

Colorado Drug Trends



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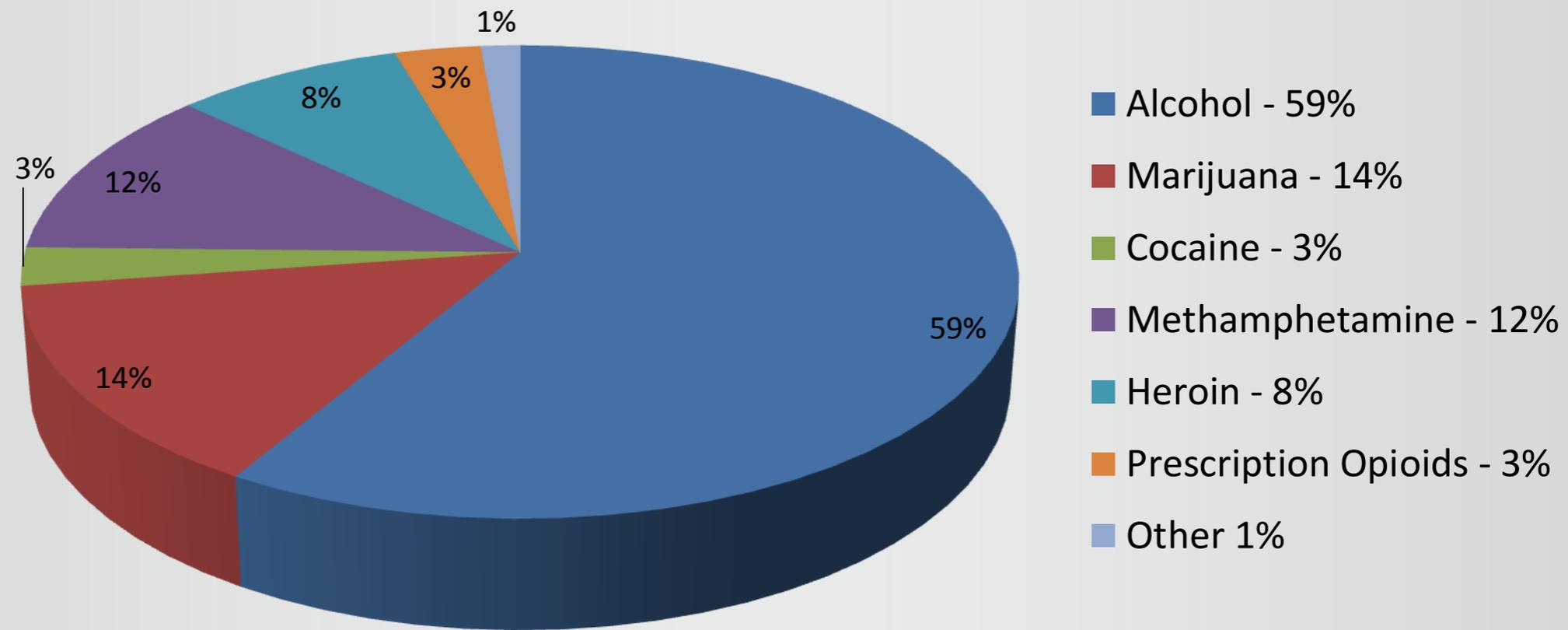
Caveats

- 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 2015



Regional Differences

2014						
		Drug				
Region	CO Population	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth	Heroin	Rx Opioids
Northeast	13.0%	18.0%	7.2%	22.2%	7.9%	13.1%
Denver / Boulder	56.0%	46.4%	61.9%	38.7%	57.0%	44.8%
South Central	14.0%	15.8%	12.7%	17.8%	12.2%	12.9%
Southeast	6.0%	10.0%	14.4%	8.6%	18.1%	21.7%
Southwest	4.0%	2.5%	.7%	4.5%	.9%	1.9%
Northwest	7.0%	7.3%	3.1%	8.2%	3.8%	5.6%

2015						
		Drug				
Region	CO Population	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth	Heroin	Rx Opioids
Northeast	13%	17.2%	8.2%	23.5%	8.7%	14.9%
Denver / Boulder	56%	47.4%	68.3%	37.6%	51.3%	45.2%
South Central	15%	15.7%	8.9%	16.6%	11.5%	10.9%
Southeast	5%	8.3%	11.5%	9.3%	22.4%	18.8%
Southwest	4%	2.7%	.7%	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
Northwest	7%	8.7%	2.4%	8.5%	4.5%	7.0%



