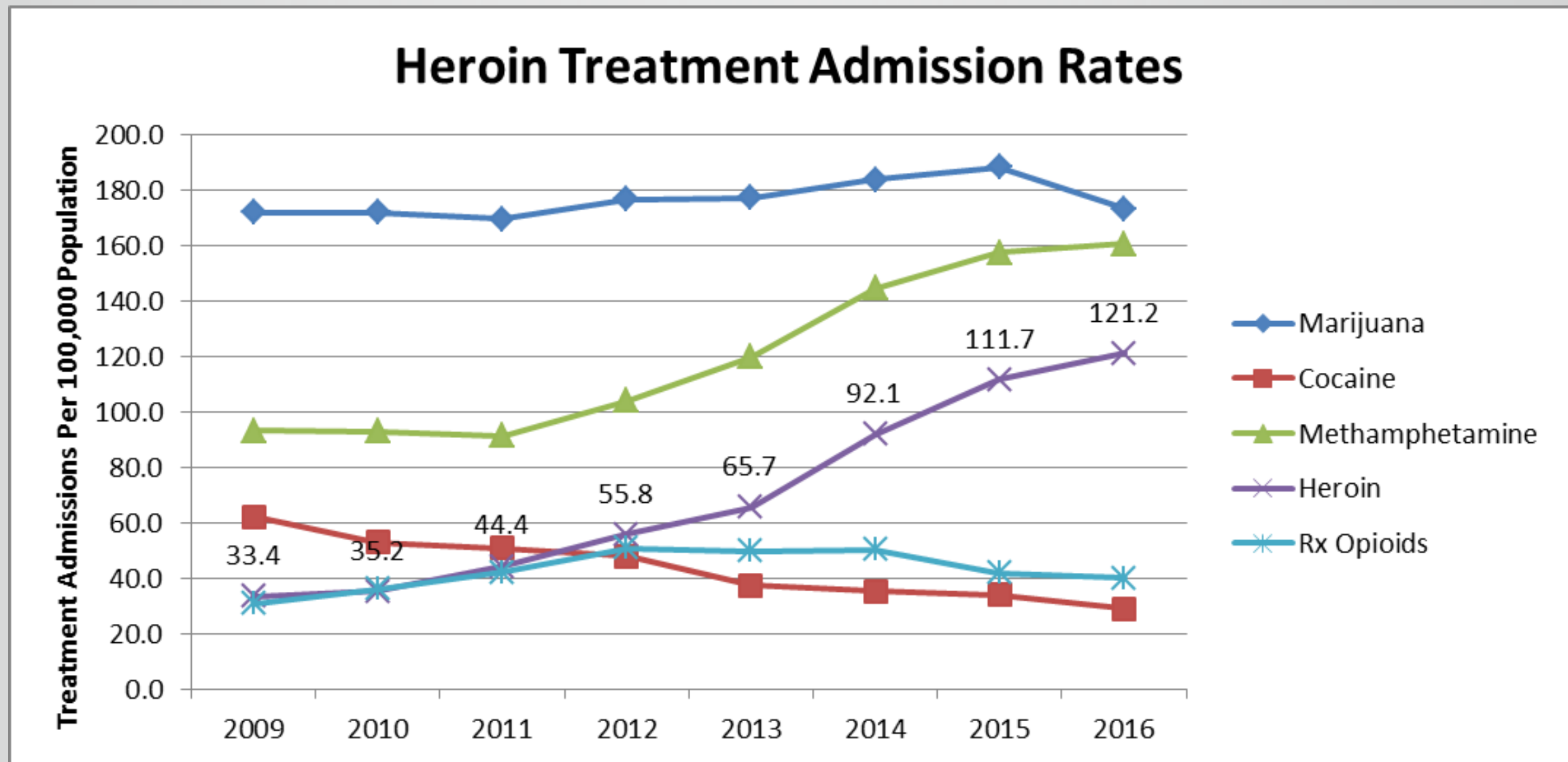


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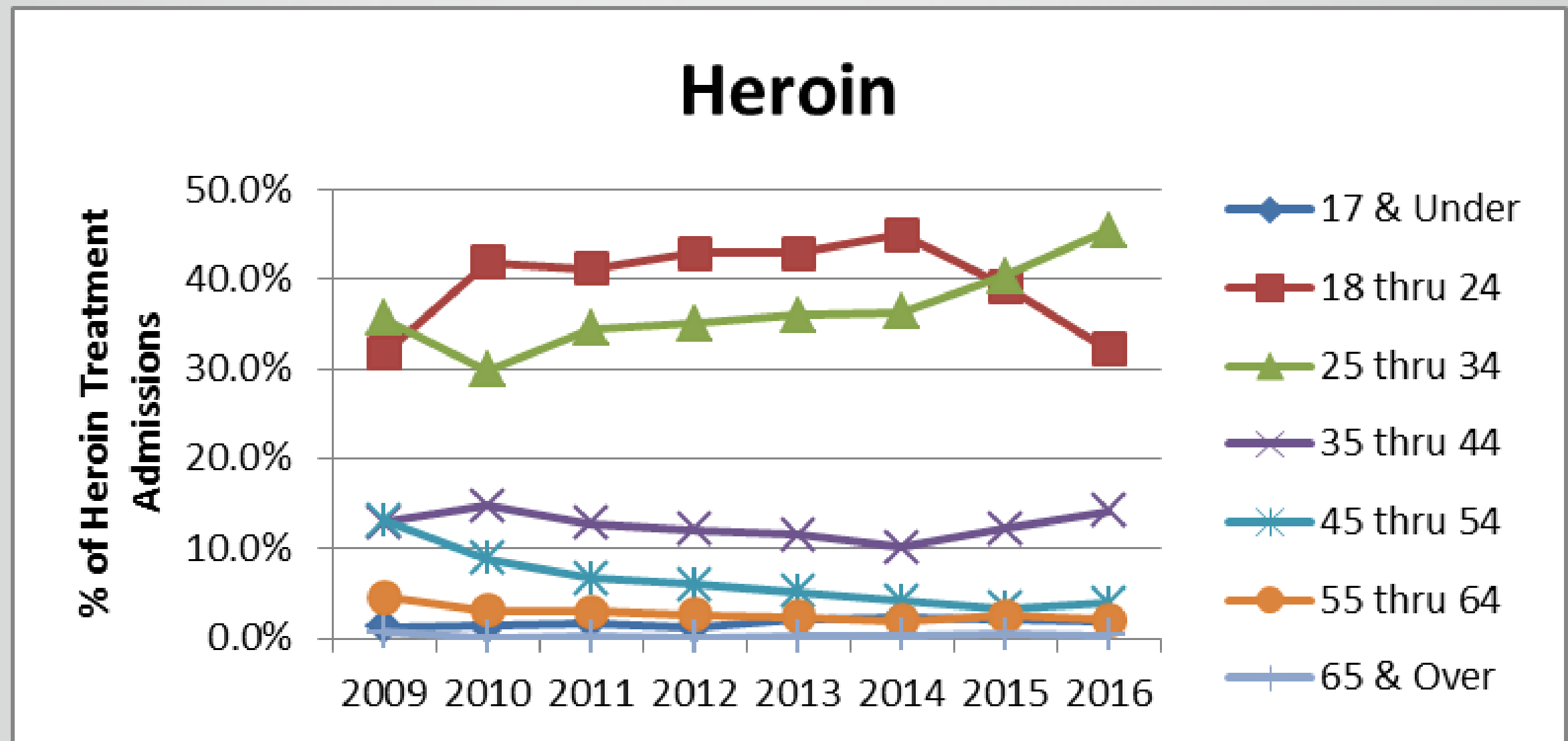


