Impaired Driving Trends in Montana

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2018 FSD Goals: Impaired Driving

- **Replace Breath Instrumentation**

- **Updating instrumentation technology**

- **Continue transfer of analytical methods onto LC/MS/MS platform**

- **Annual Report**

2019 FSD Goals: Impaired Driving

- **Continue transfer of analytical methods onto LC/MS/MS platform**

- **Increase outreach to clients**

- **Annual Report**

- **Develop and execute a study expanding drug testing on all DUID cases**
  - **Goal is to determine precedency of drug use in cases with an ethanol >0.1 g/100mL**
  - **Will use study to set future policy**

Drug Prevalence in Driver Blood Samples

(January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018)

Statewide Statistics

Blood Samples Submitted: 851

Blood Samples Positive for Alcohol: 76%

Blood Samples Positive for Drug(s) other than Alcohol: 26%

Alcohol Detected Only*: 69%

Alcohol + Drug(s)*: 6%

Drug(s) Detected Only: 19%

No Drug(s) or Alcohol Detected: 4%

BAC Greater than 0.100%*: 69%

BAC 0.020% - 0.100%: 7%

Average BAC: 0.190, Range: 0.021 – 0.447

Most detected Drugs*

1. THC – 11% of all samples (Avg = 7.9ng/mL, Range: 1.0–35ng/mL, 160ng/mL removed for statistics)
2. Methamphetamine – 11% of all samples (Avg = 0.344 mg/L, Range: 0.022-2.2mg/L)
3. Lorazepam (Ativan) – 2% of all samples (Avg = 43 ng/mL, Range: 11-119 ng/mL)
4. Alprazolam (Xanax) – 1% of all samples (Avg = 0.090 mg/L, Range: 0.022-0.230 mg/L)
5. Morphine – 1% of all samples (Avg = 0.041, Range: 0.020-0.52 mg/L)
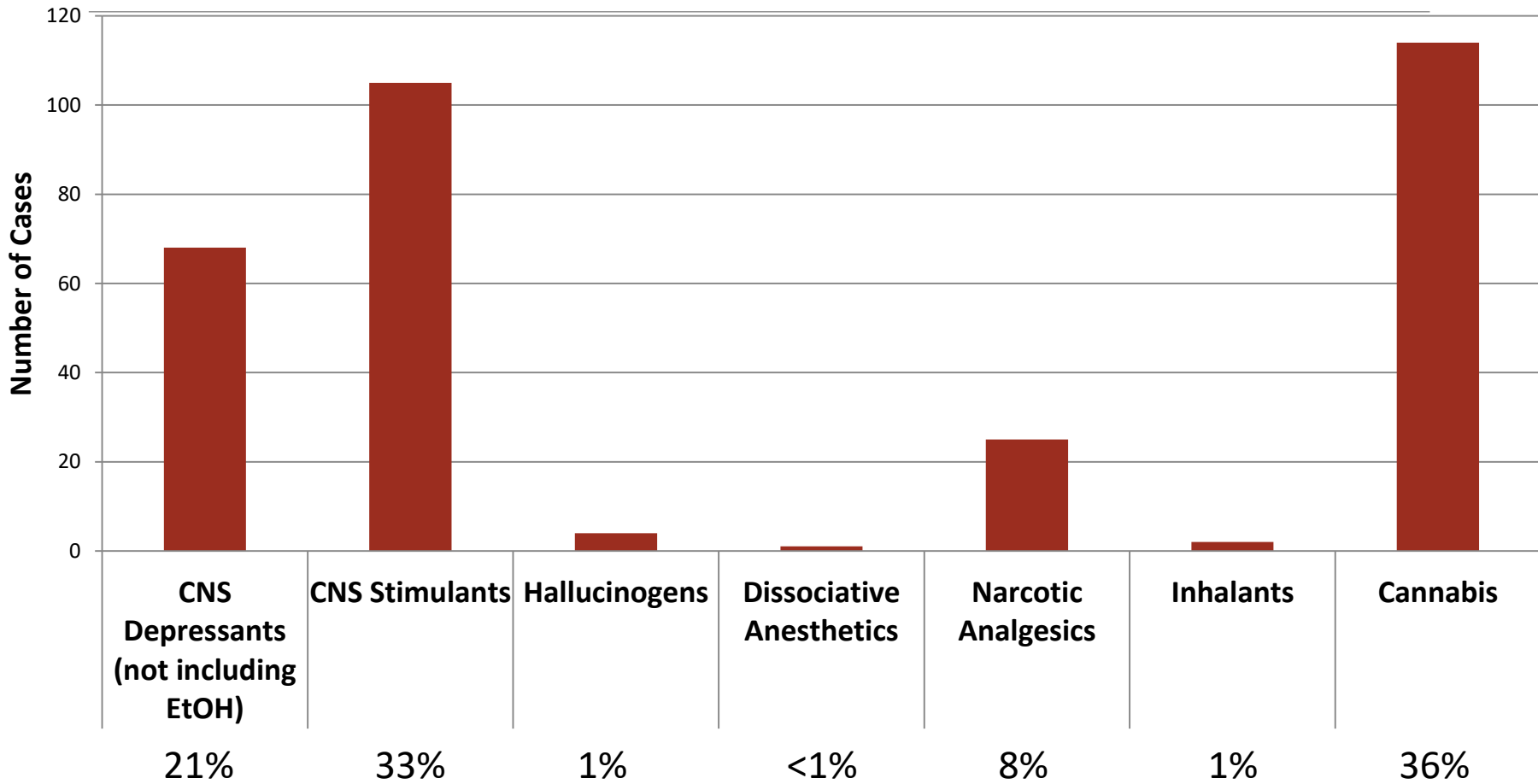
DRE Evaluations Performed: 55