Alcohol

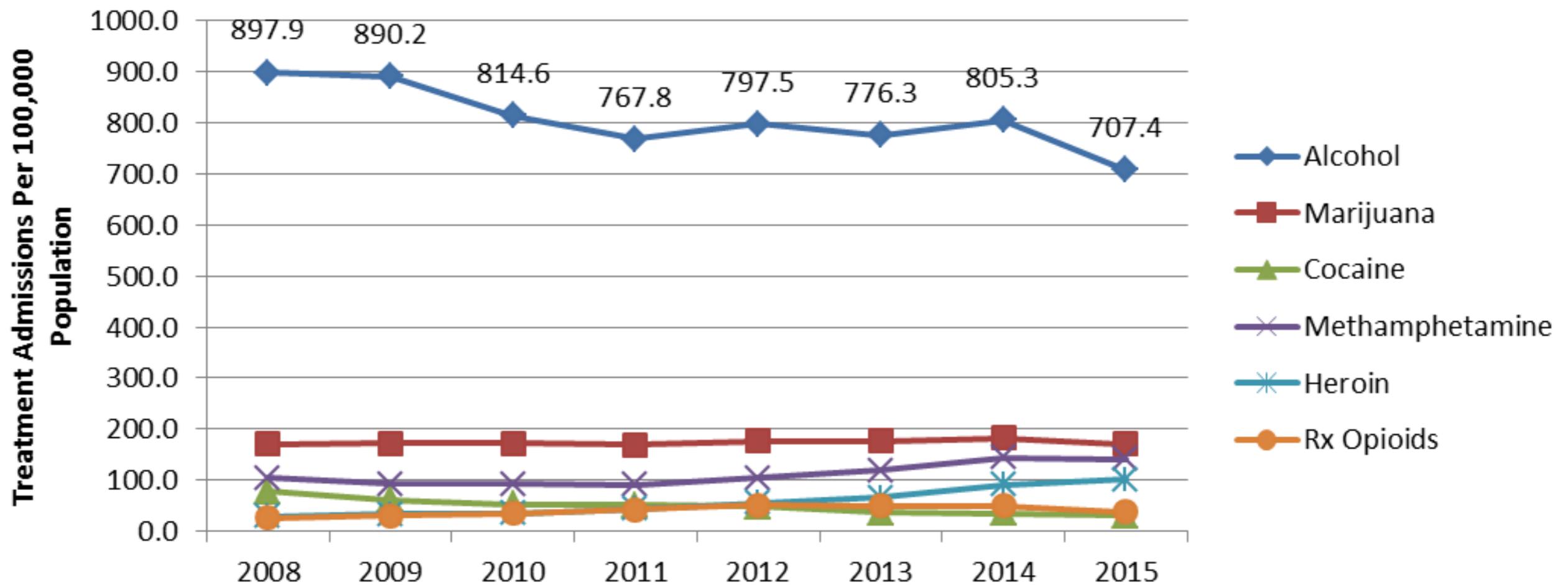


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Treatment Admissions

Alcohol January 2008 - December 2015

Alcohol Treatment Admission Rates

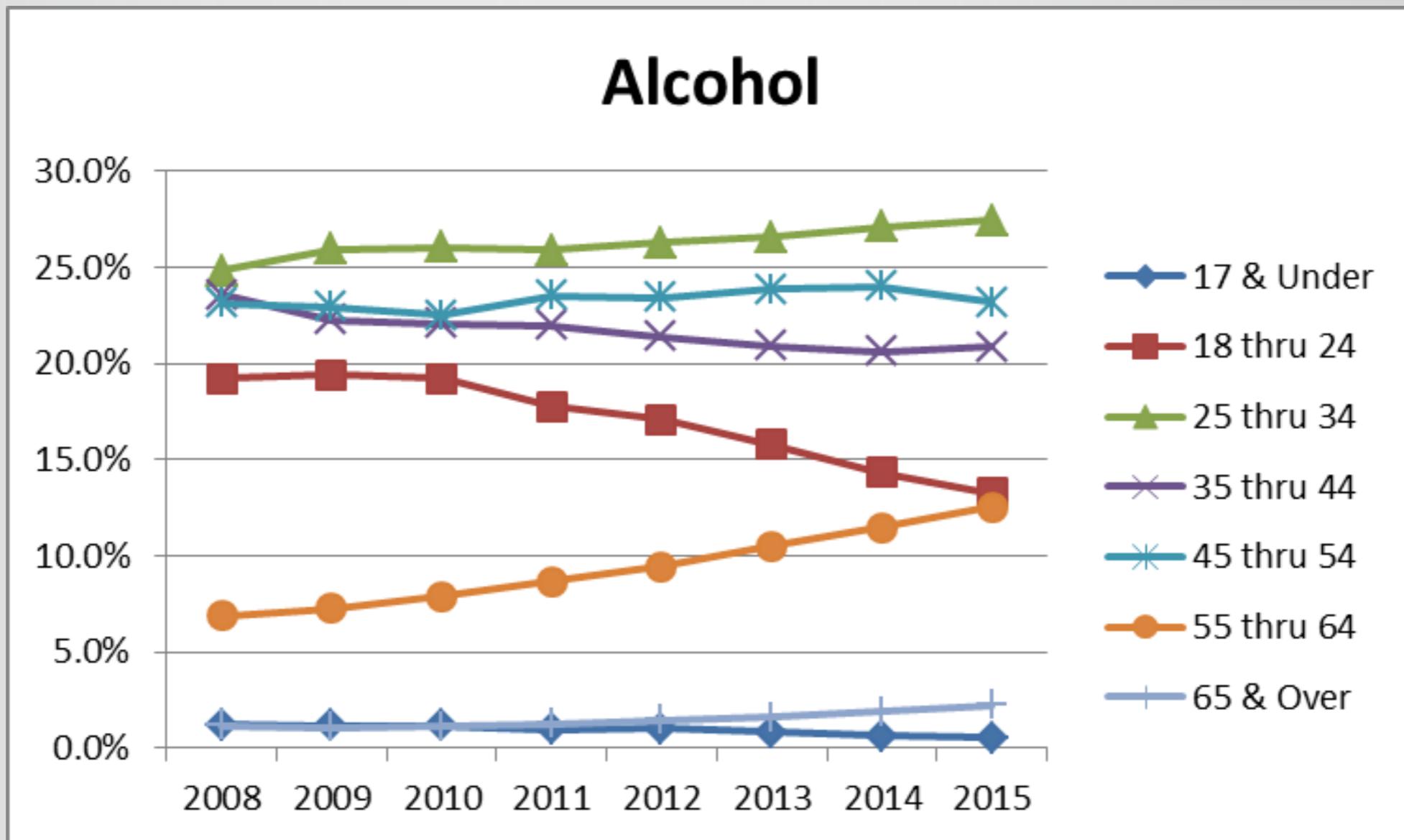


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Alcohol by Age

January 2008 - December 2015

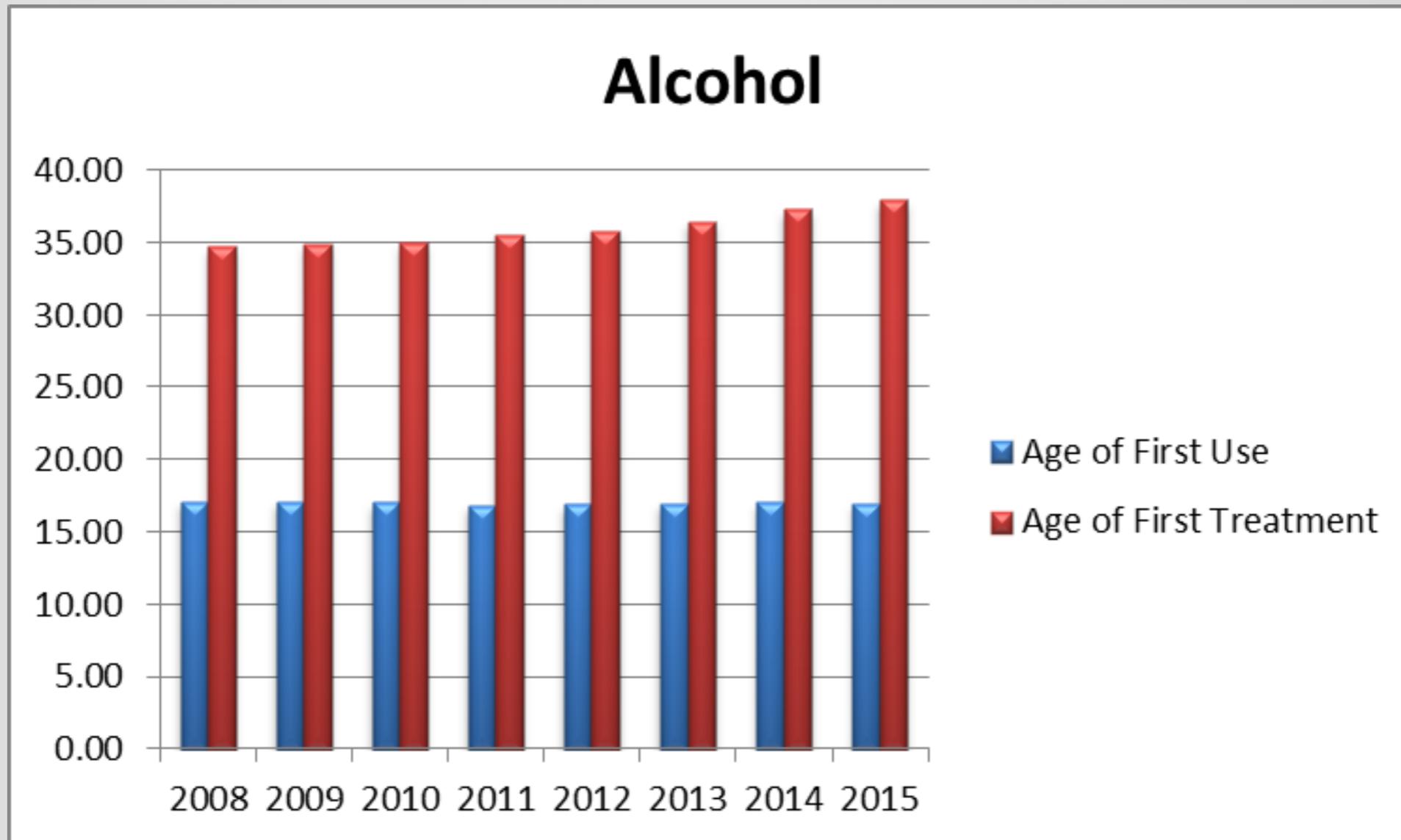


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Alcohol

Age of First Use and First Treatment

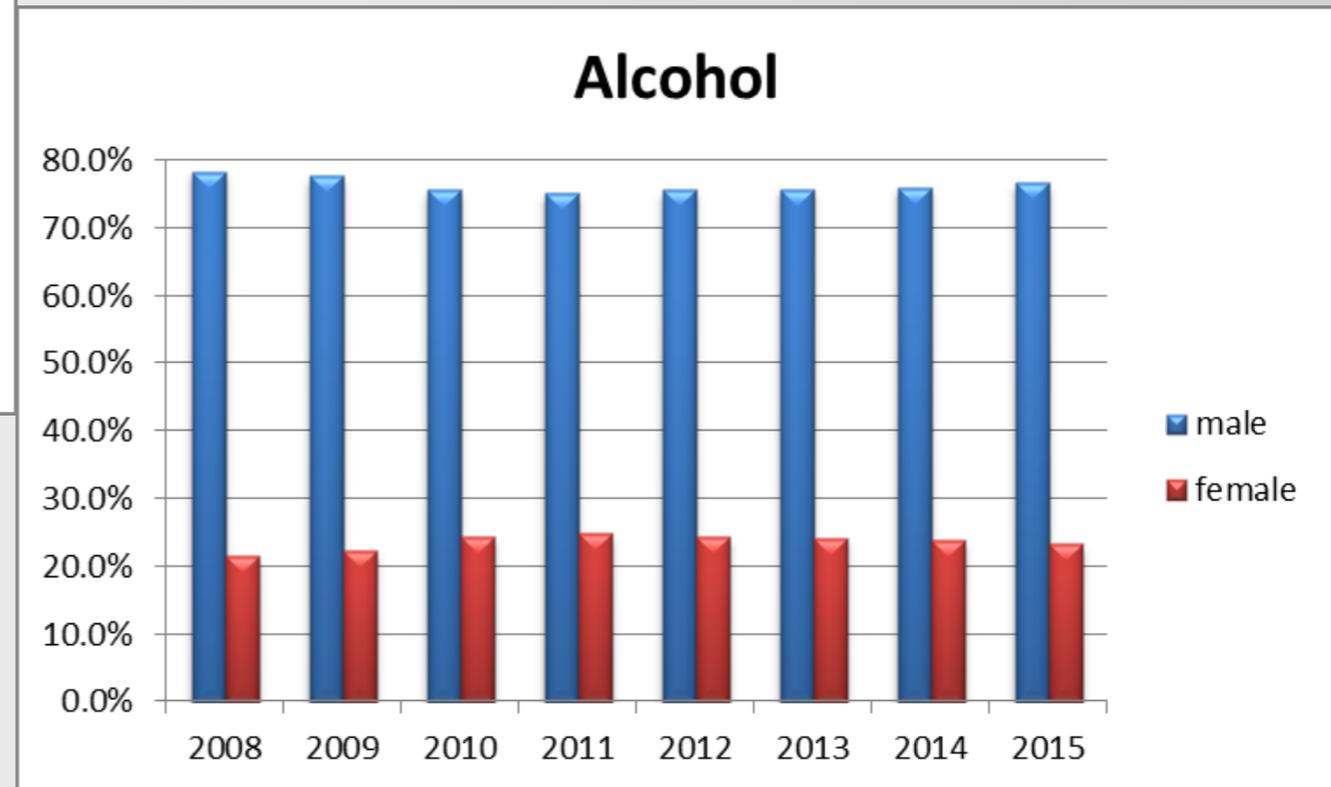
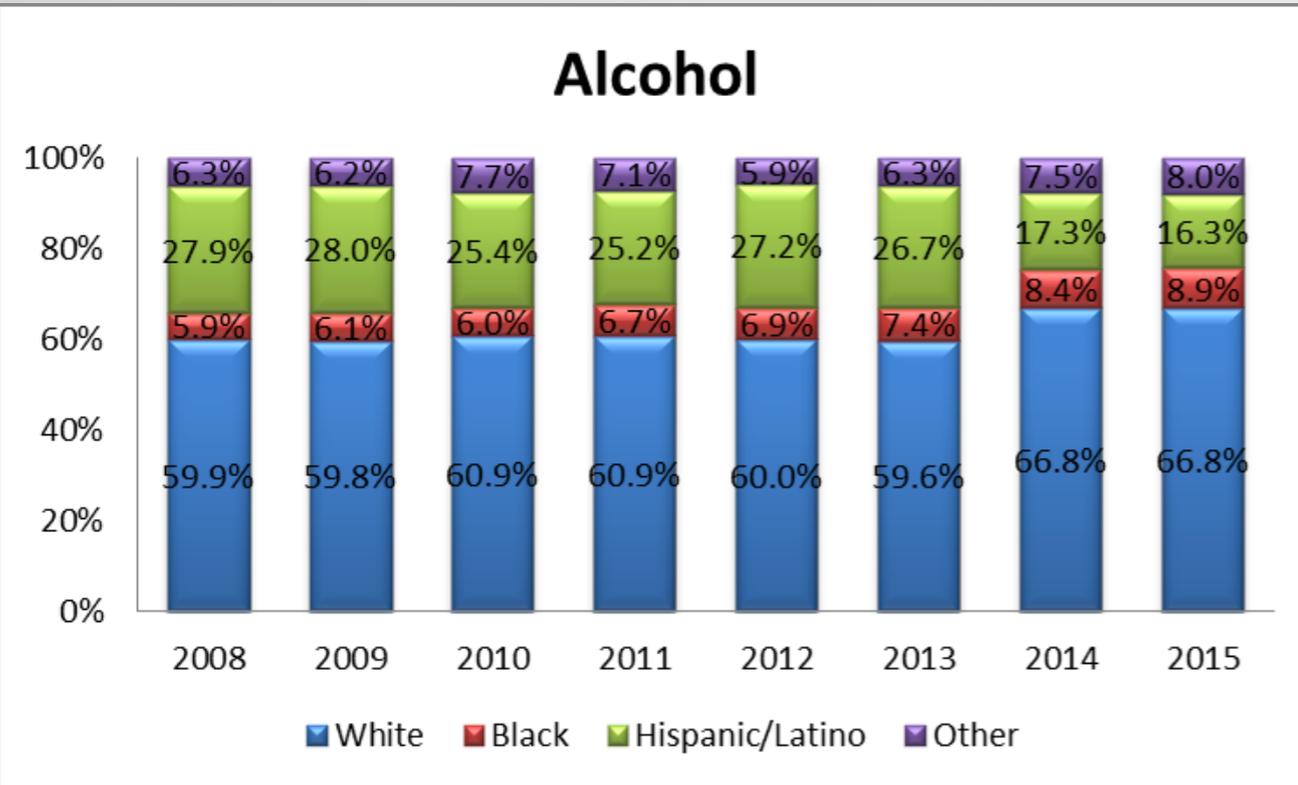


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Alcohol

Treatment Admissions by Race and Gender



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Marijuana

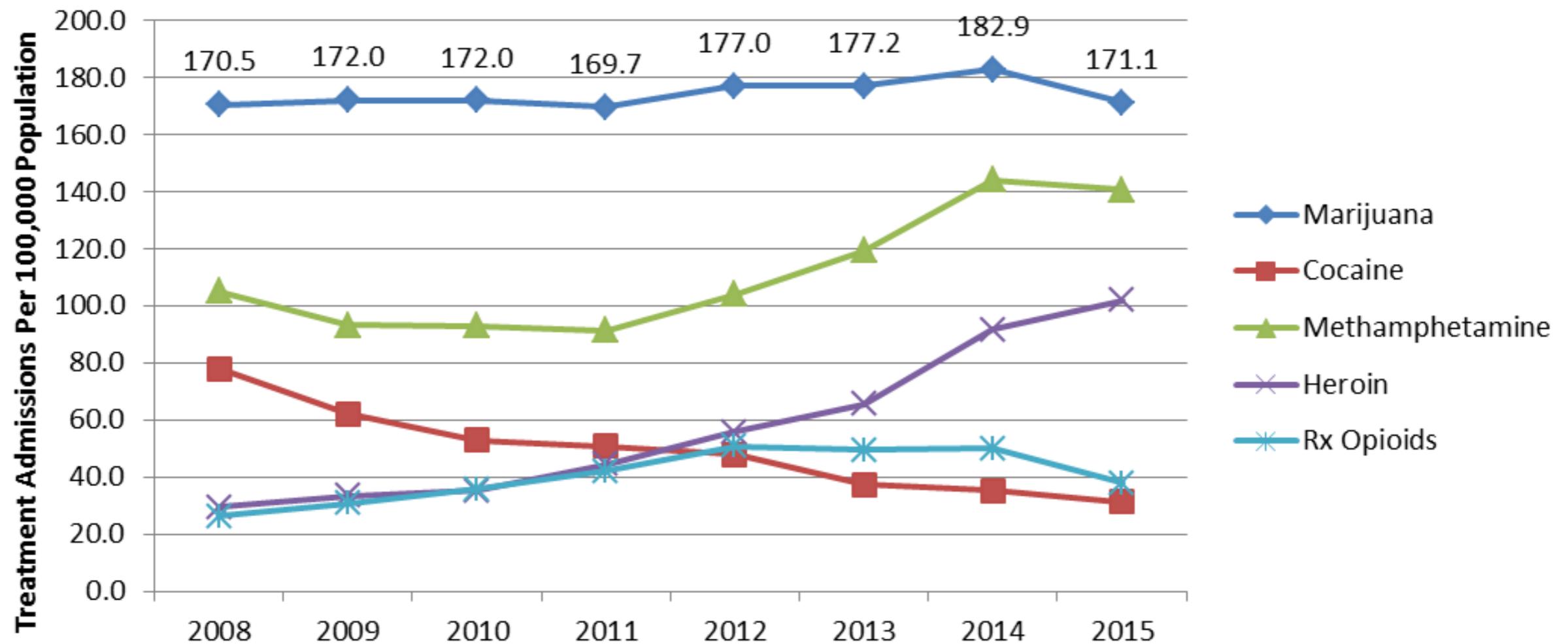


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Marijuana January 2008 - December 2015

Marijuana Treatment Admission Rates

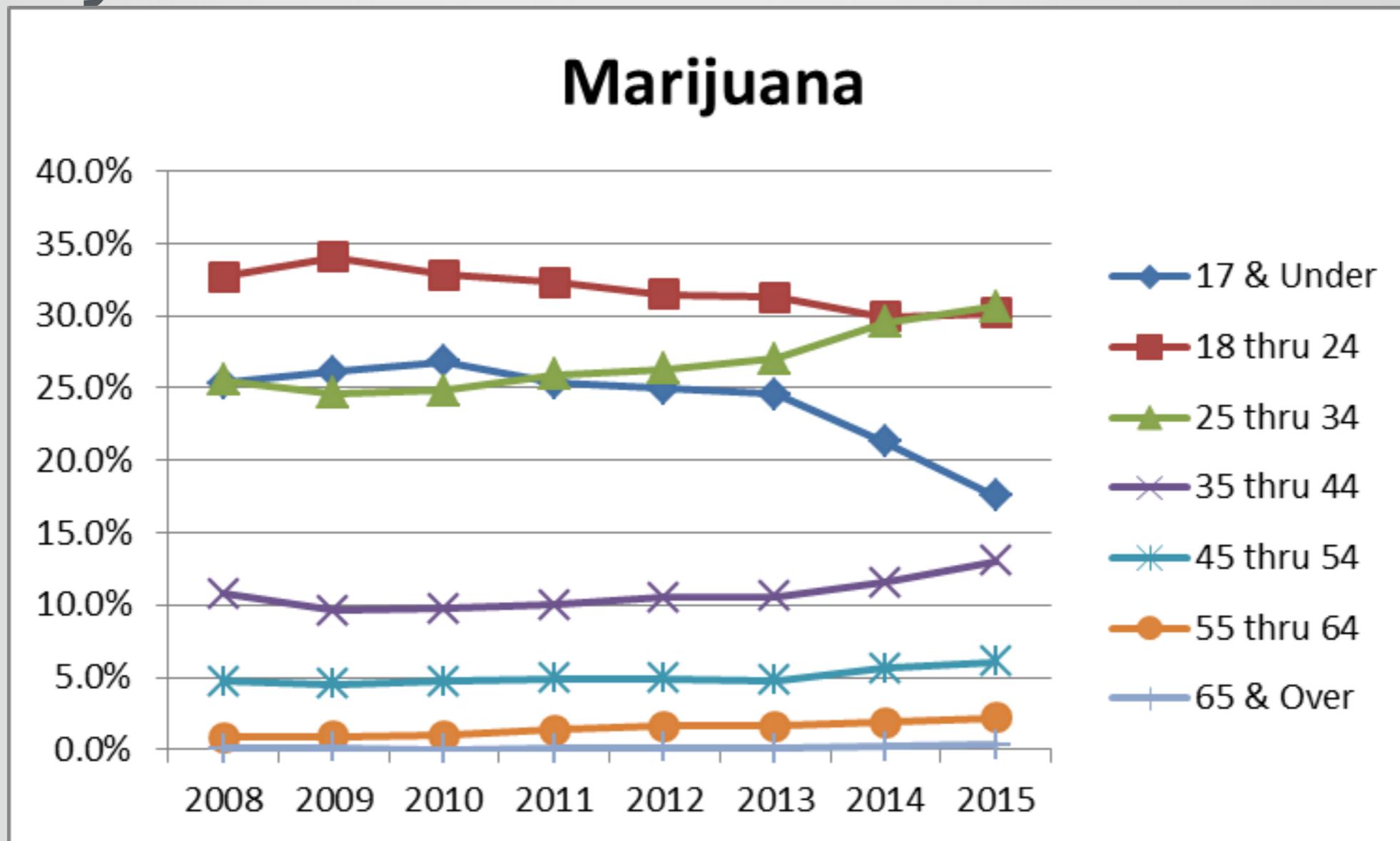


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Marijuana by Age

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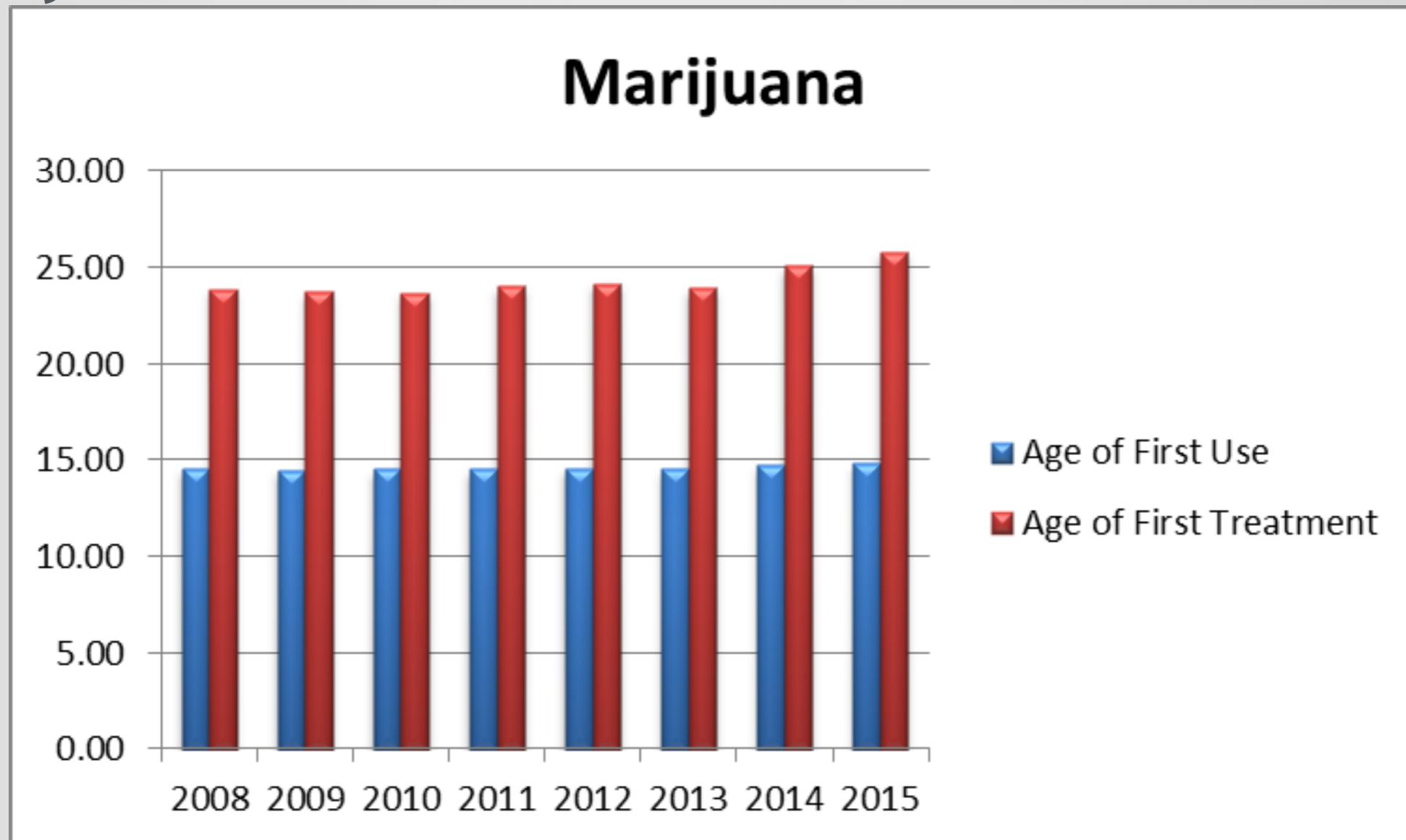