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# Heroin by Age

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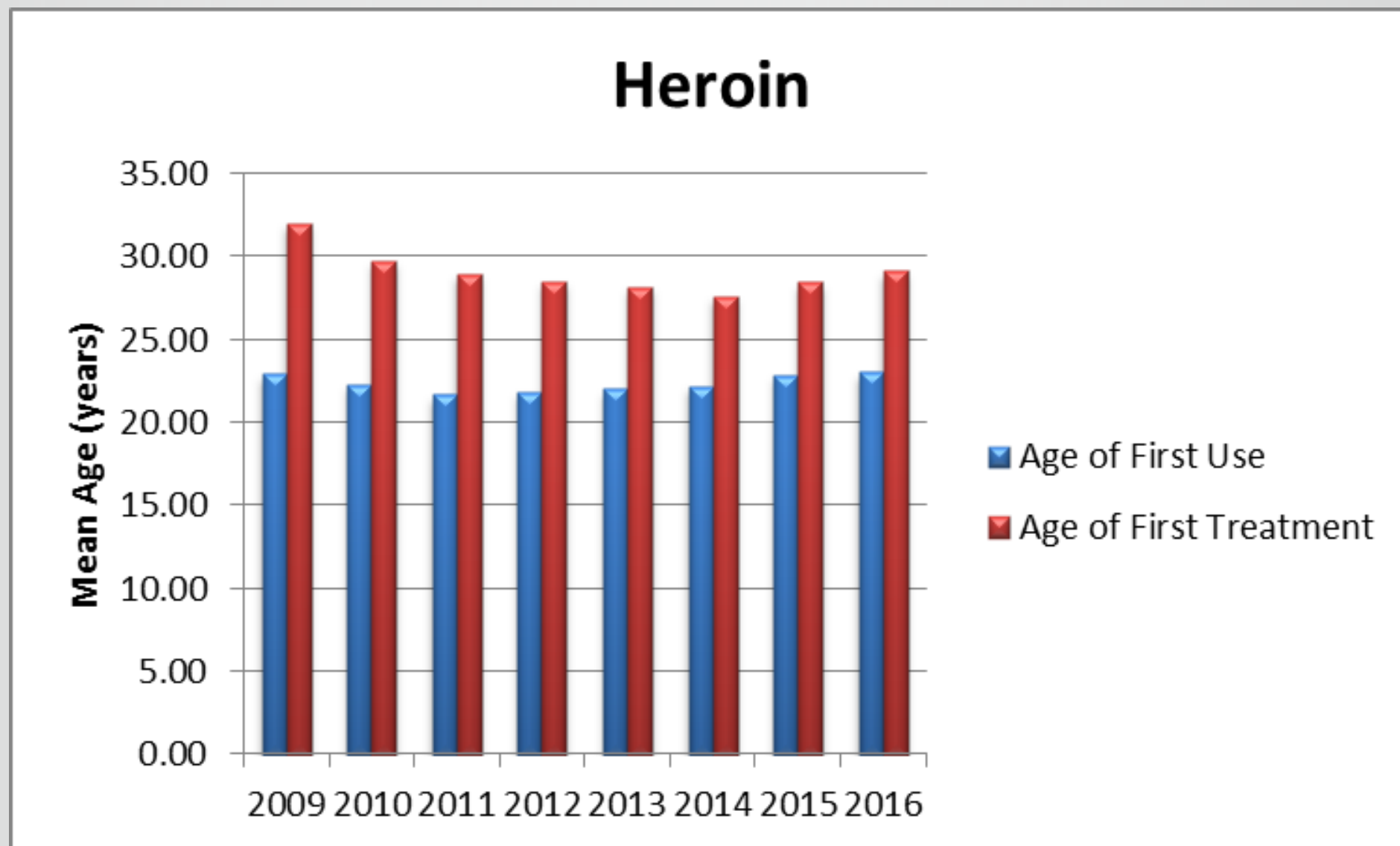


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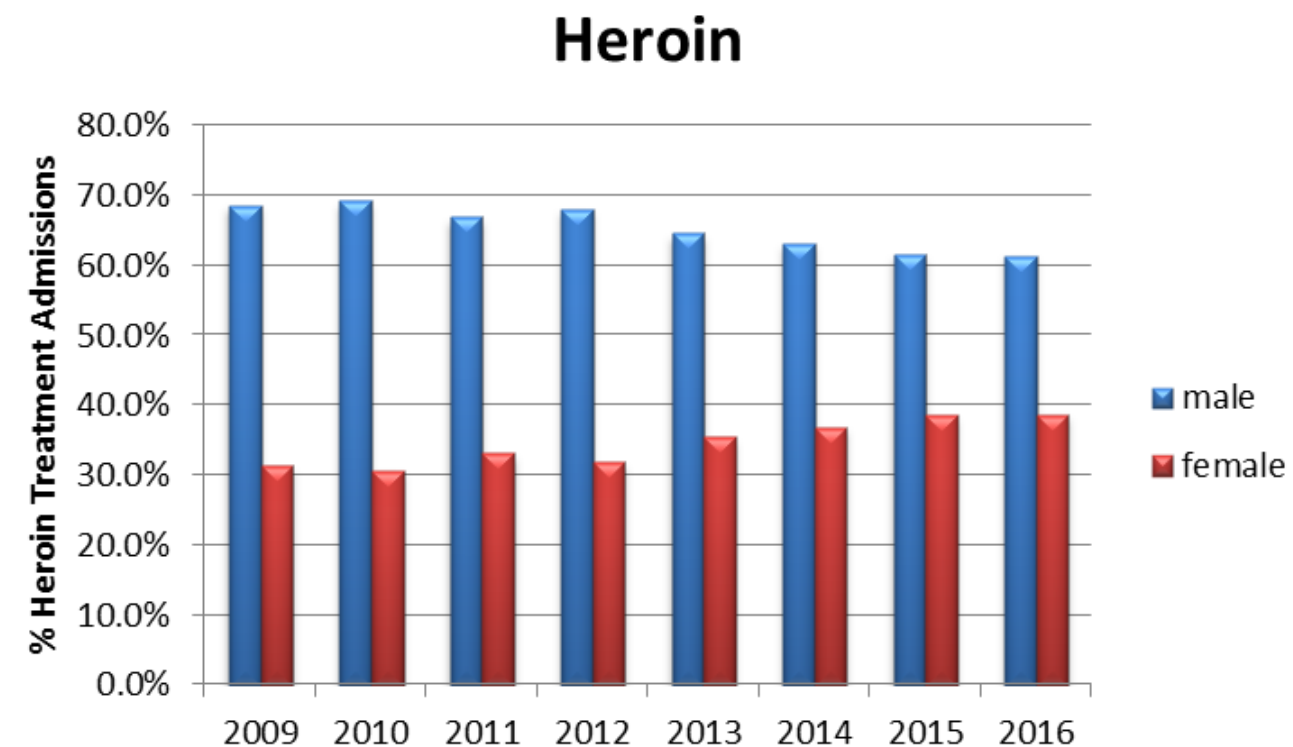
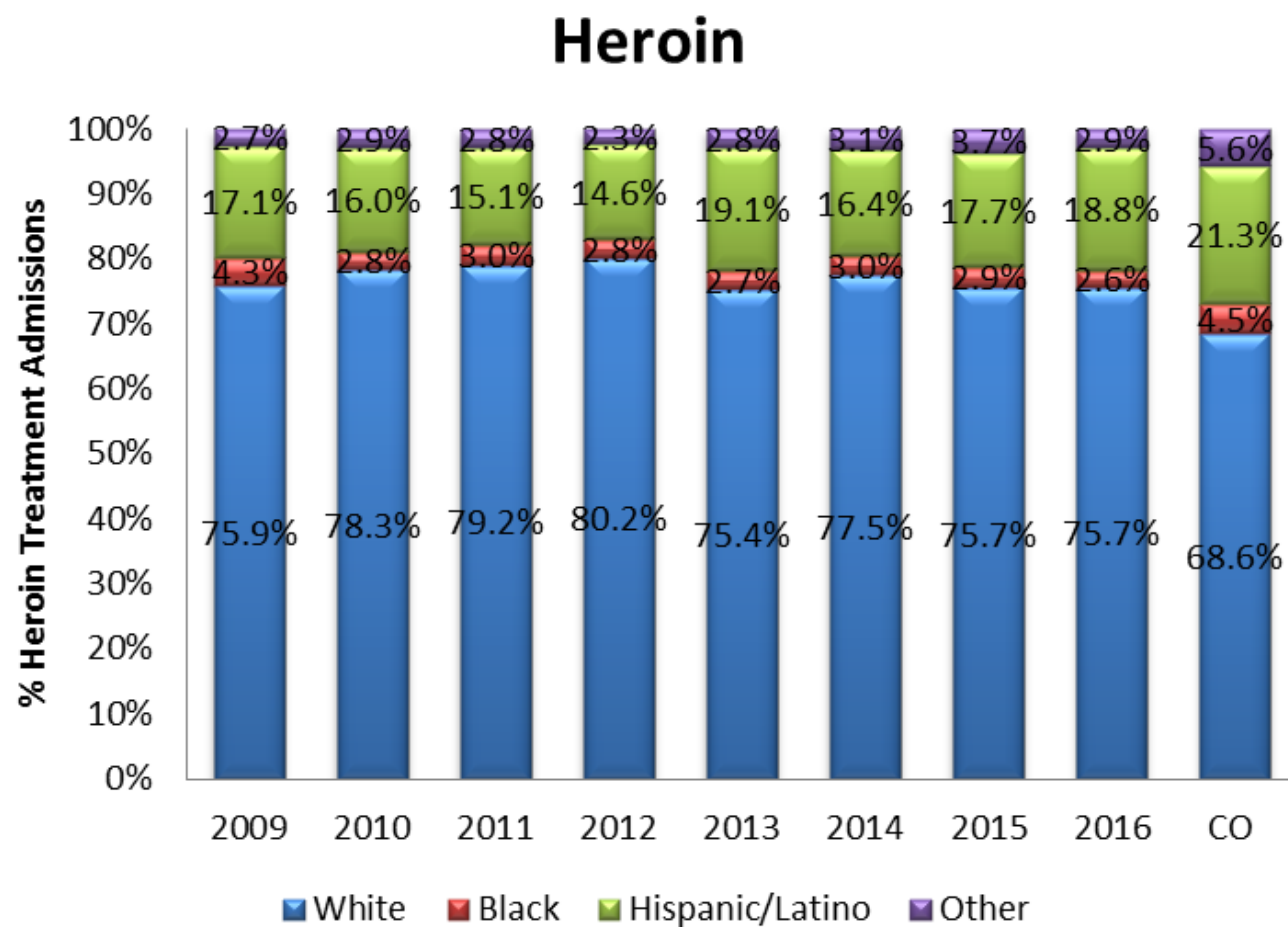