*Drug testing is not routinely administered for cases with a BAC above 0.10

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Turn-Around Time

Type of Case	Median			95% of cases completed in this timeframe		
	2016	**2017**	**2018** (Thru Aug.)	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**(Thru Aug.)
DUI Drugs	53 Days	43	42	75 Days	90	68
DUI Ethanol	22 Days	15	16	35 Days	25	26

DRE Cases

2017 DRE: Drug Category Breakdown

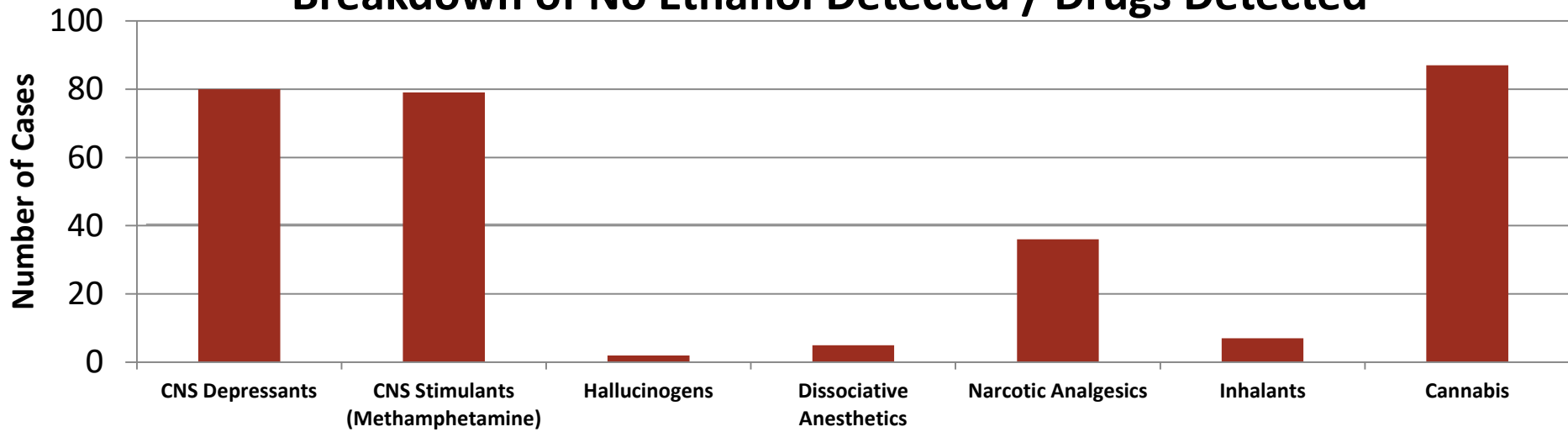|	CNS Depressants (not including EtOH)	CNS Stimulants	Hallucinogens	Dissociative Anesthetics	Narcotic Analgesics	Inhalants	Cannabis
	21%	33%	1%	<1%	8%	1%	36%