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Marijuana

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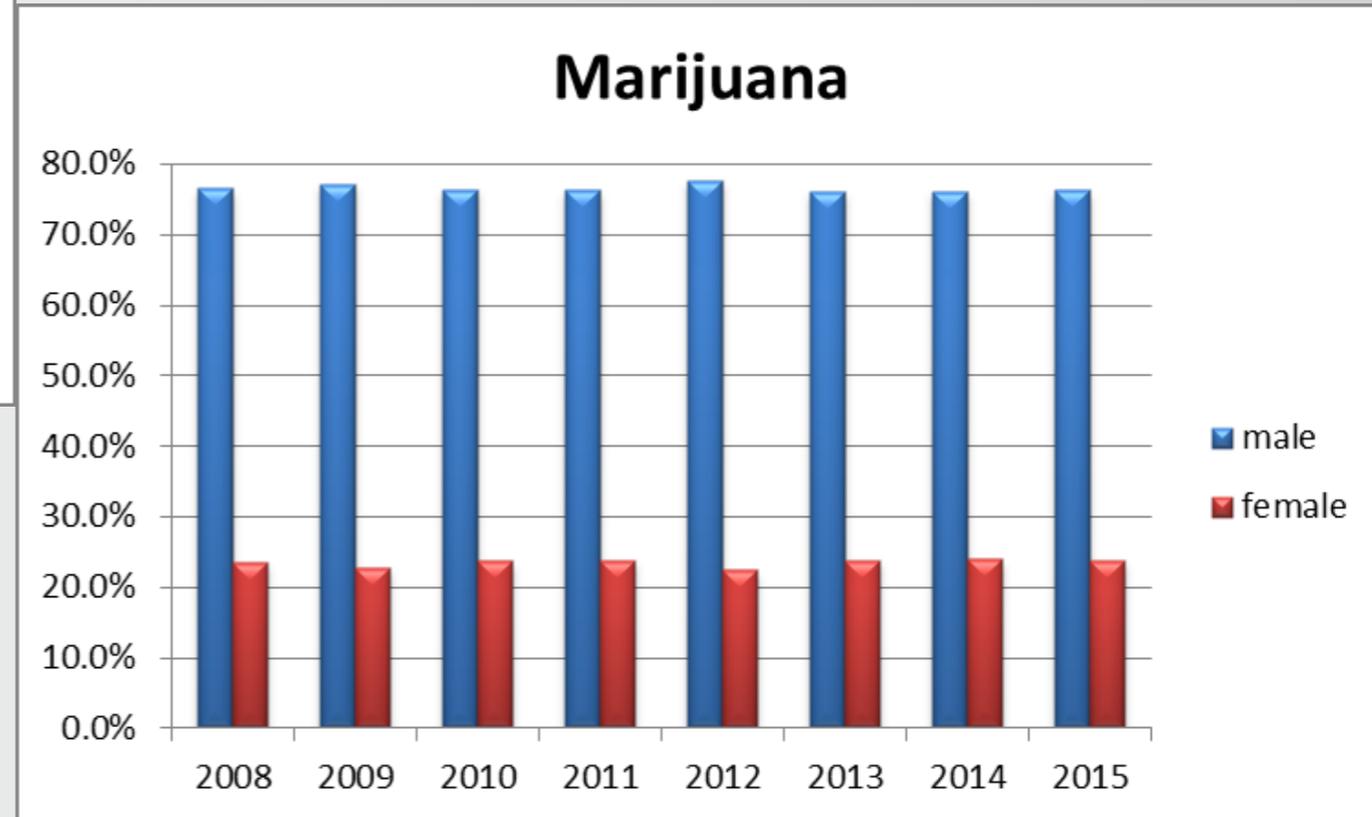
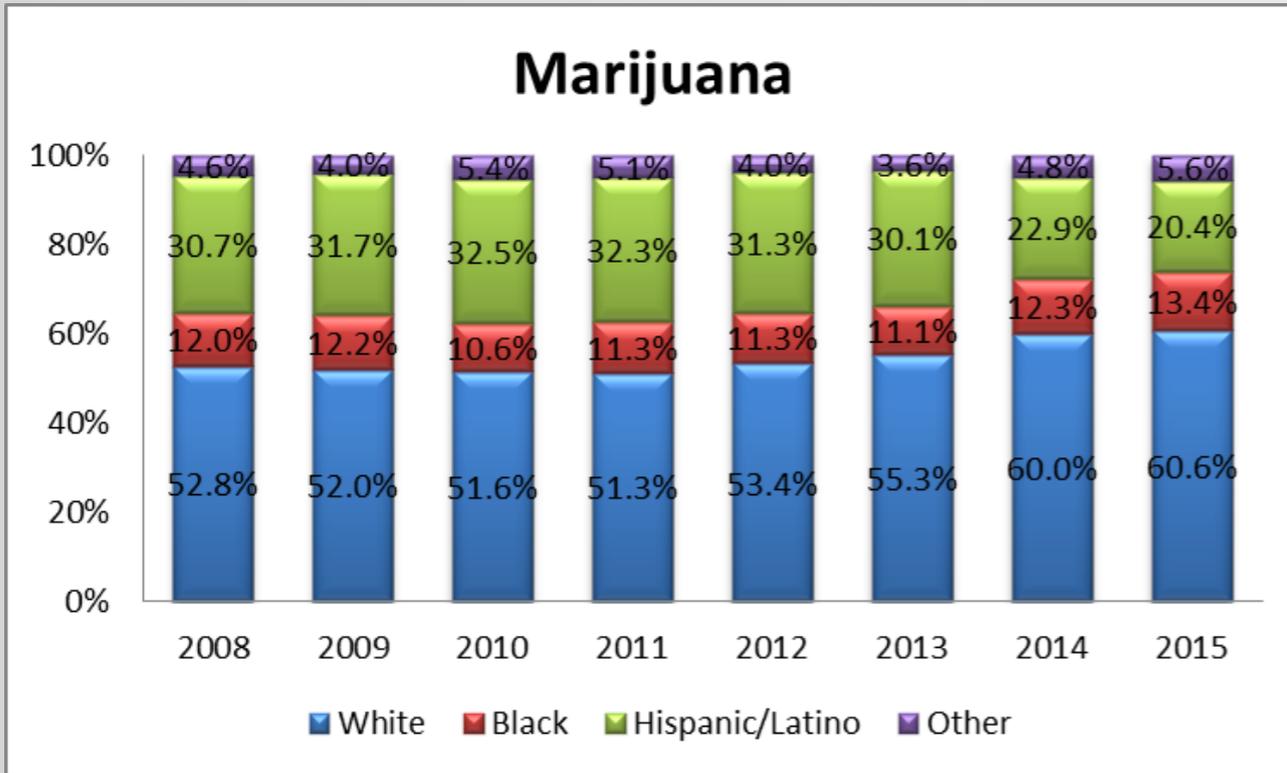


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Marijuana

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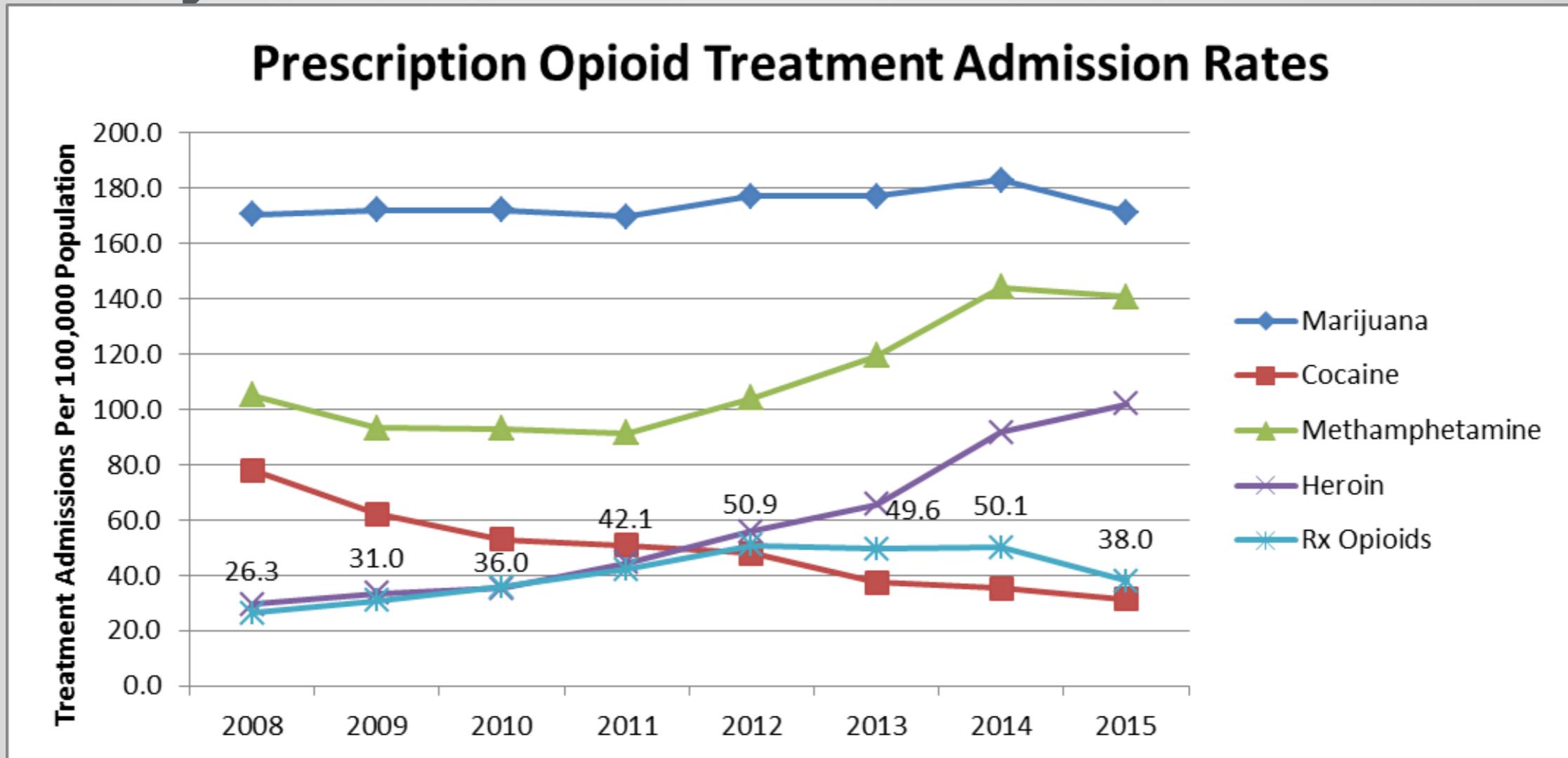
Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids



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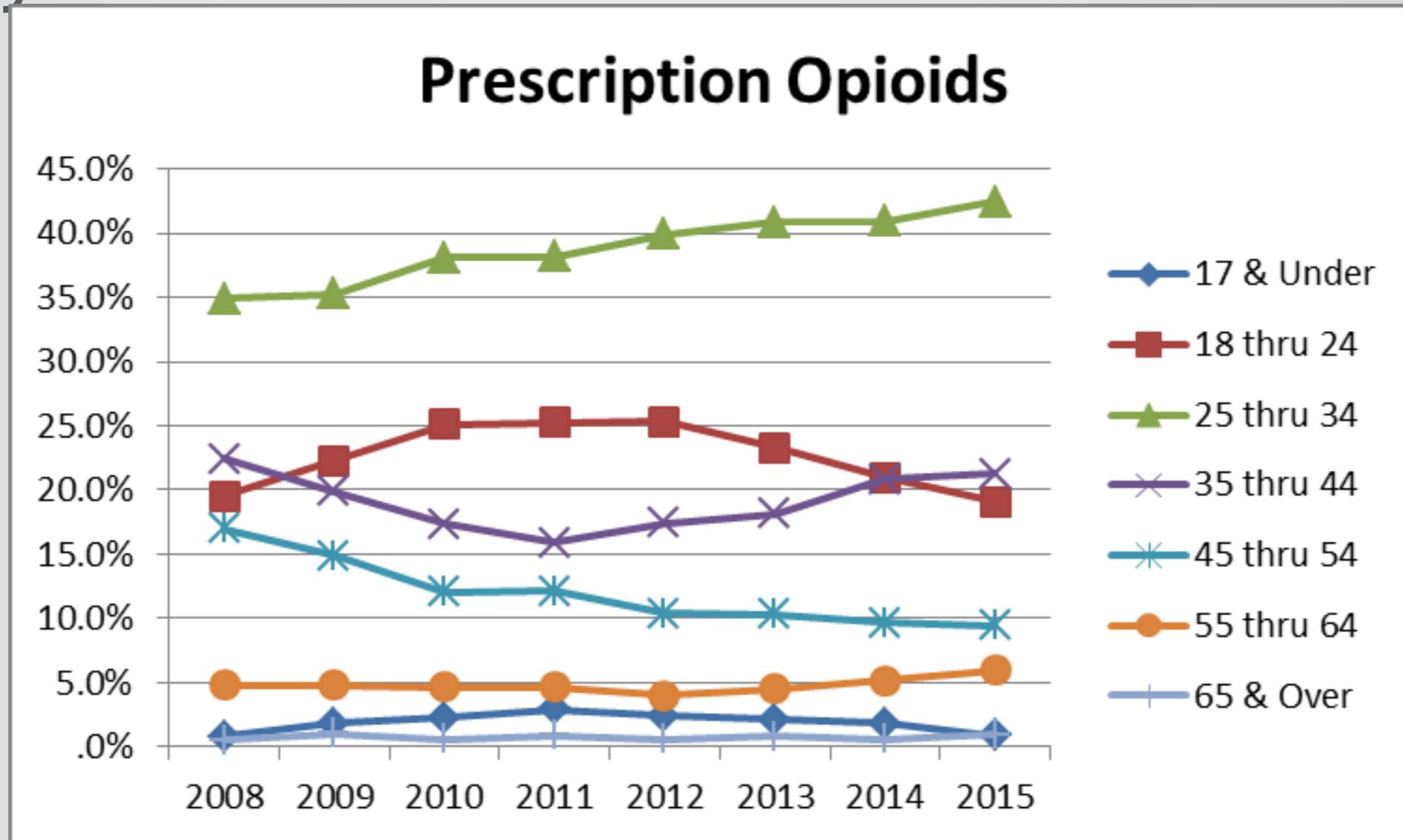


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Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids by Age