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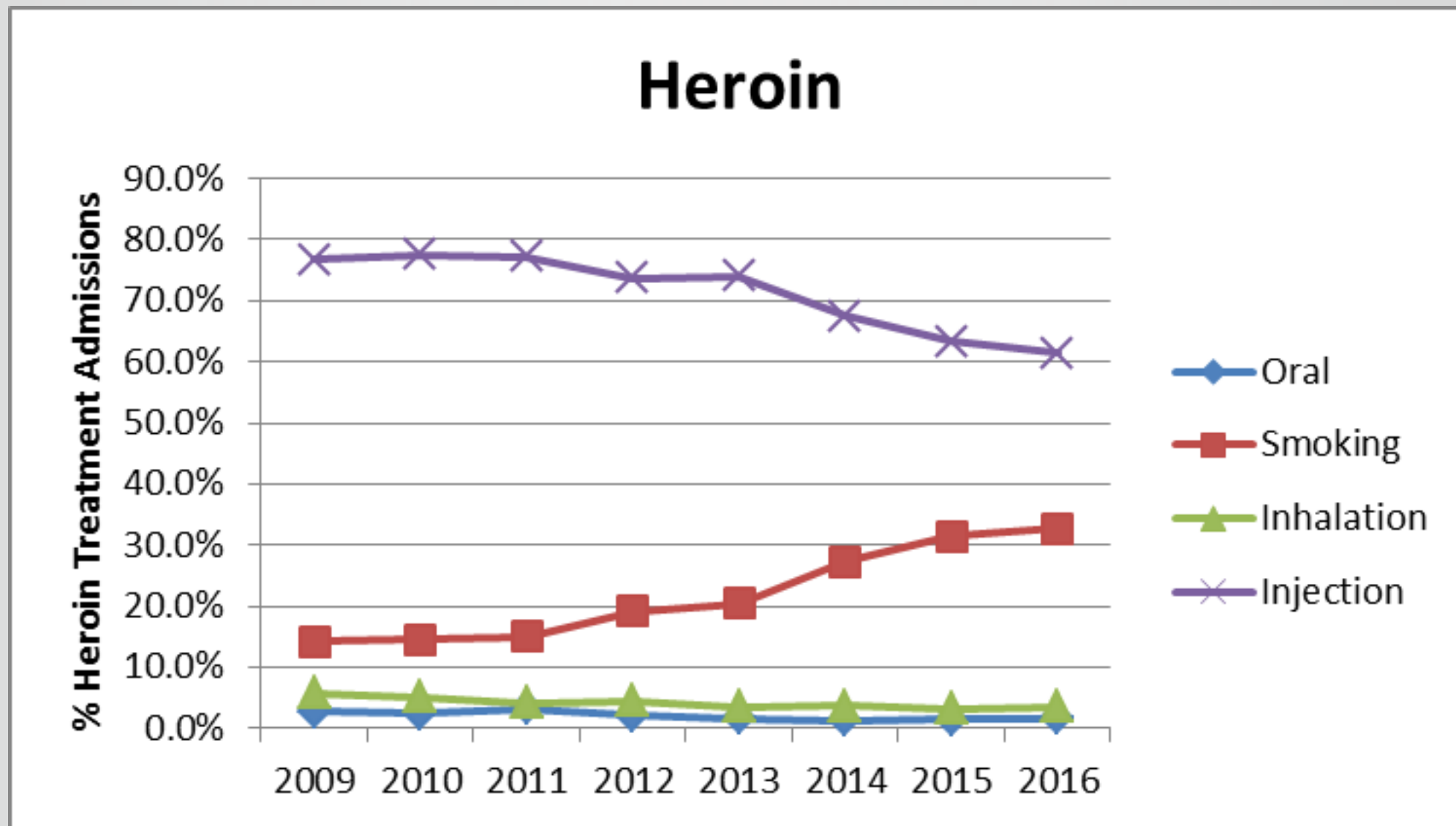