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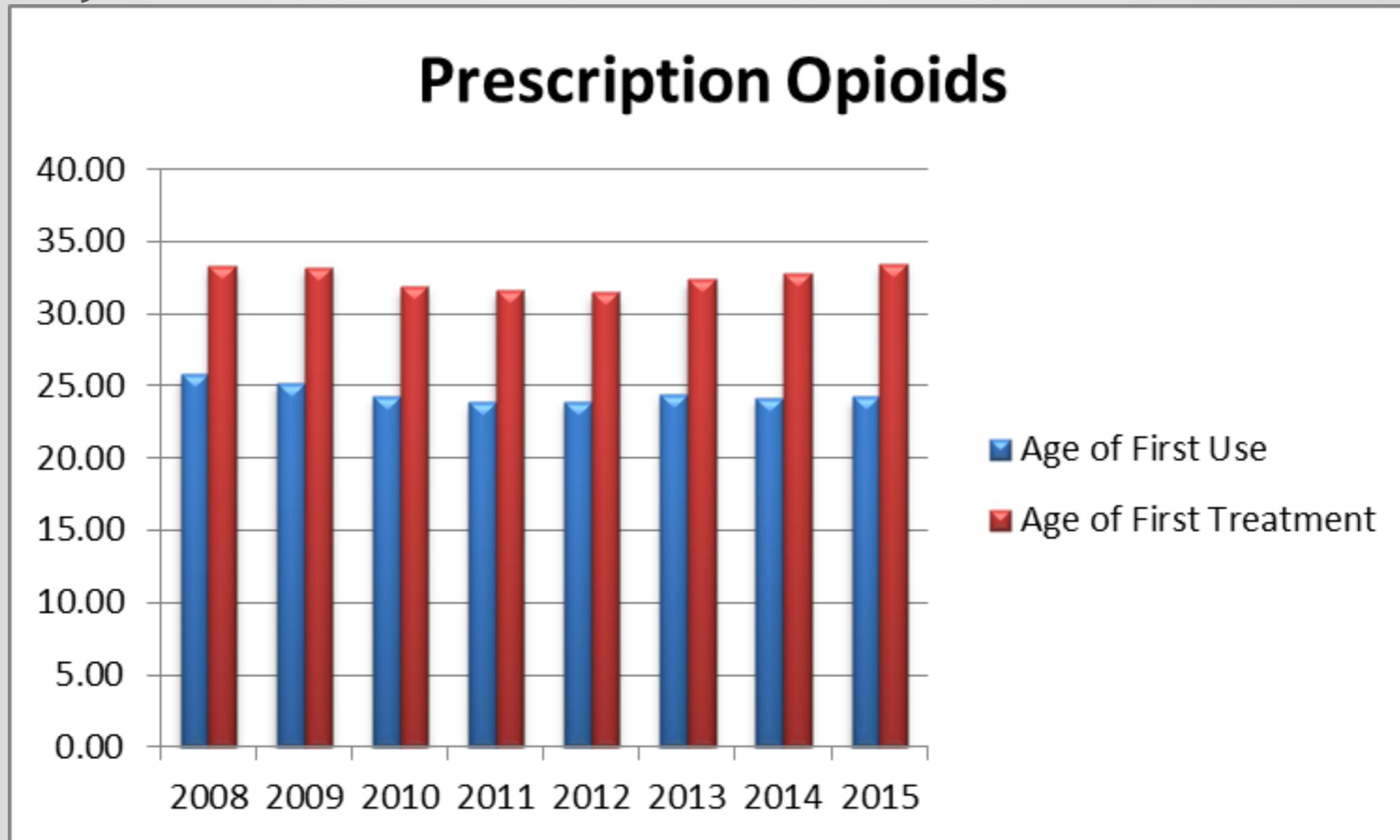


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Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids

Age of First Use and First Treatment

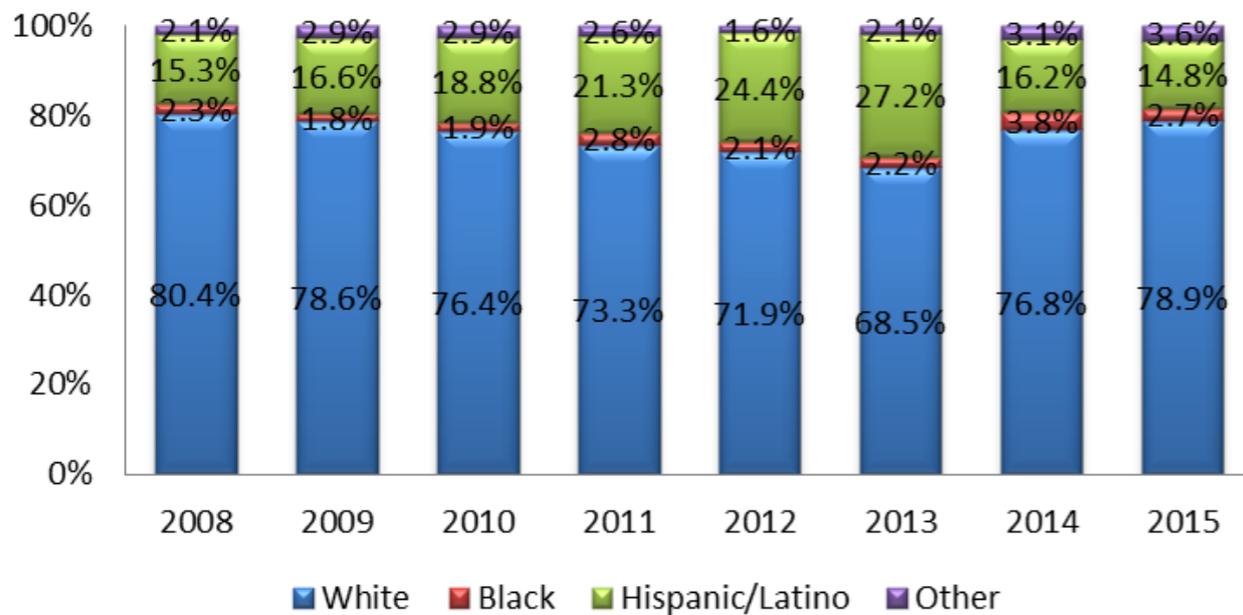


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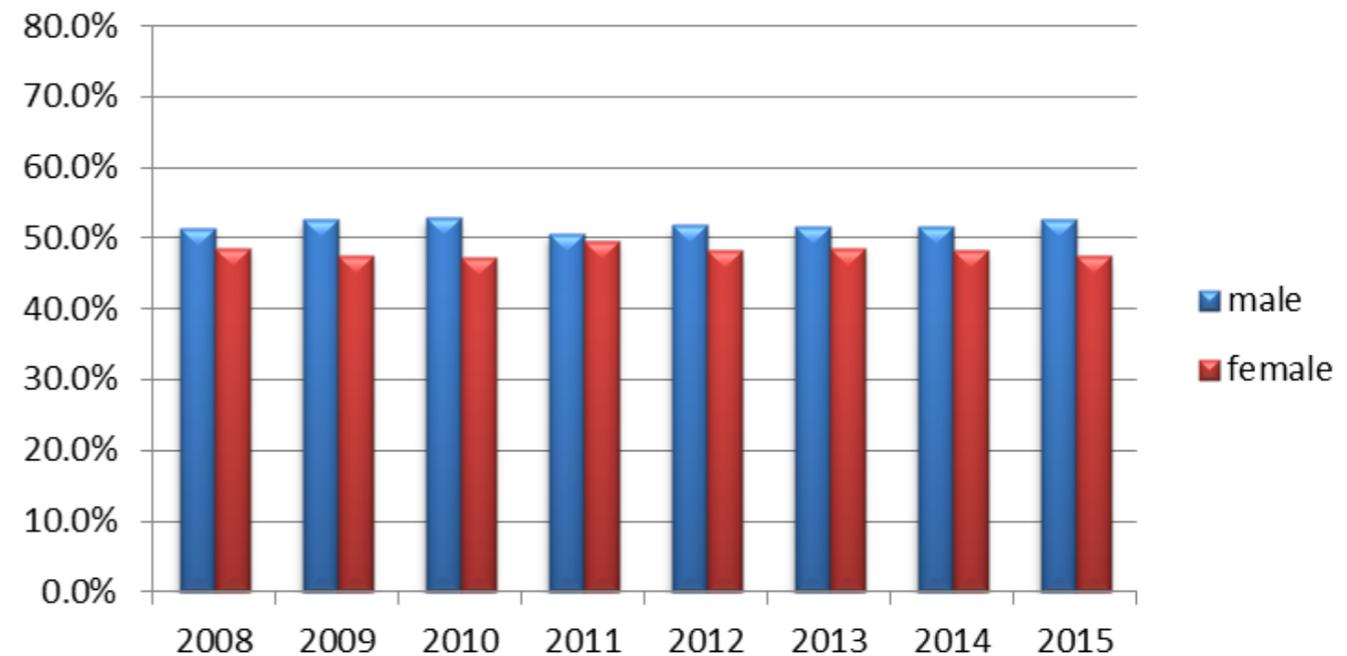
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Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids Treatment Admissions by Race and Gender

Prescription Opioids



Prescription Opioids

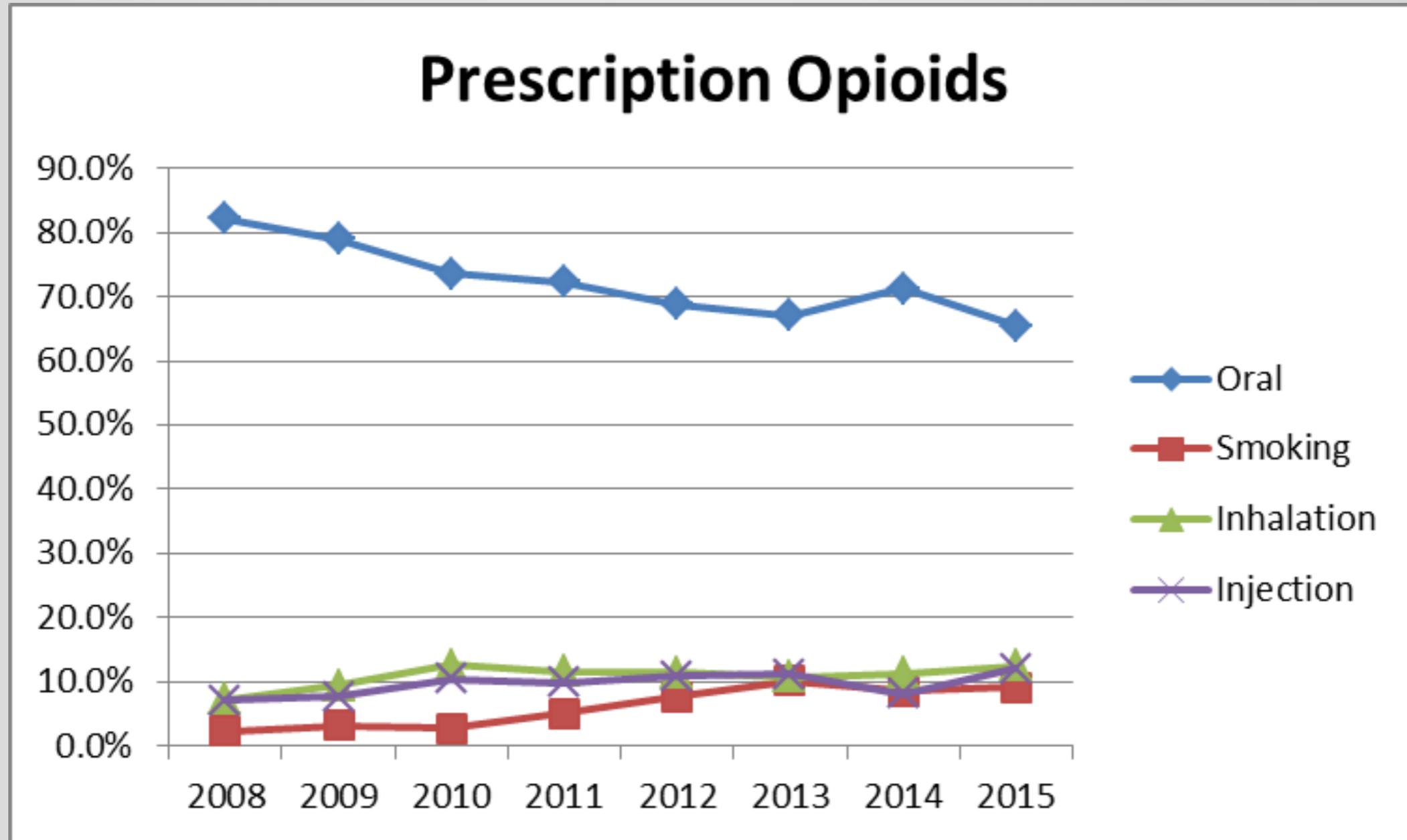


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Non-Medical Use of Prescription Opioids

Route of Administration



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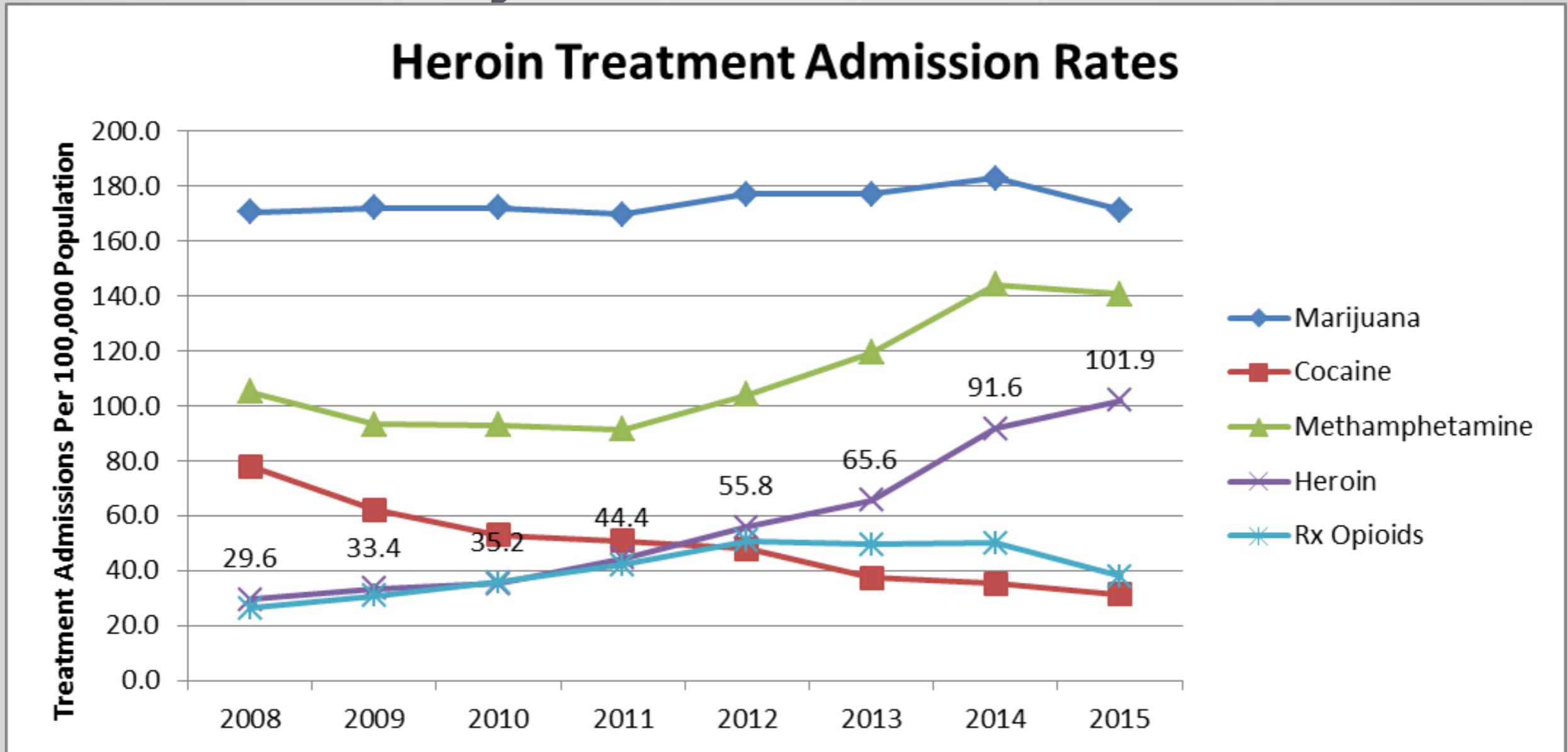
Heroin



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Heroin January 2008 - December 2015

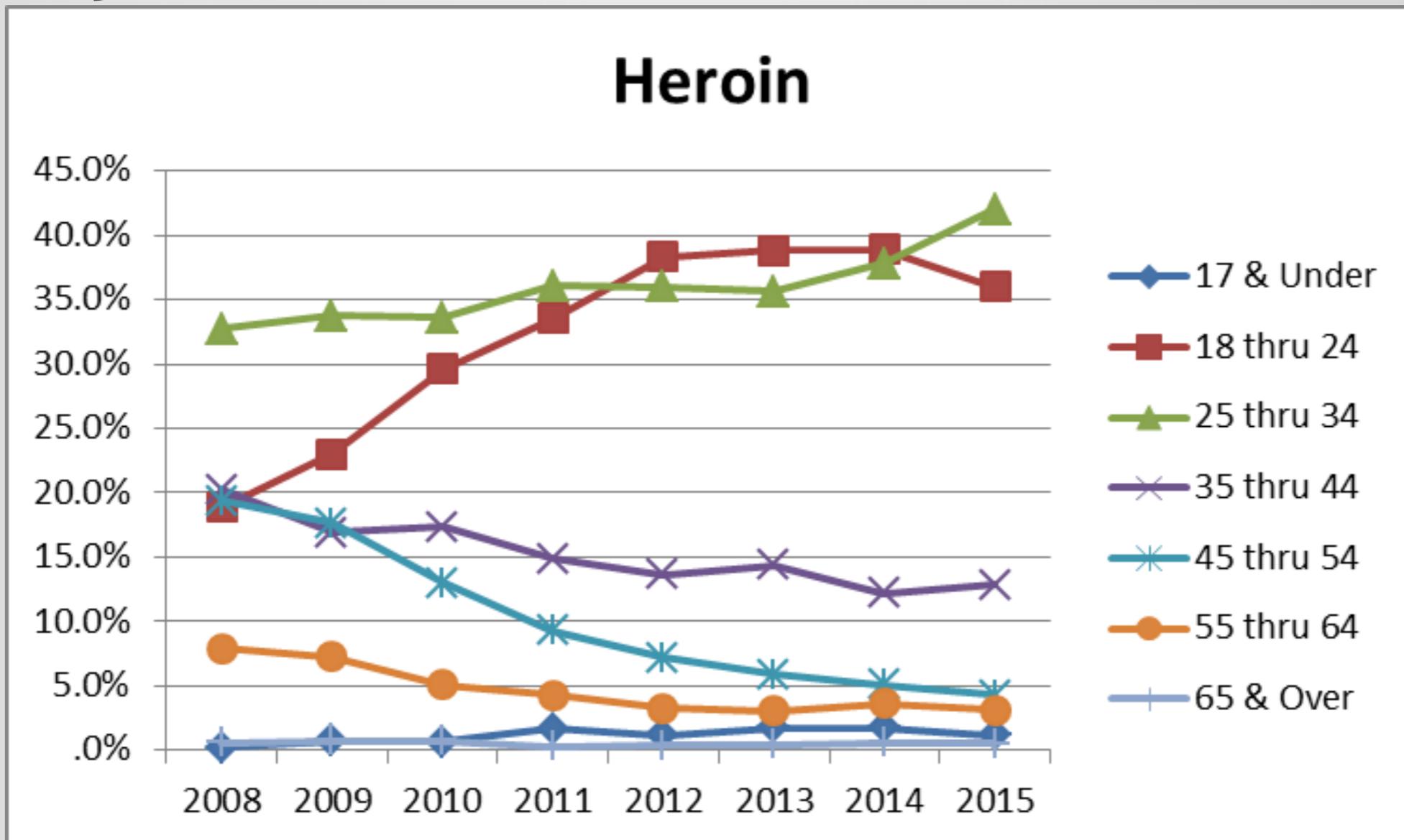


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Heroin by Age

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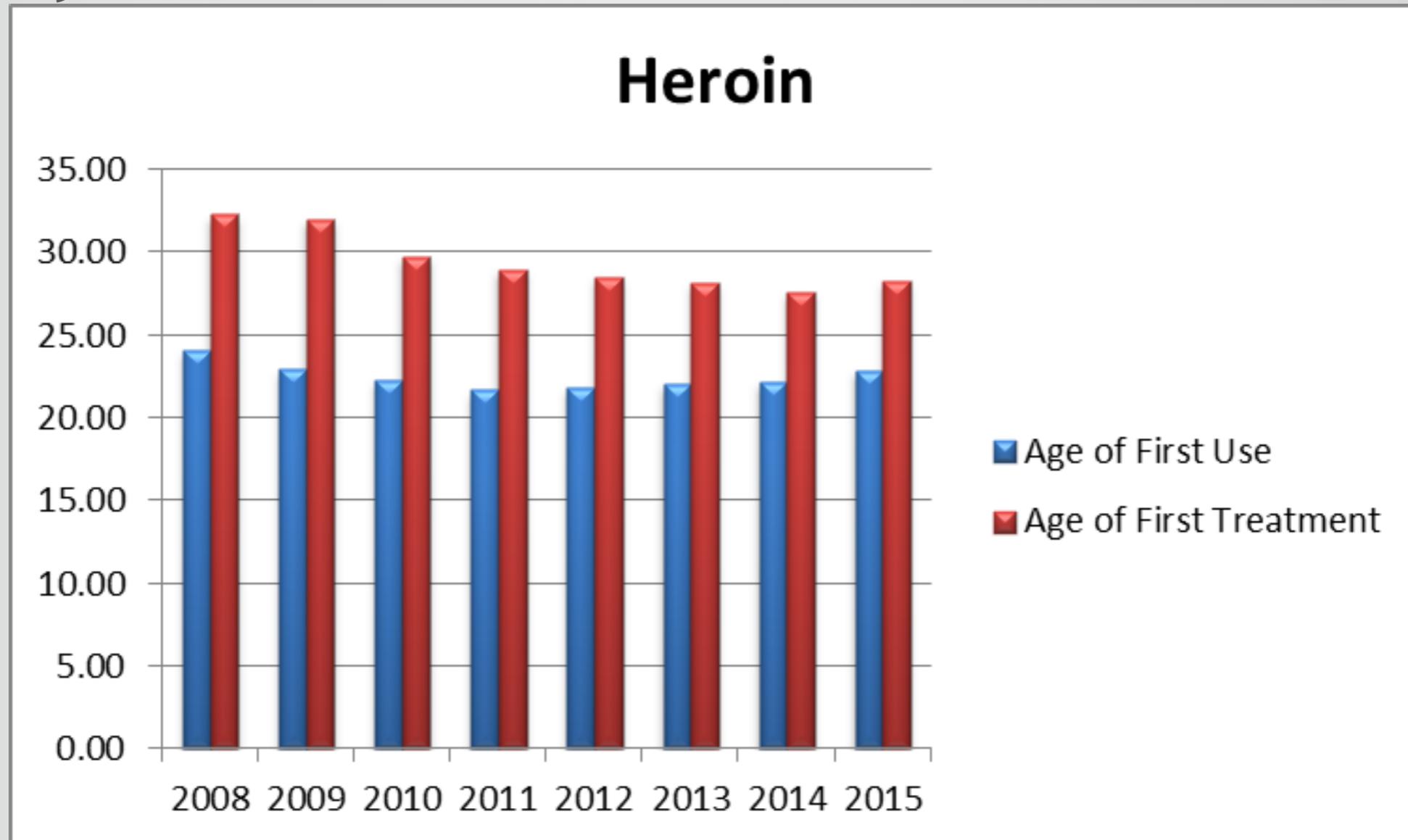


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Heroin

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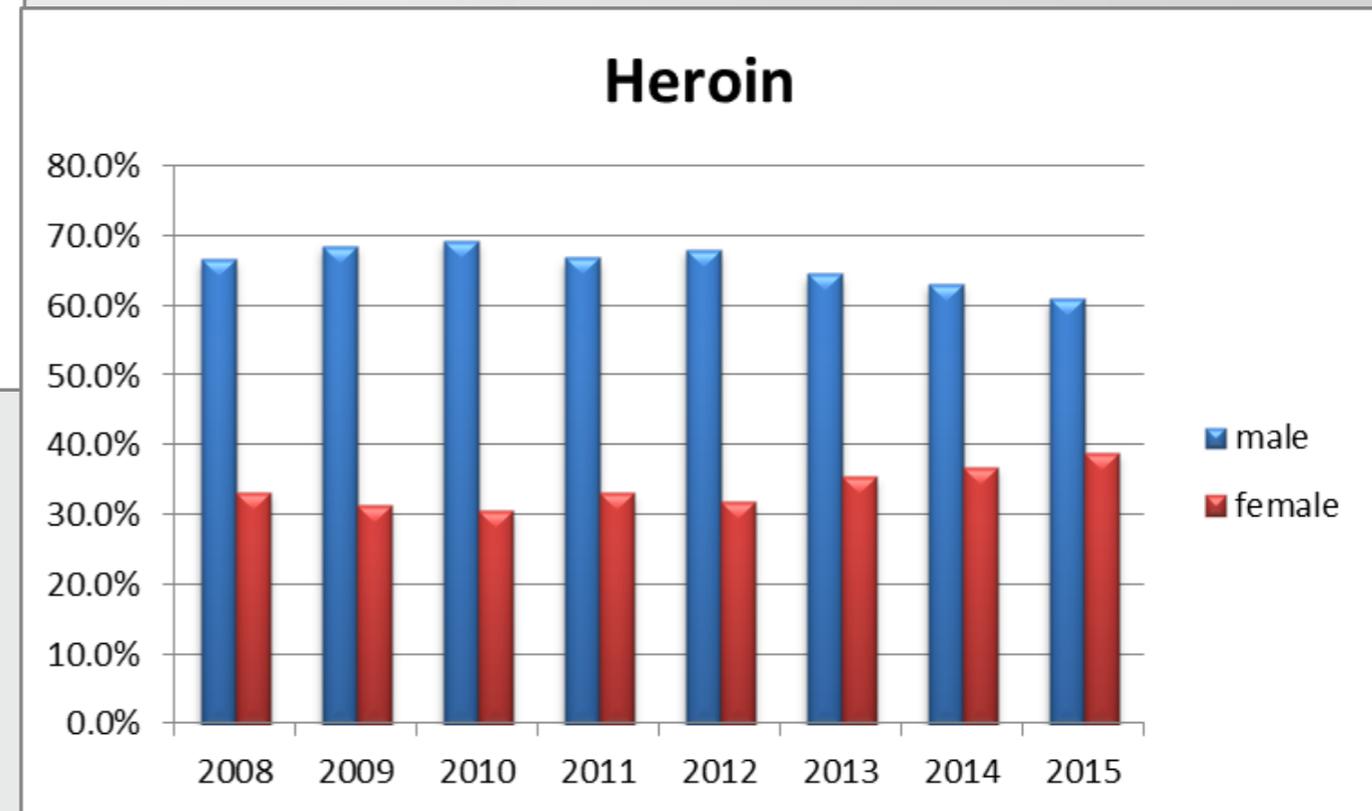
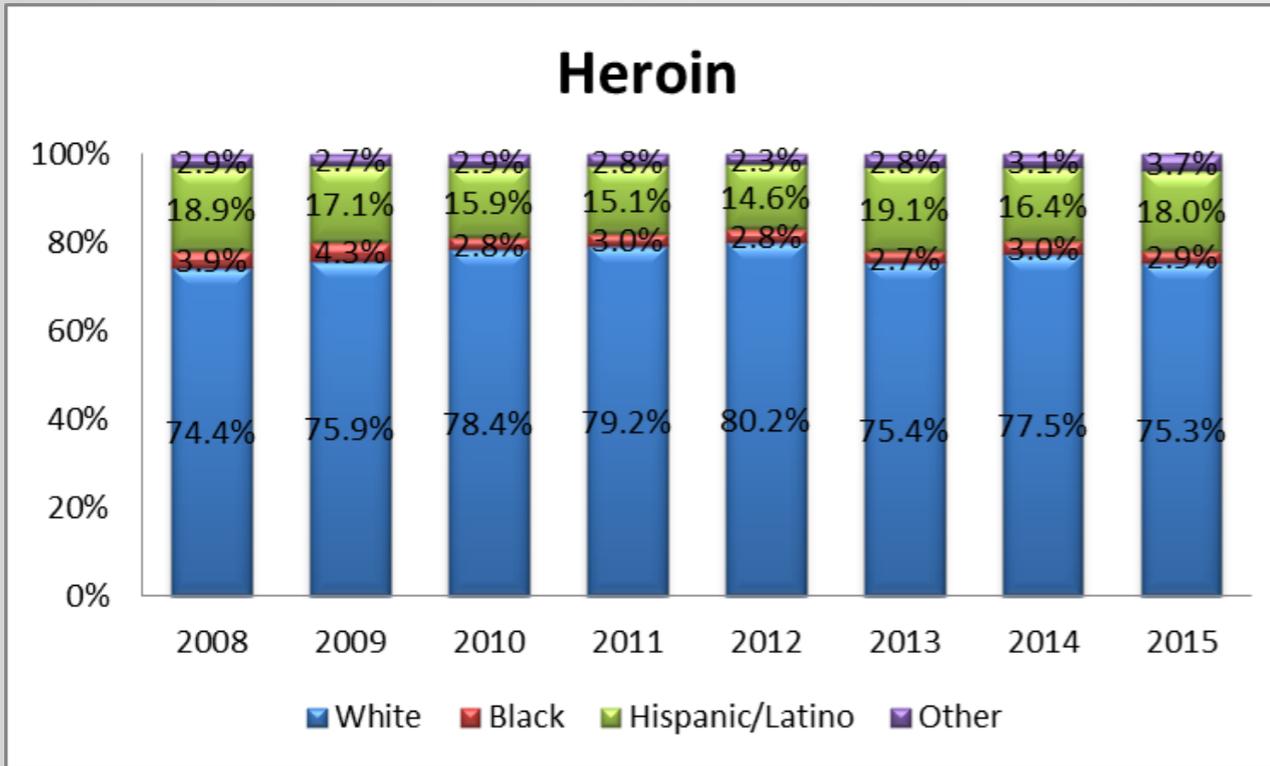


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Heroin

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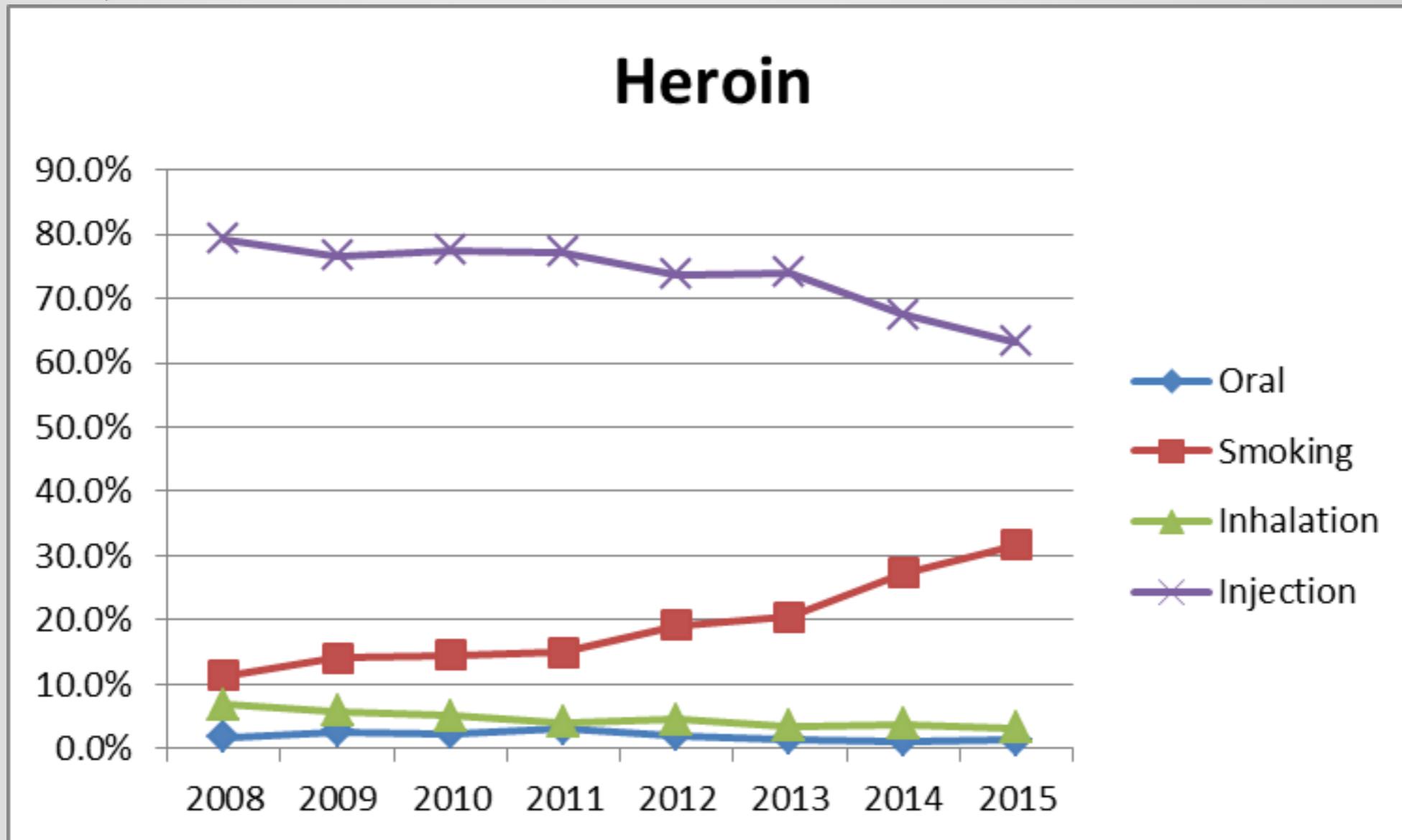