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# *Cocaine*

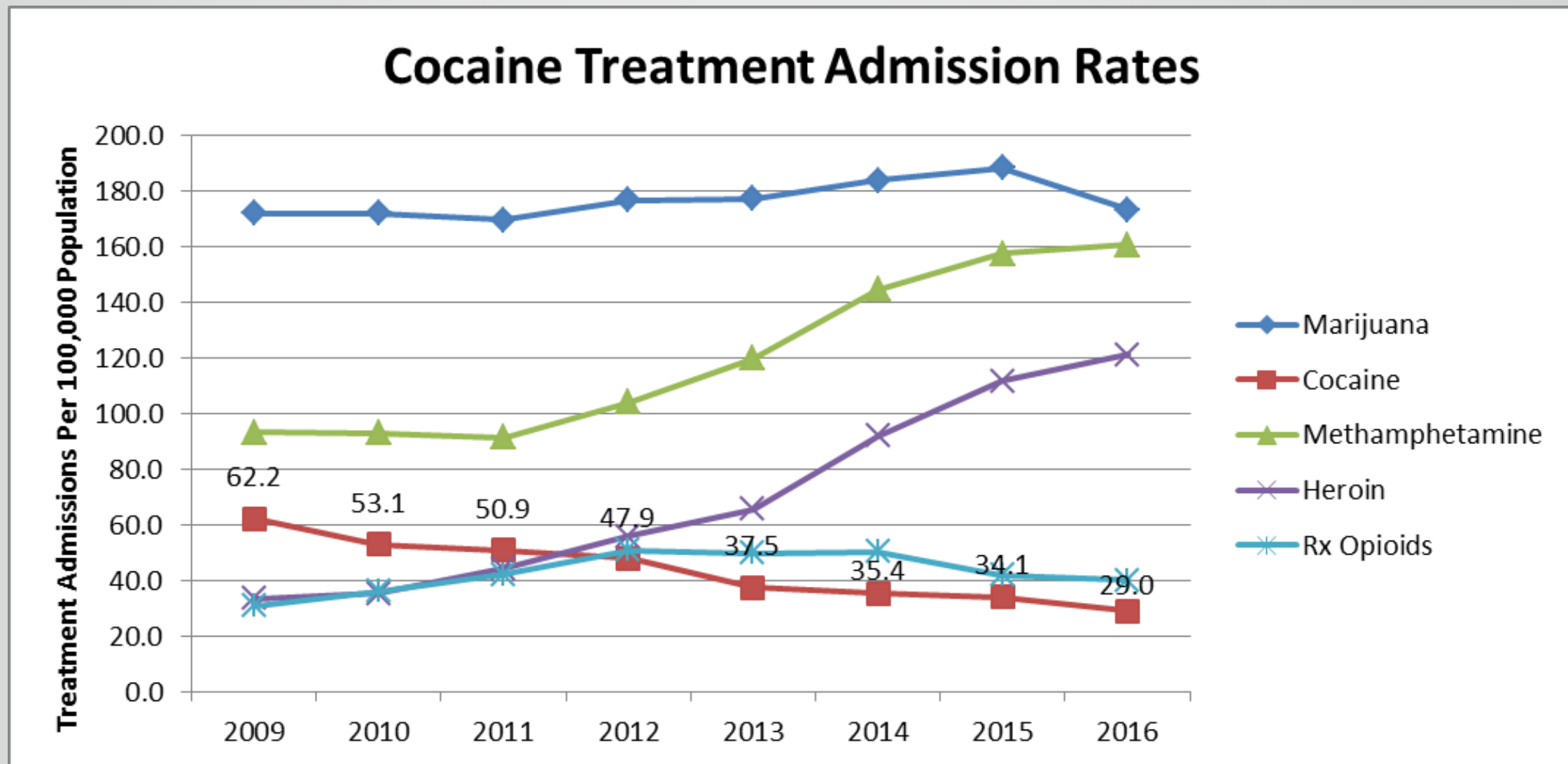


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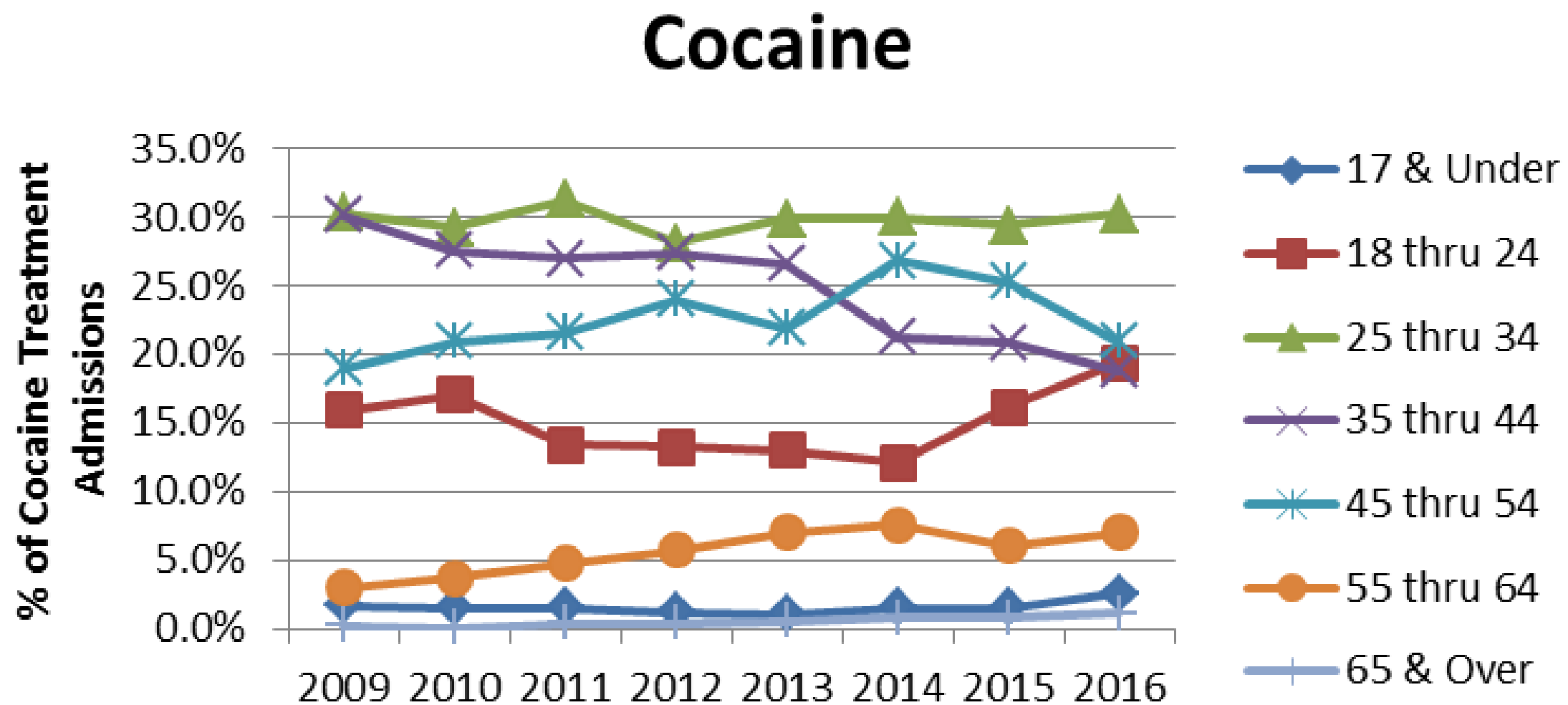


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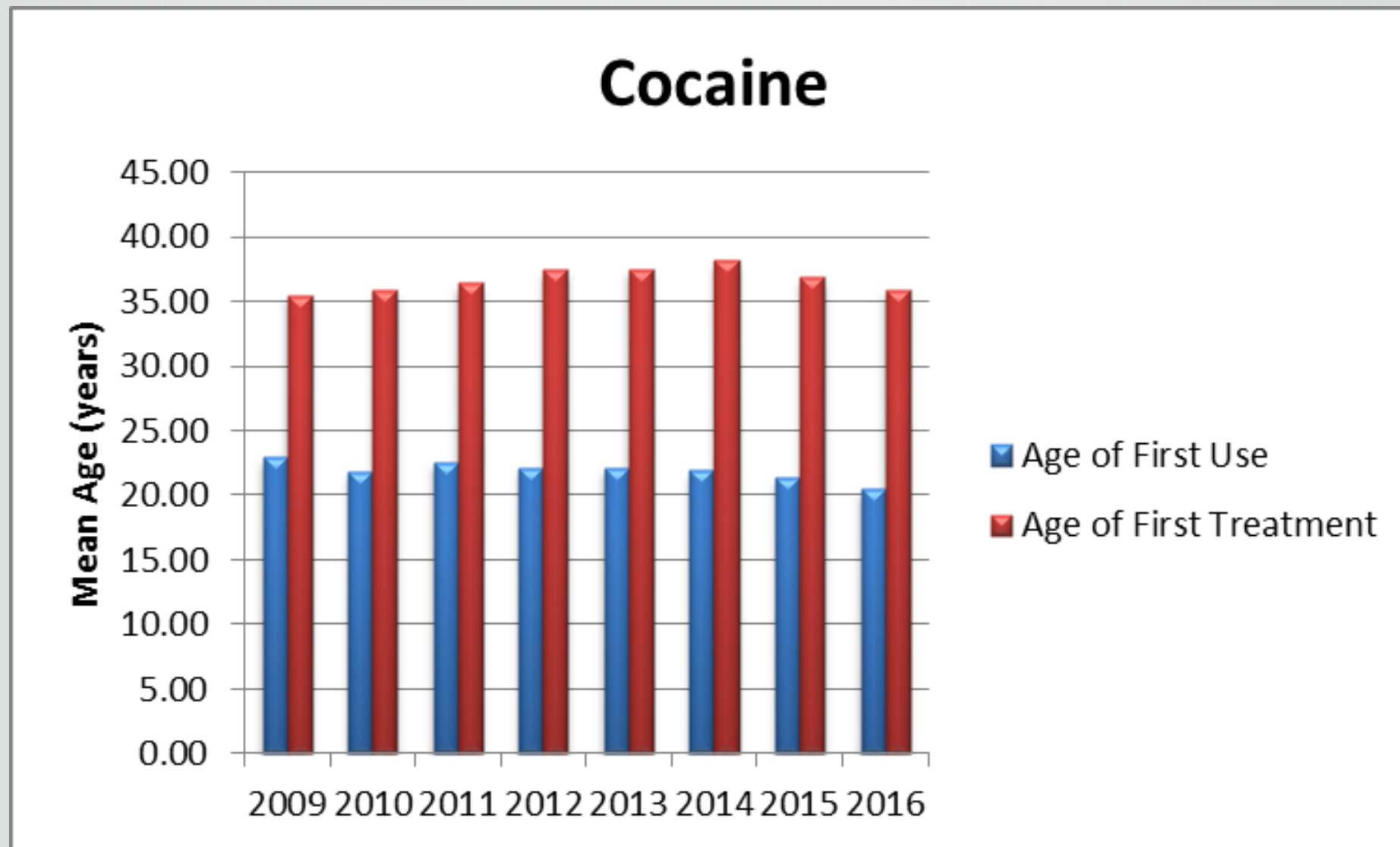