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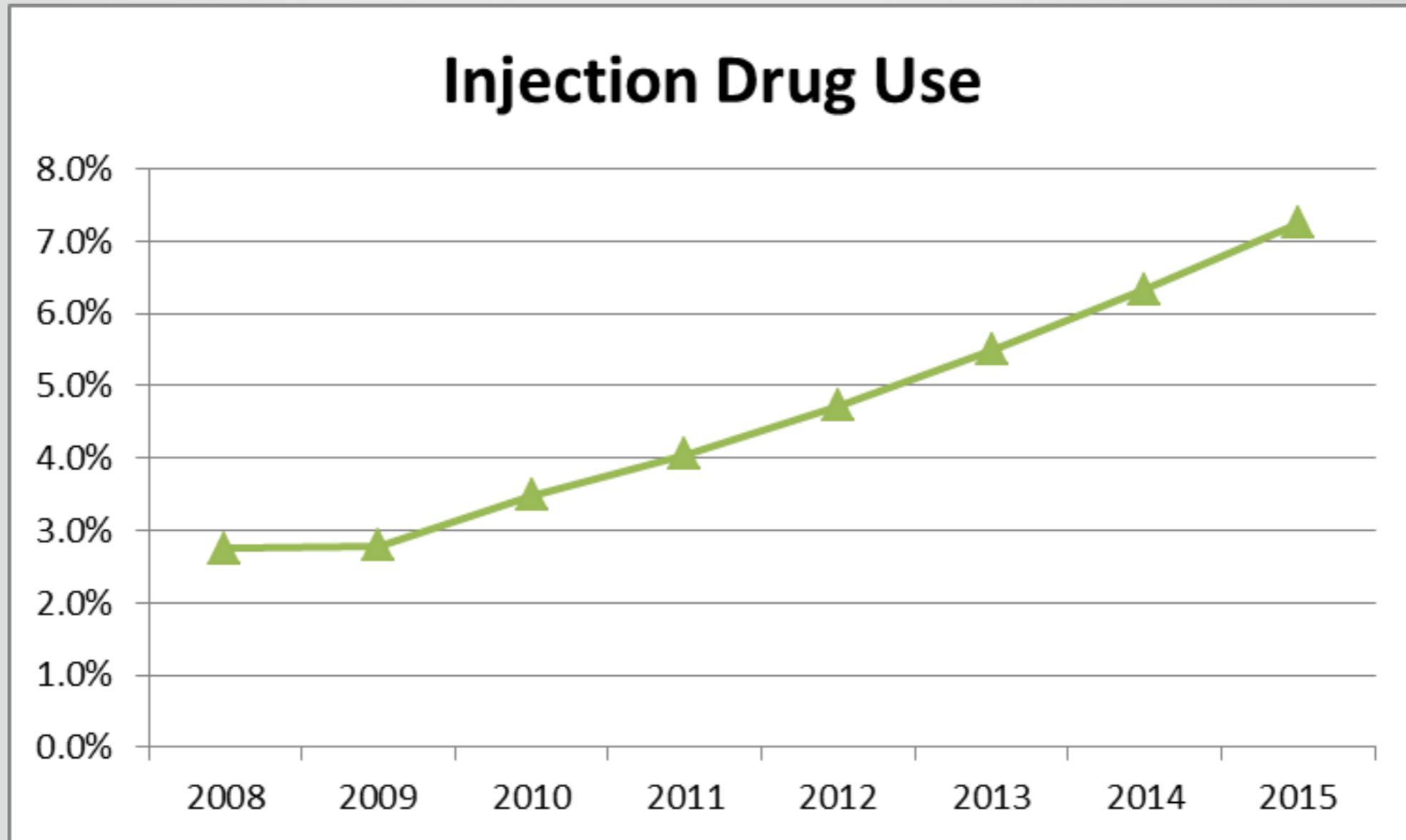


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Injection Drug Use in Colorado

All Drugs of Abuse Combined



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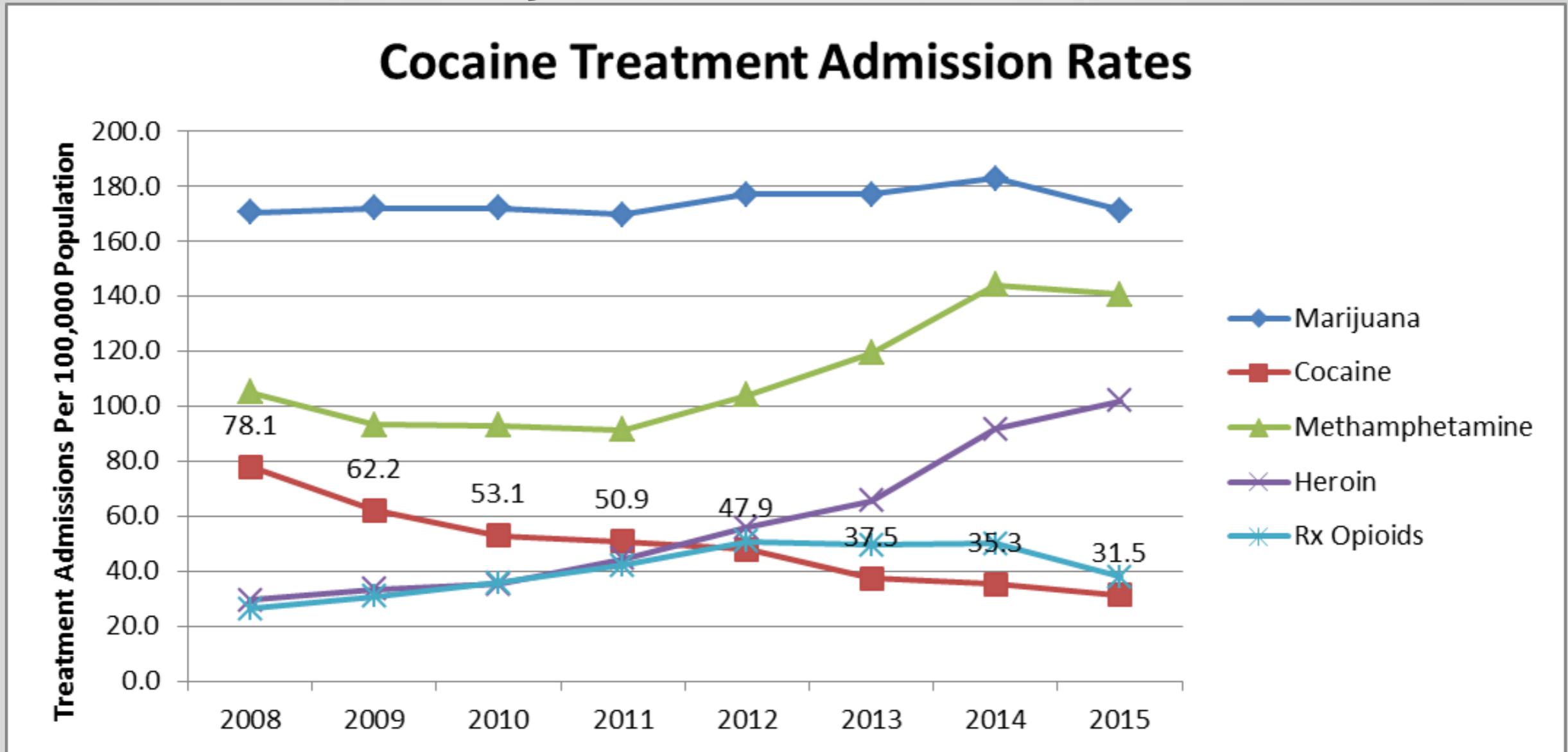
Cocaine



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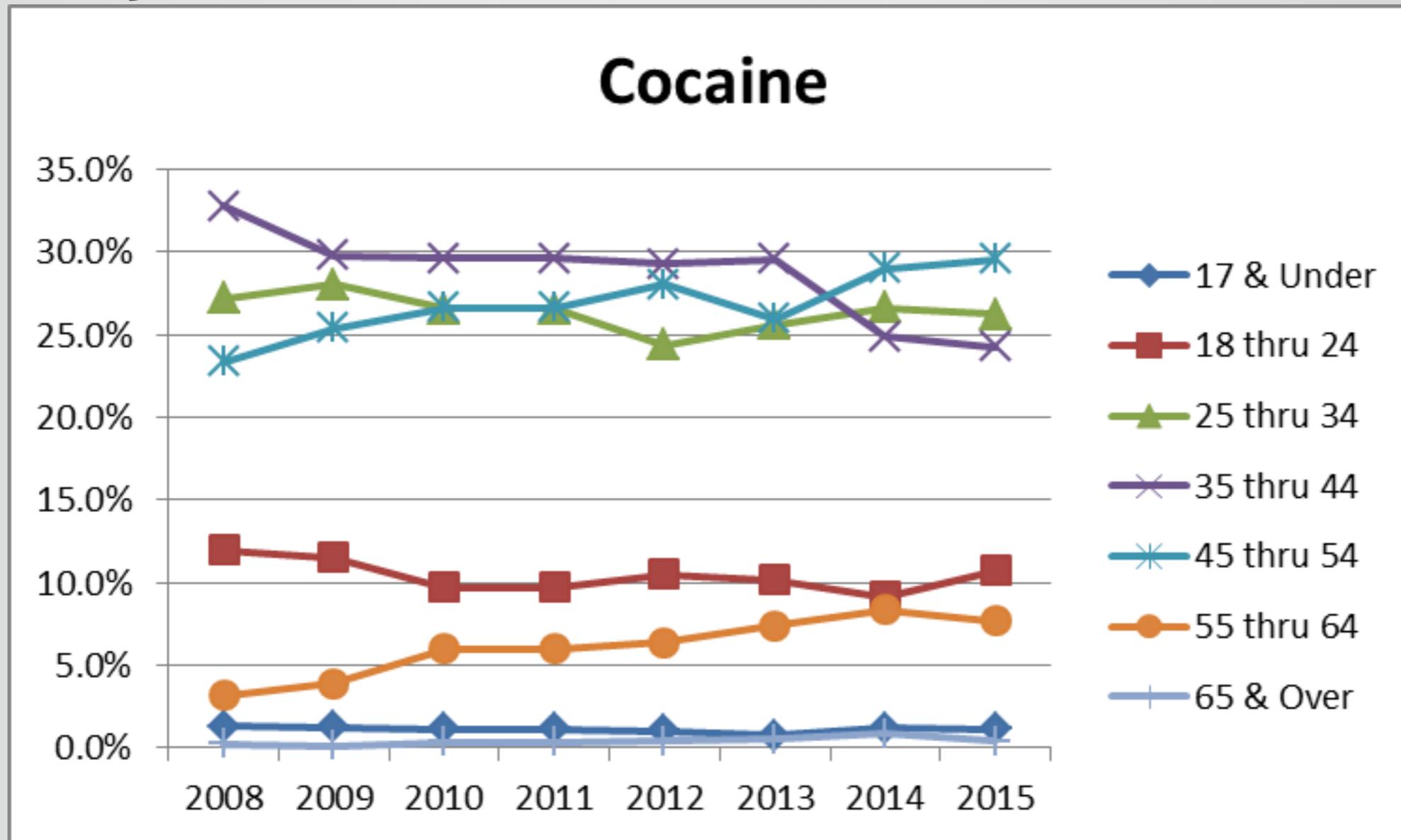


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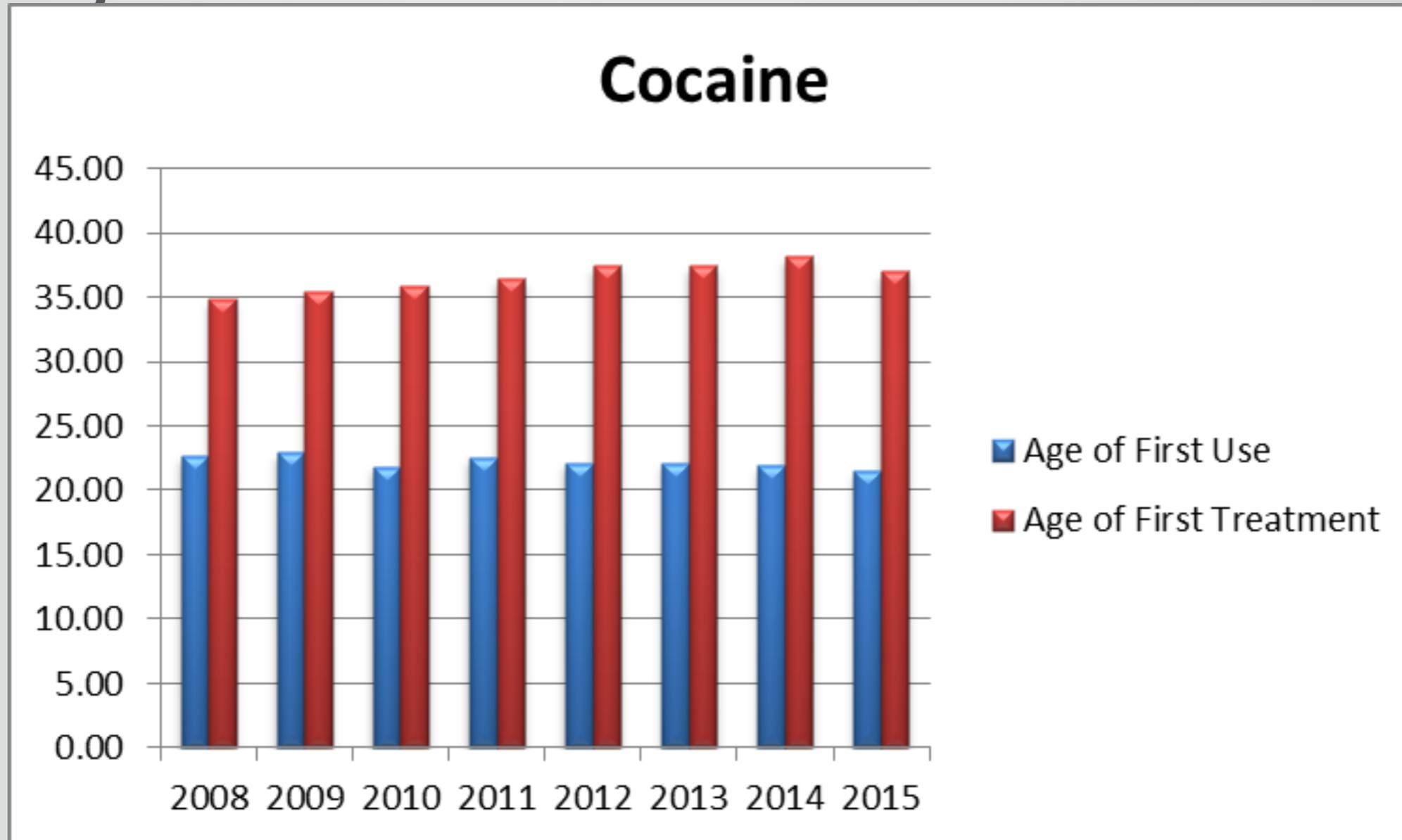