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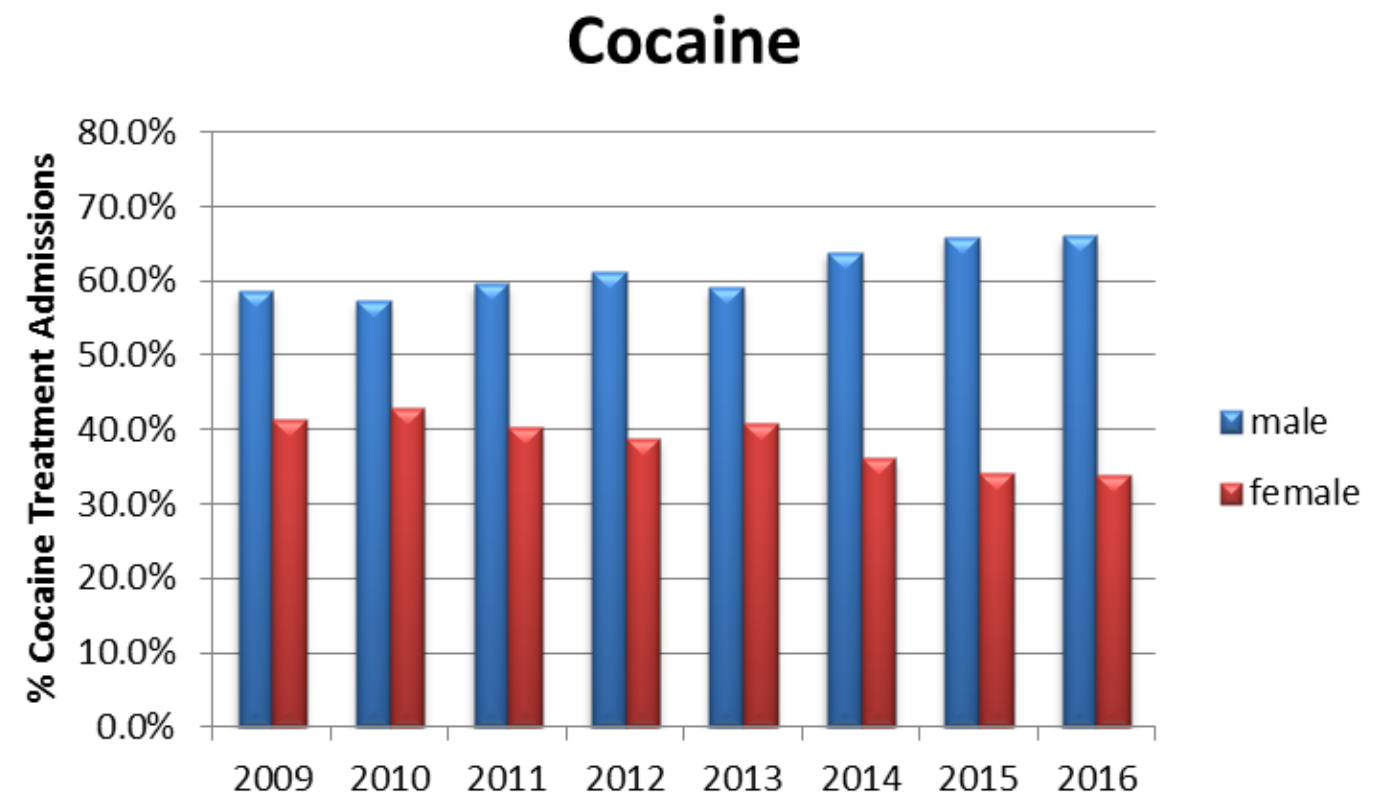
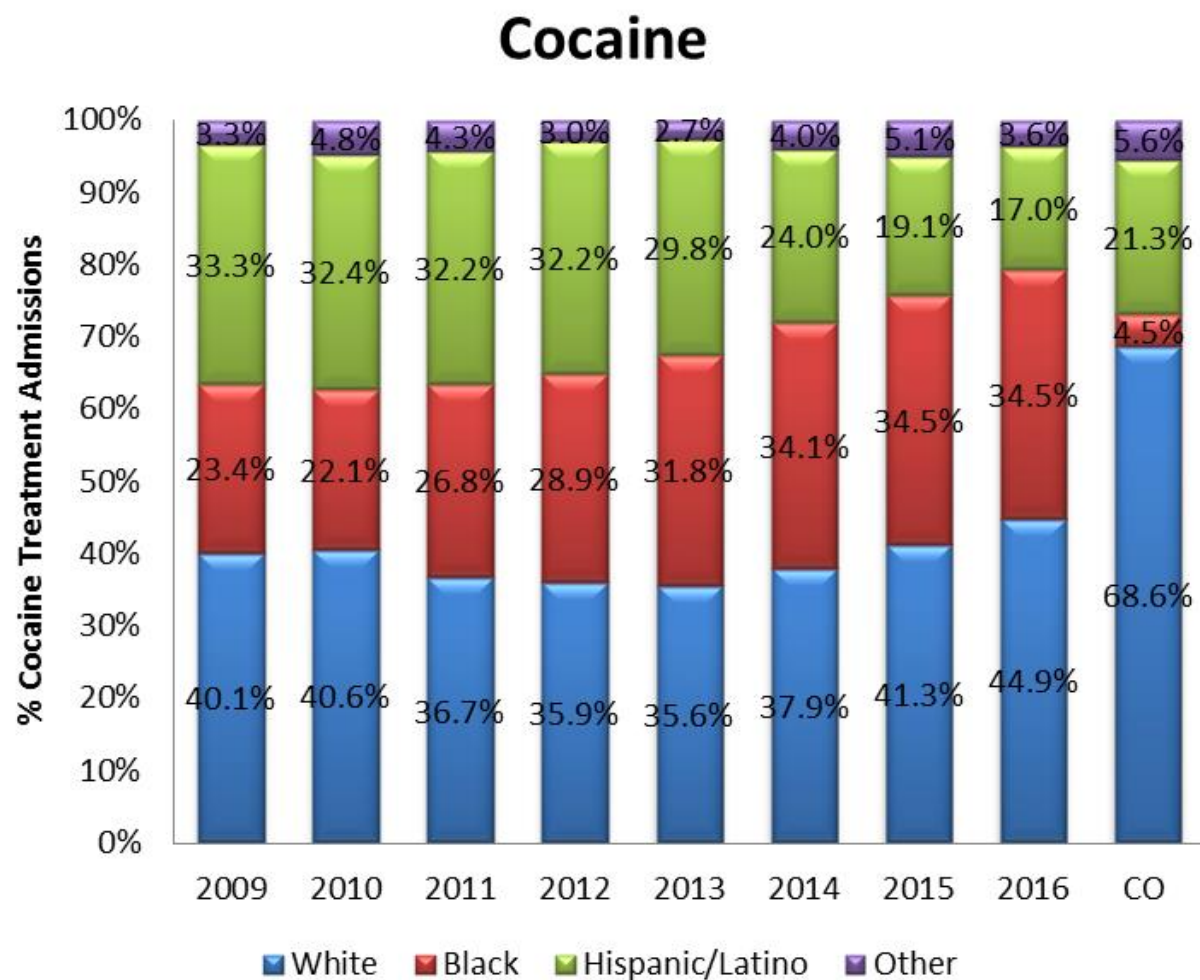


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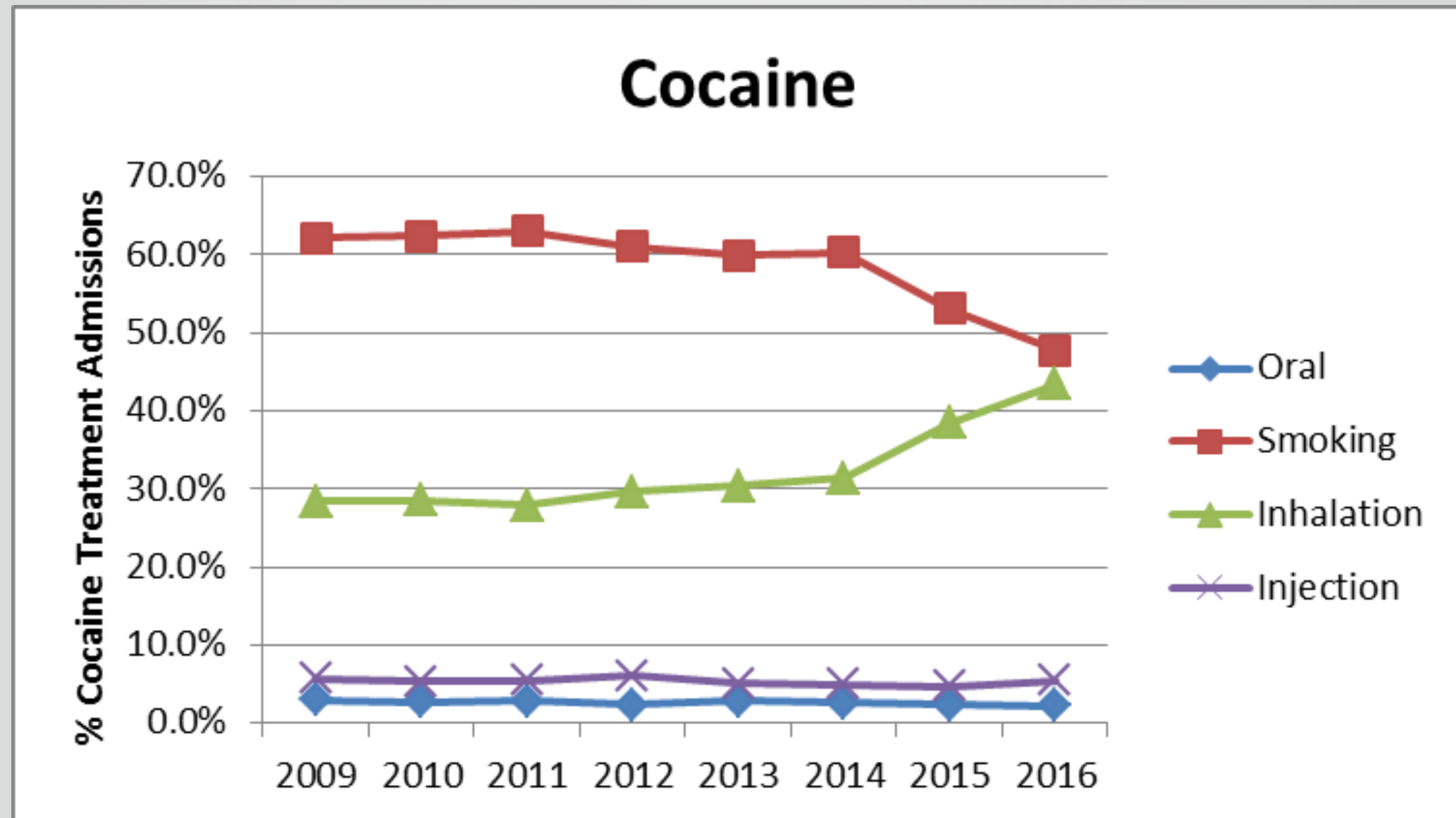


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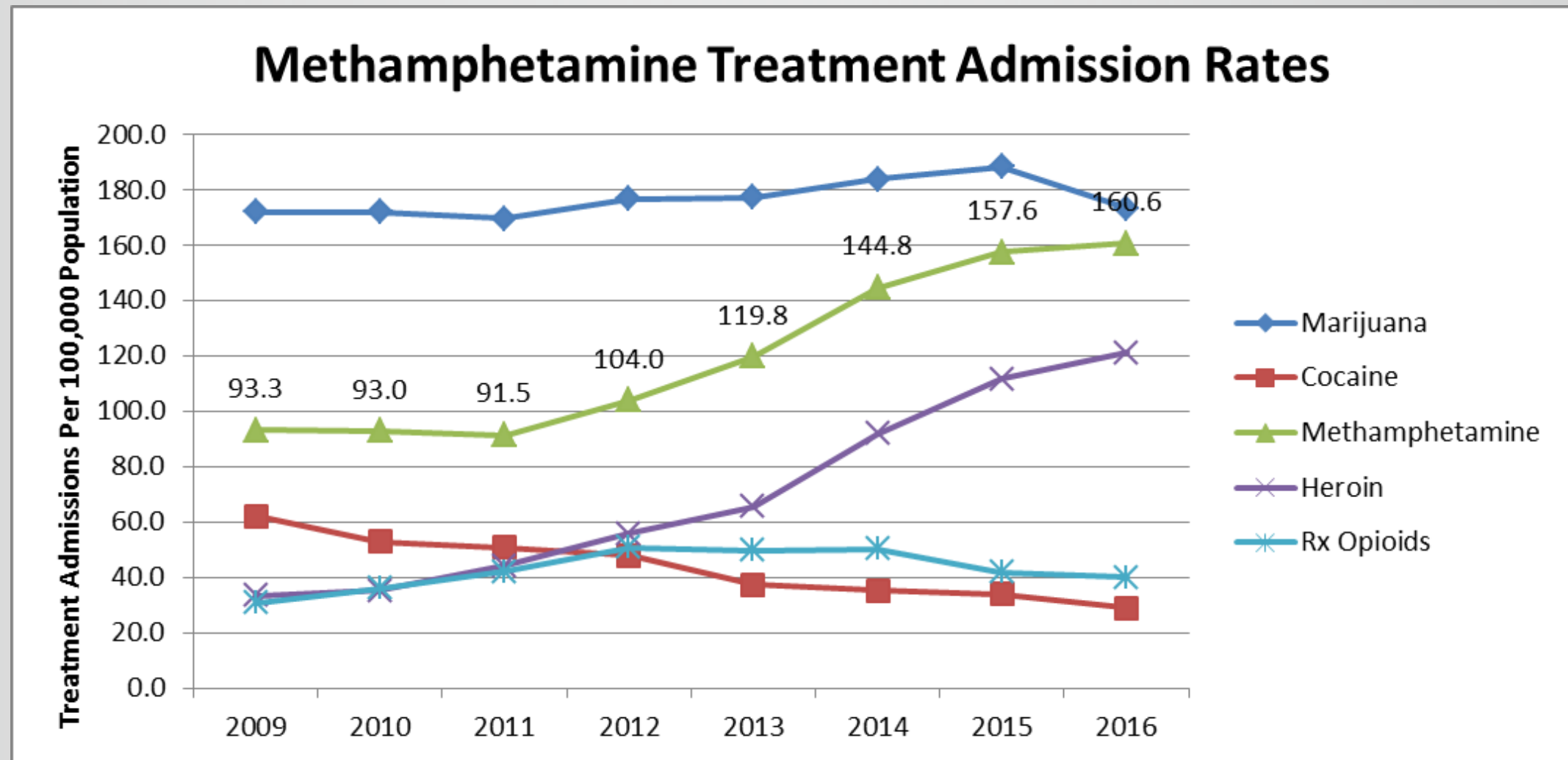