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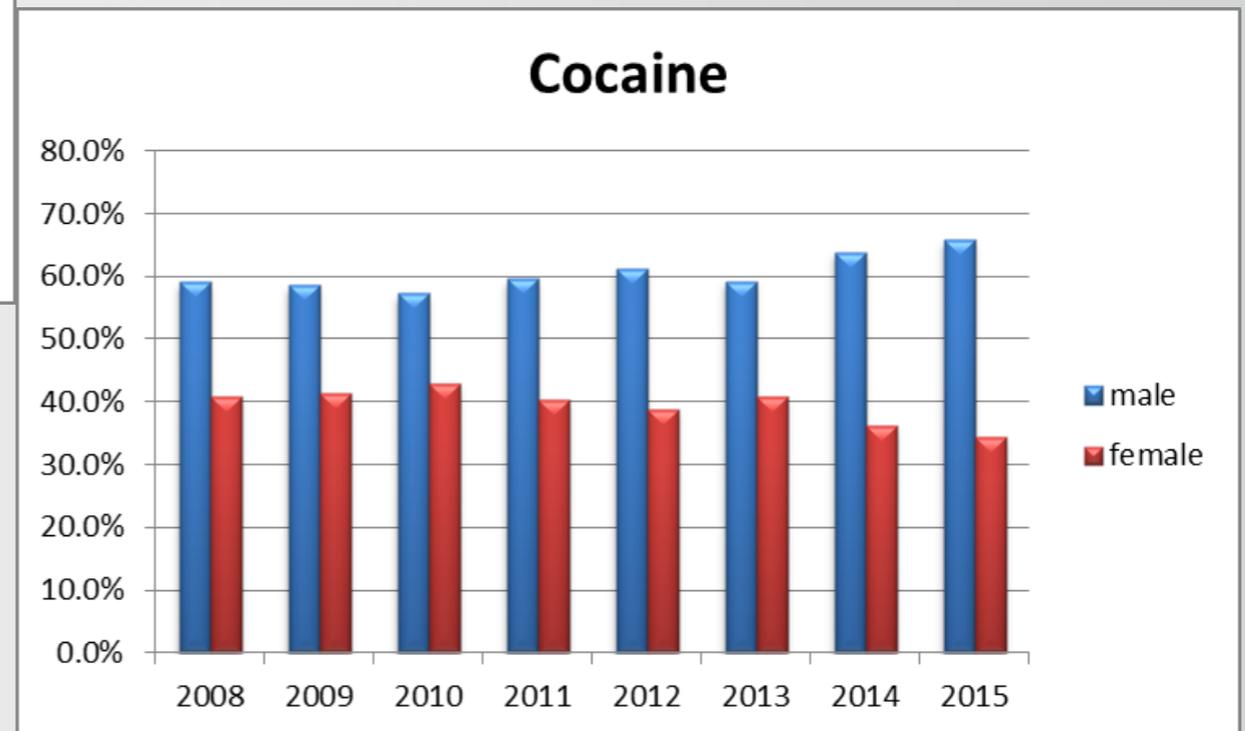
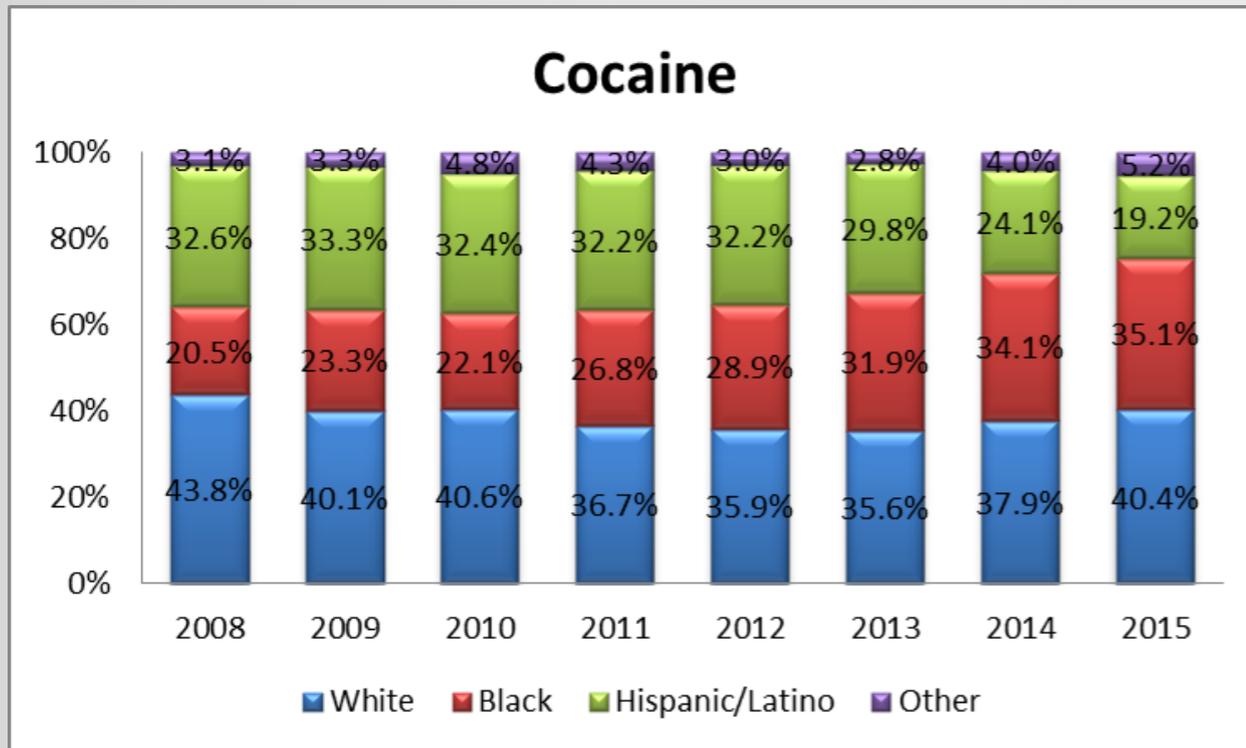


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Cocaine

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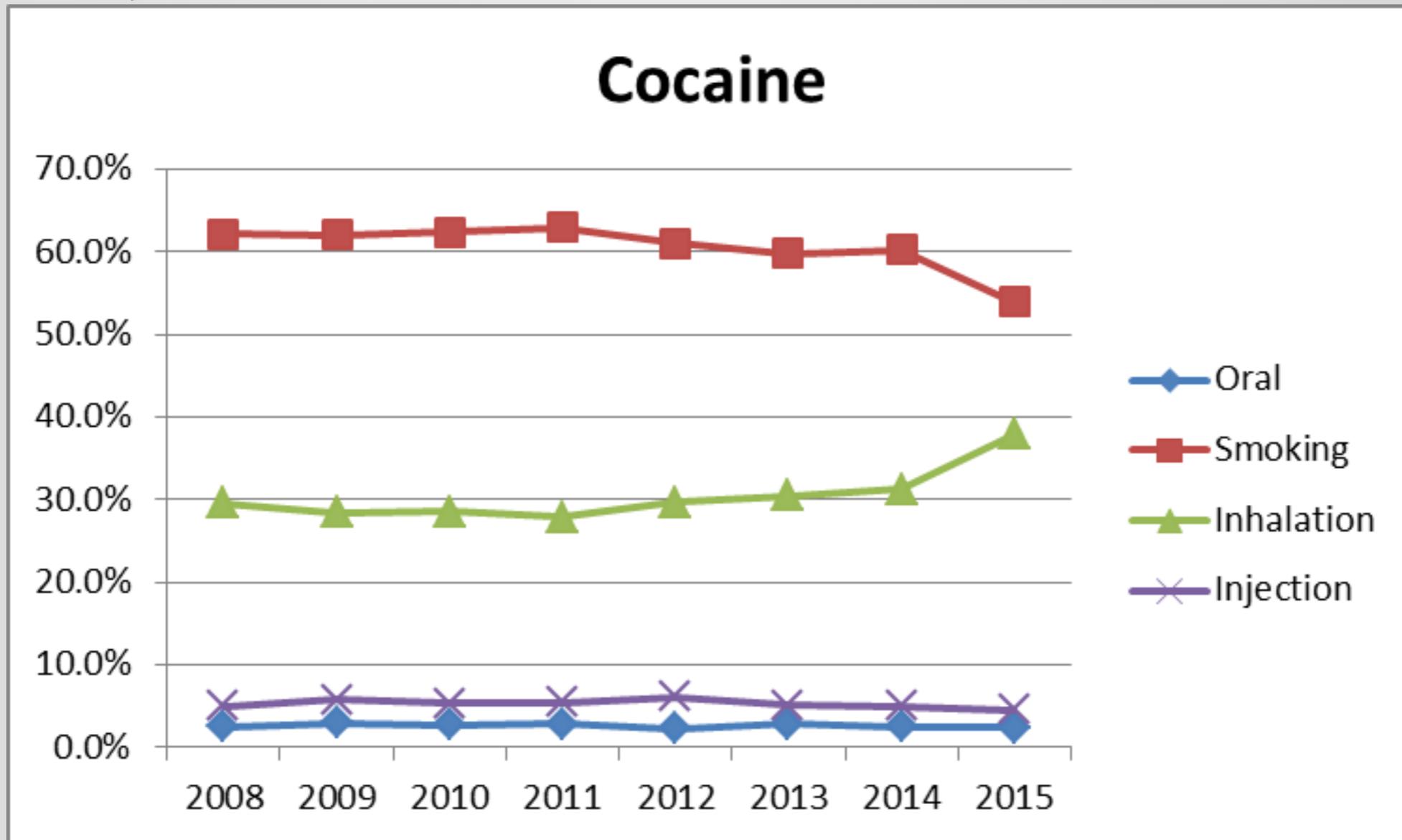


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Cocaine

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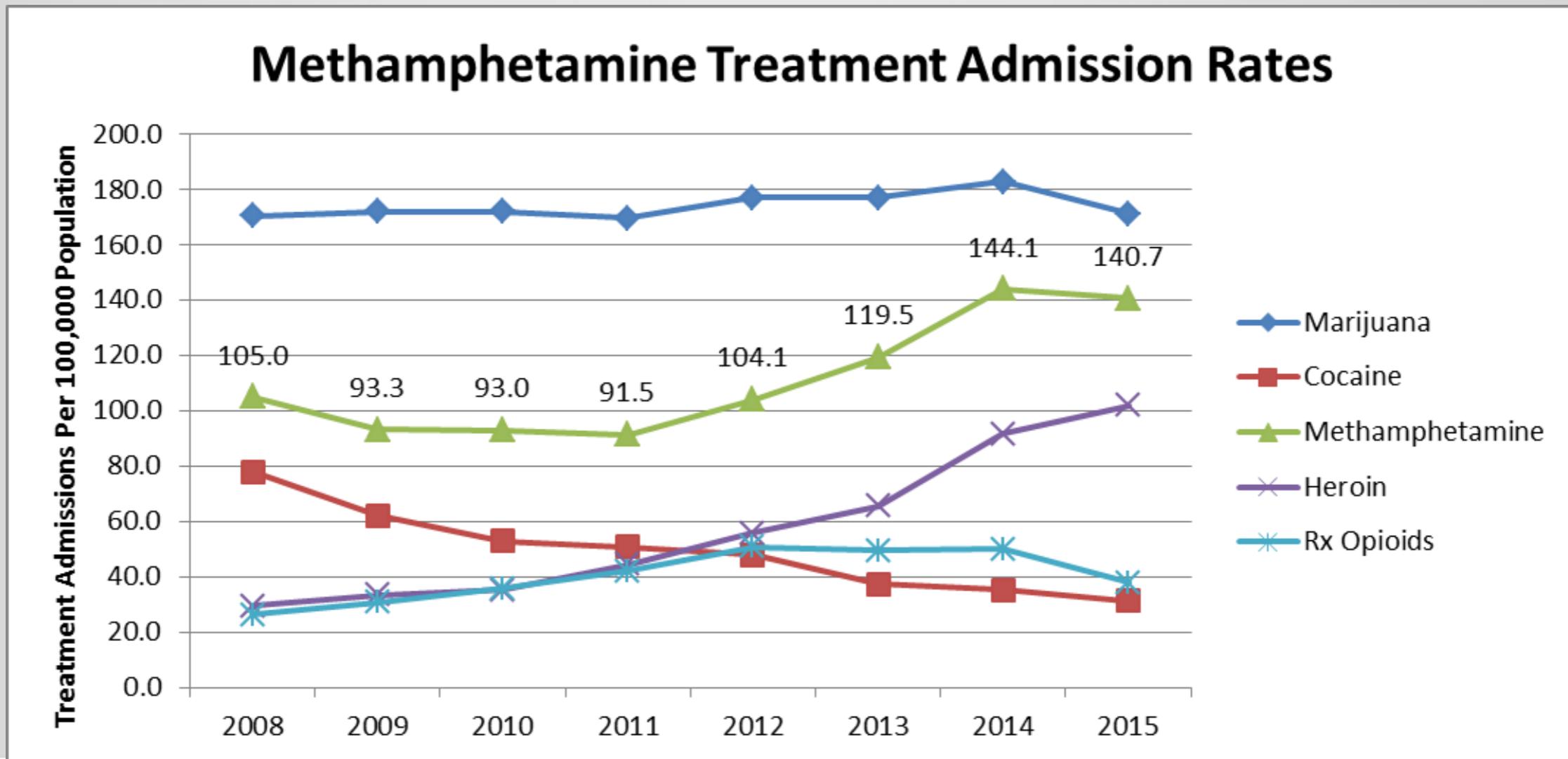
Methamphetamine