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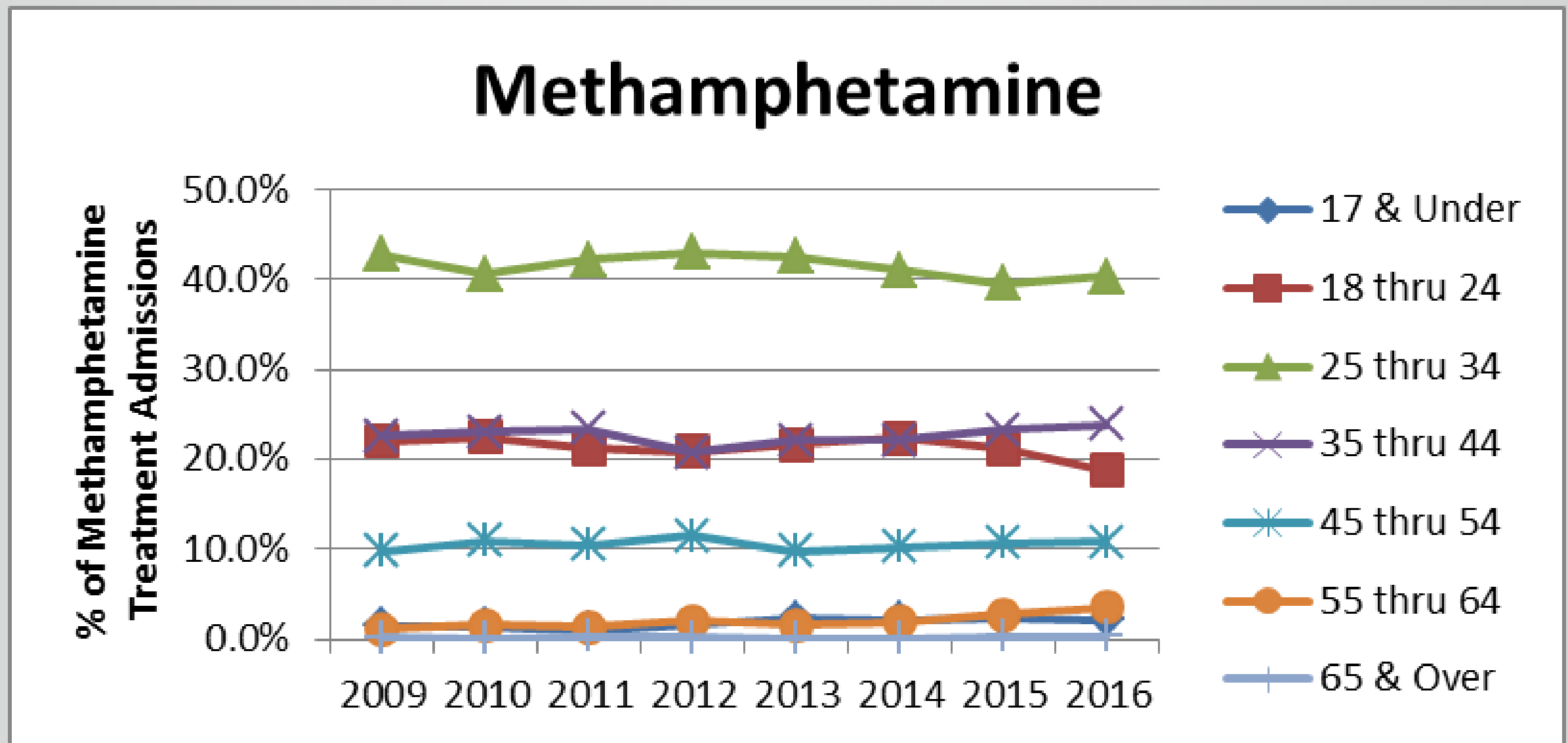


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# Methamphetamine by Age

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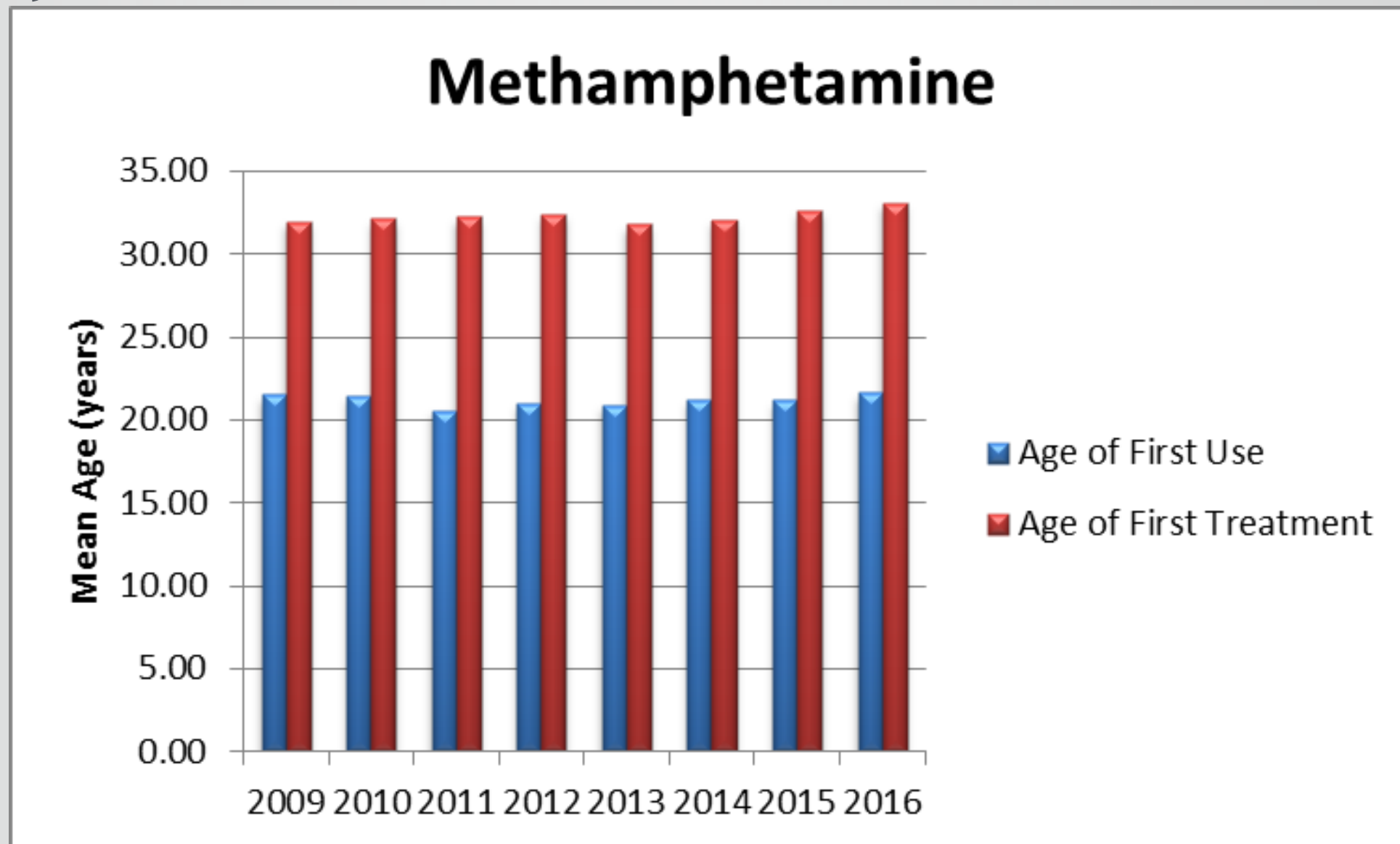


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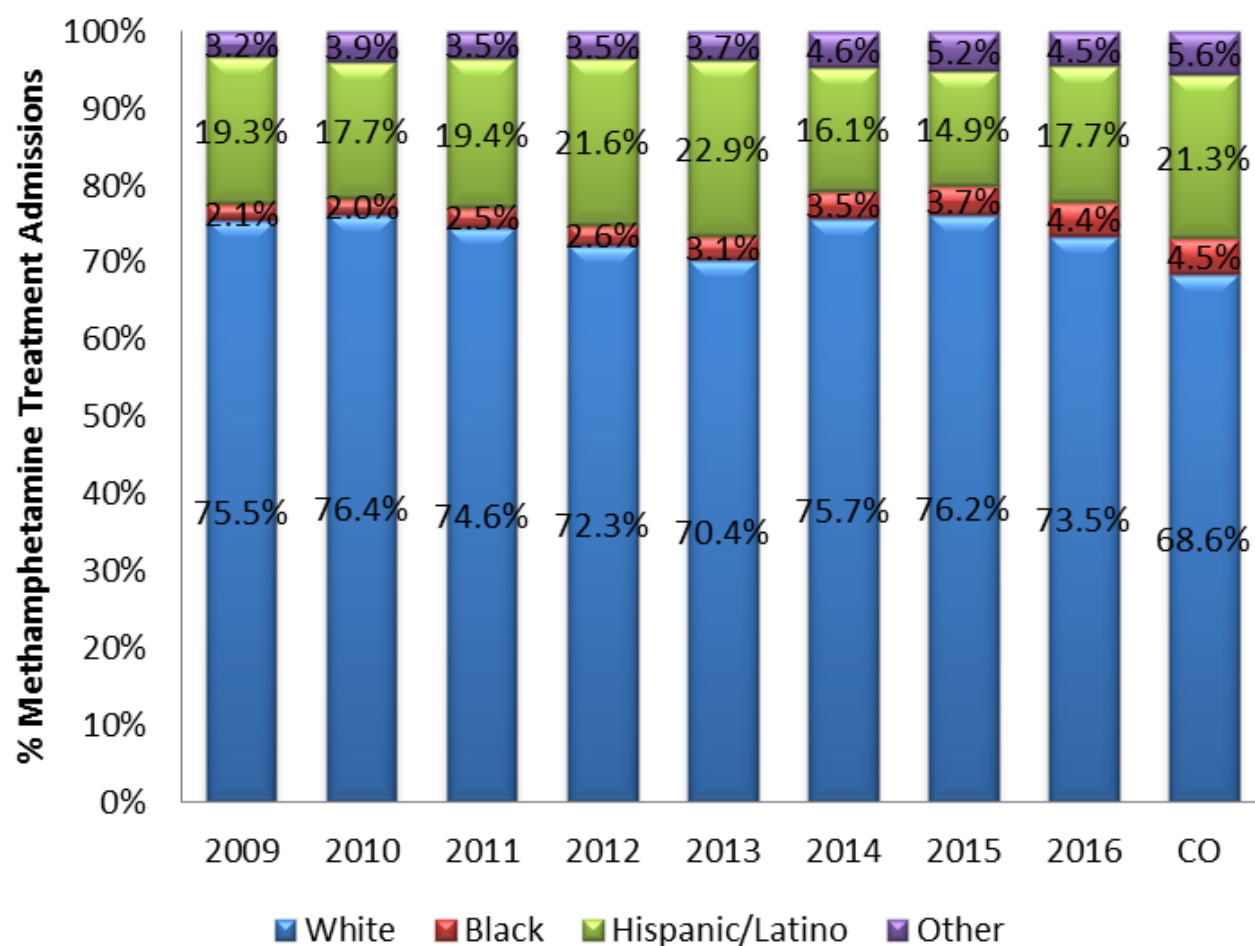
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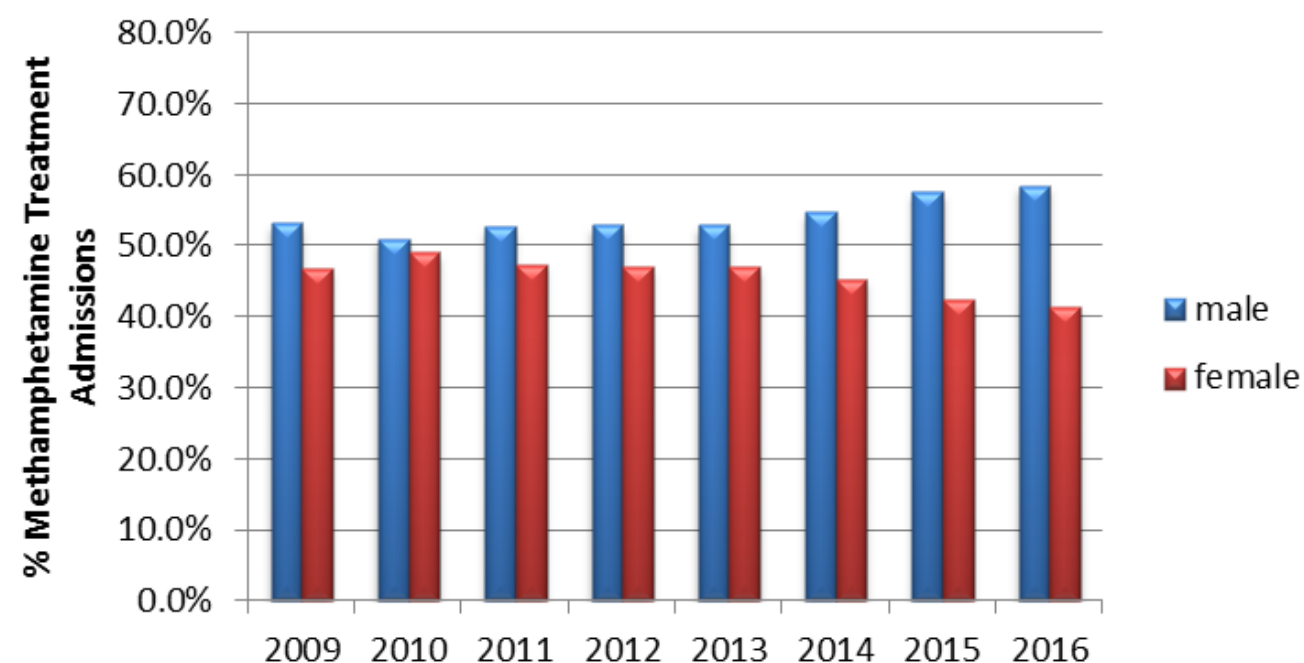
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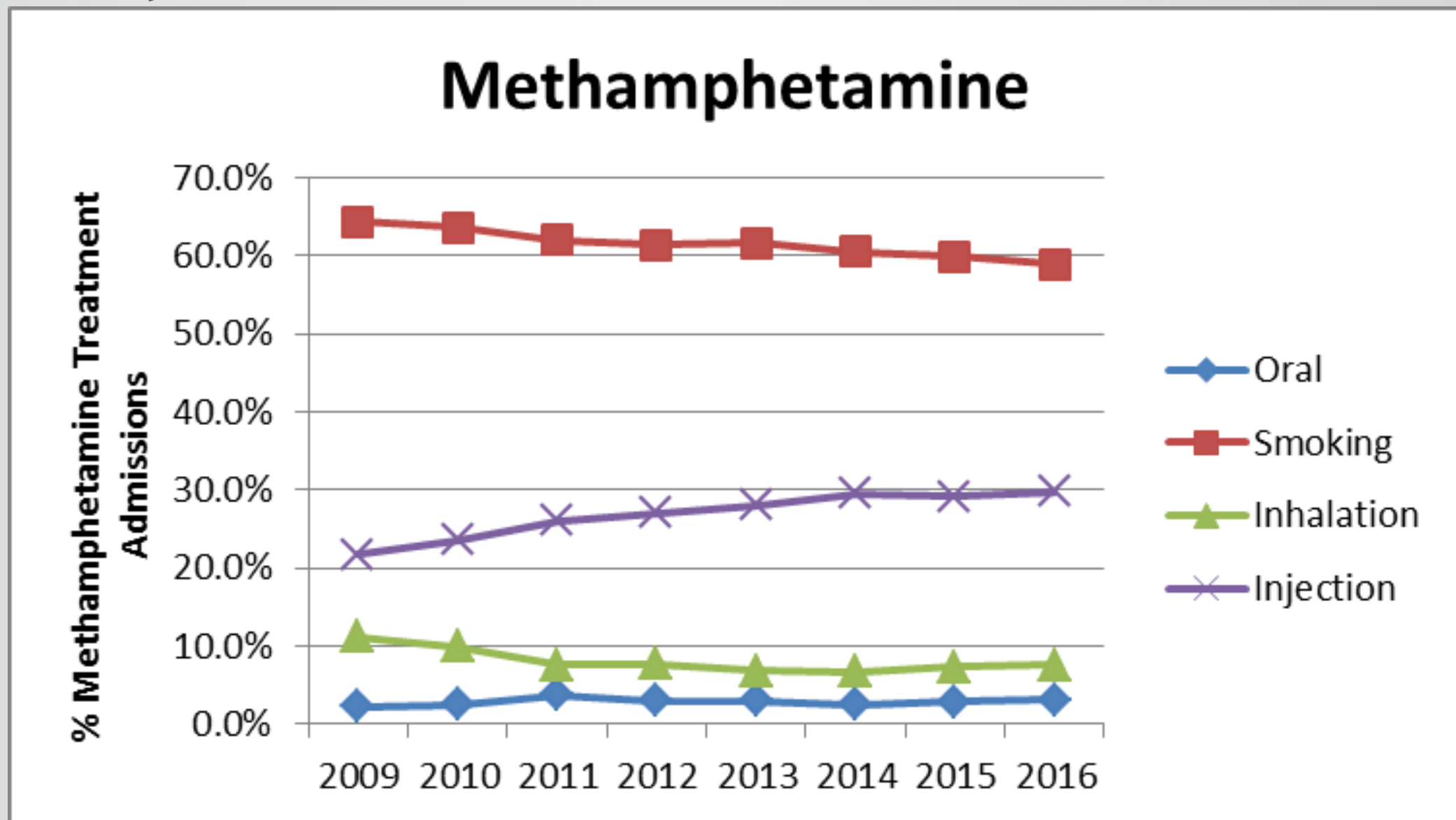


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# Summary

- Alcohol:
  - Alcohol continues to be most common substance leading to treatment
  - Overall treatment admissions down 21%
- Marijuana:
  - Slight increase in time between first use and first treatment from 9 years in 2008 to 11 years in 2016
- Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids:
  - Steady treatment admission rates
- Heroin:
  - 262% increase in treatment admissions between 2008 and 2016
- Cocaine:
  - Overall treatment admissions down 53%
- Methamphetamine:
  - Overall treatment admissions up 72%



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