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Methamphetamine January 2008 -
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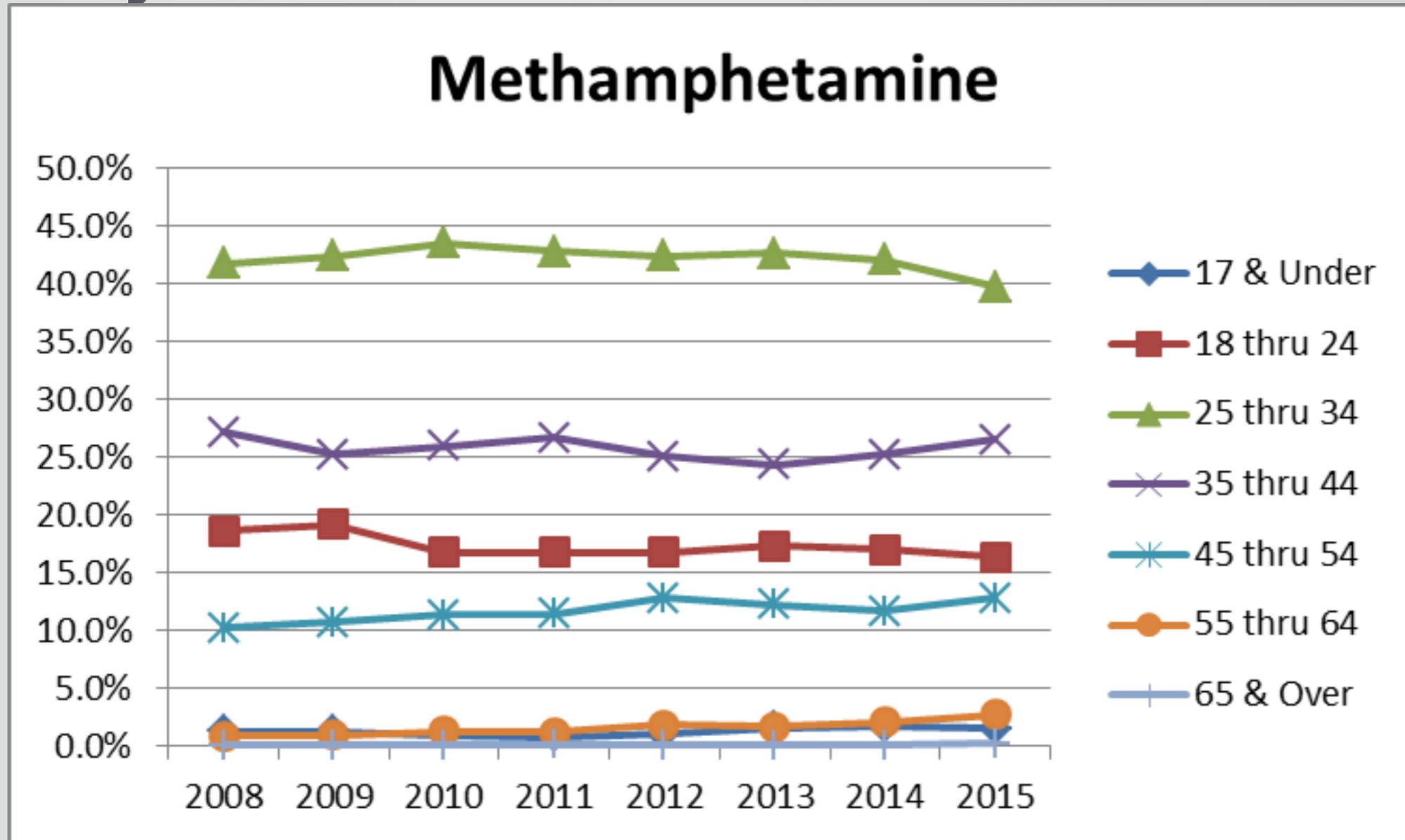


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Methamphetamine by Age

January 2008 - December 2015

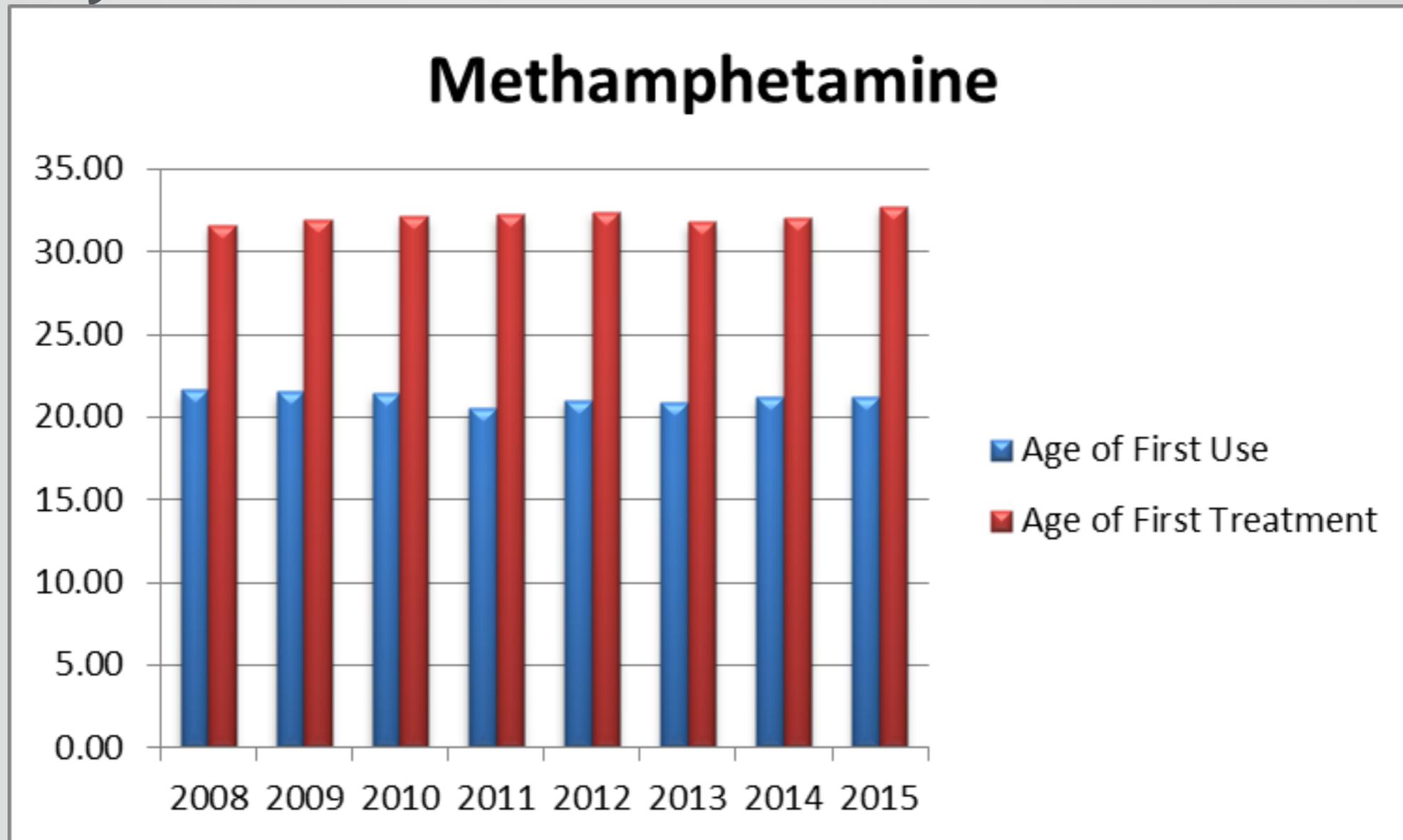


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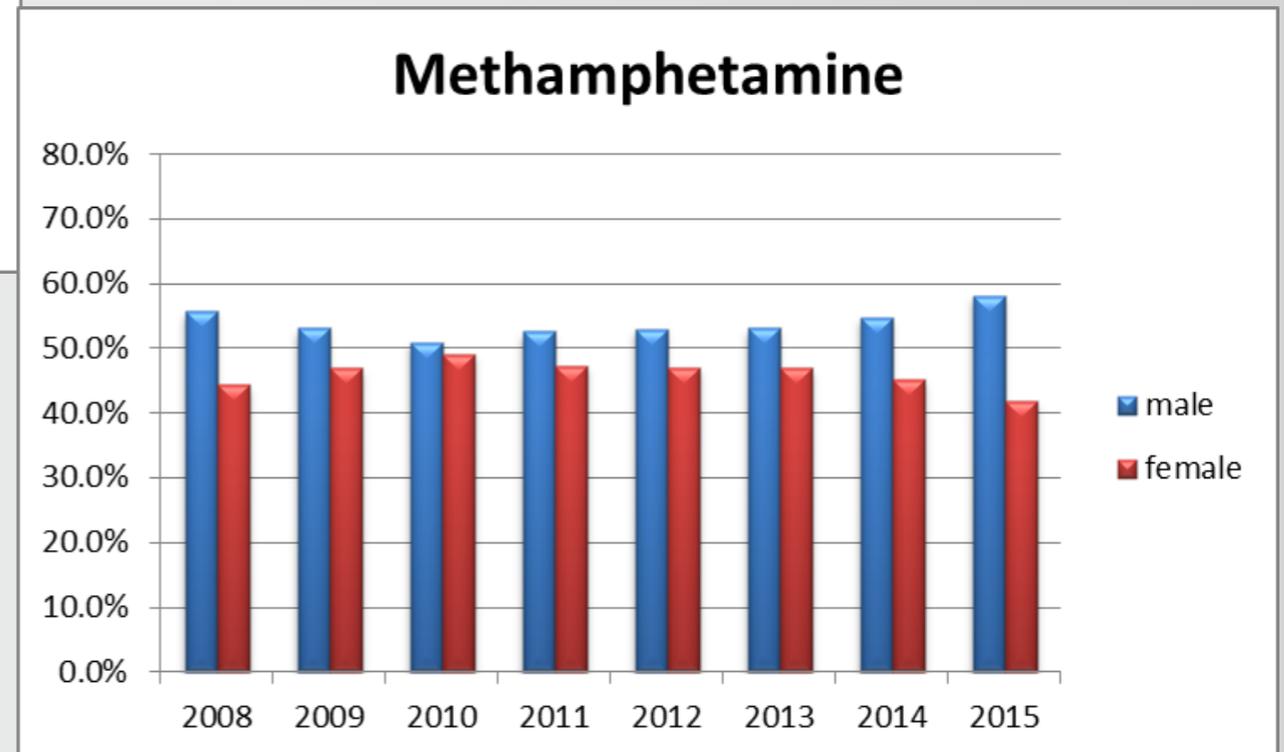
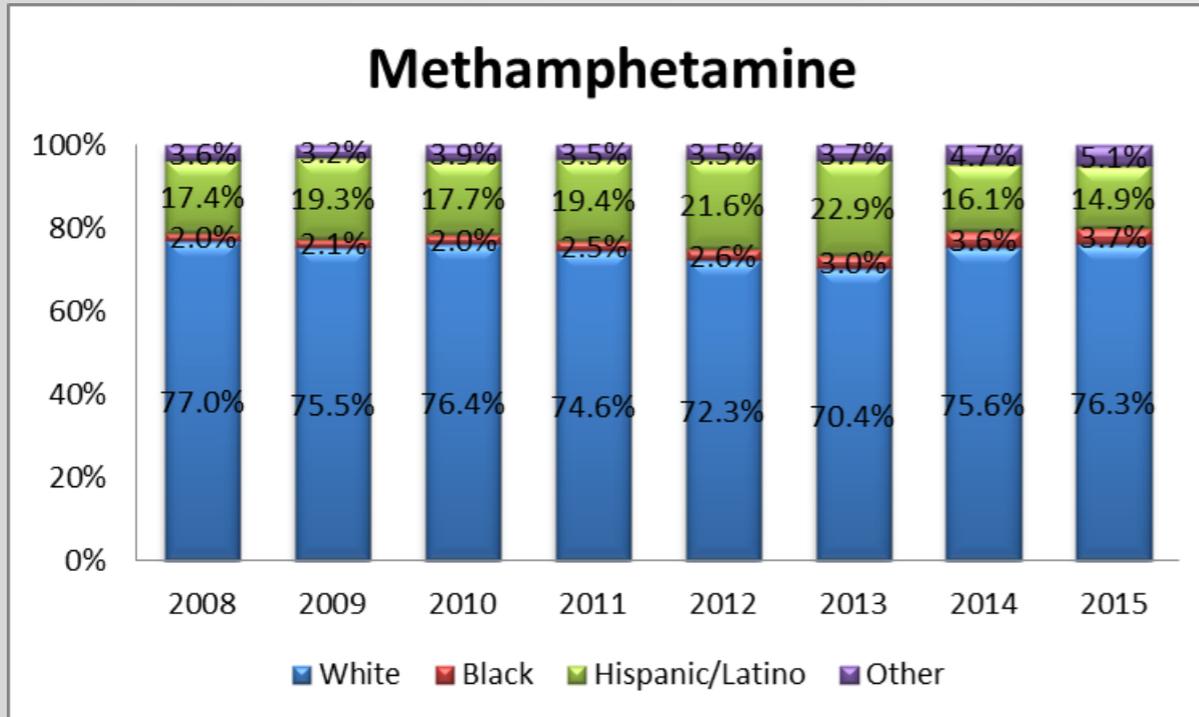


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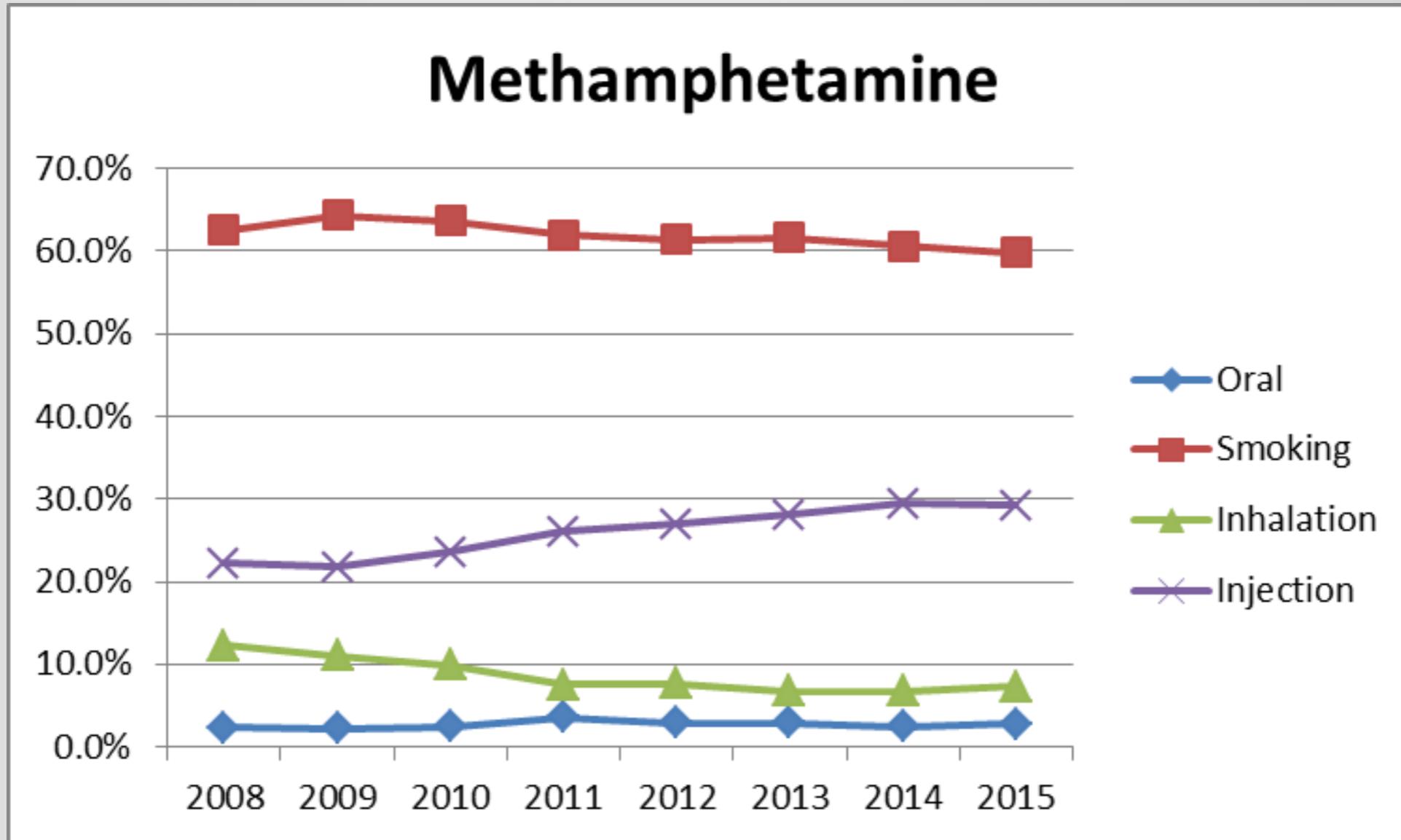


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Summary

- Treatment admissions to OBH licensed facilities only
- Treatment admissions vary across the state
- Highest percentage of treatment admissions for alcohol (59% of all treatment admissions)
- Marijuana treatment admissions remain stable since 2008
- Non-medical use of prescription opioids have dropped from a rate of 50.1 treatment admissions per 100,000 population in 2014 to 38 treatment admissions per 100,000 population in 2015
- Heroin treatment admissions have increased 244% between 2008 and 2015
- IV drug use across all drugs has increased 166% between 2008 and 2015
- Methamphetamine treatment admissions have increased 34% between 2008 and 2015



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