Vehicle Crash: Toxicology

Vehicle Crash: Toxicology Results
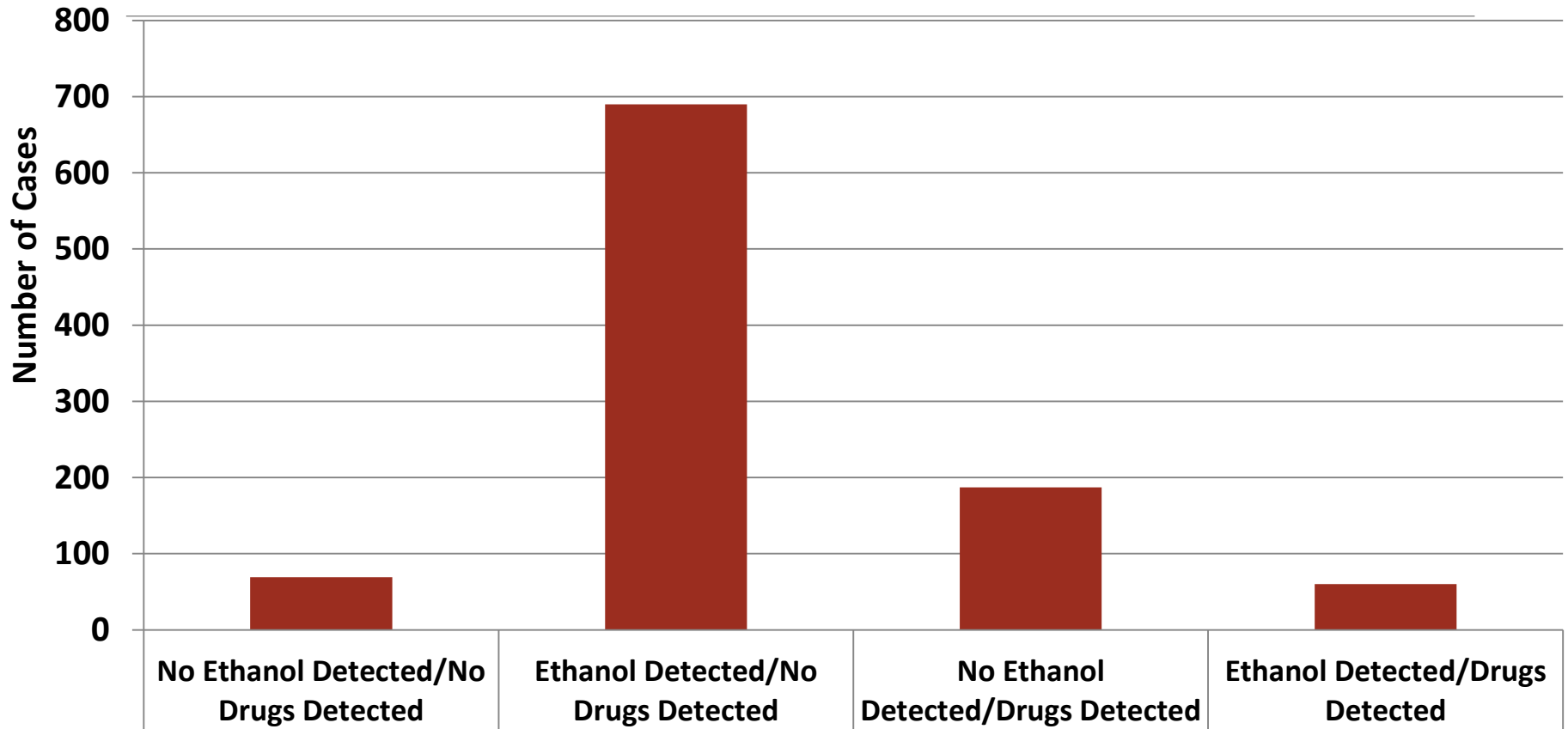
Breakdown of No Ethanol Detected / Drugs Detected

Number of Cases

Category	Number of Cases
CNS Depressants	80
CNS Stimulants (Methamphetamine)	79
Hallucinogens	2
Dissociative Anesthetics	5
Narcotic Analgesics	36
Inhalants	7
Cannabis	87

Breakdown of Ethanol Detected / Drugs Detected

Number of Cases

Category	Number of Cases
CNS Depressants	25
CNS Stimulants (Methamphetamine)	17
Hallucinogens	1
Dissociative Anesthetics	3
Narcotic Analgesics	7
Inhalants	1
Cannabis	38
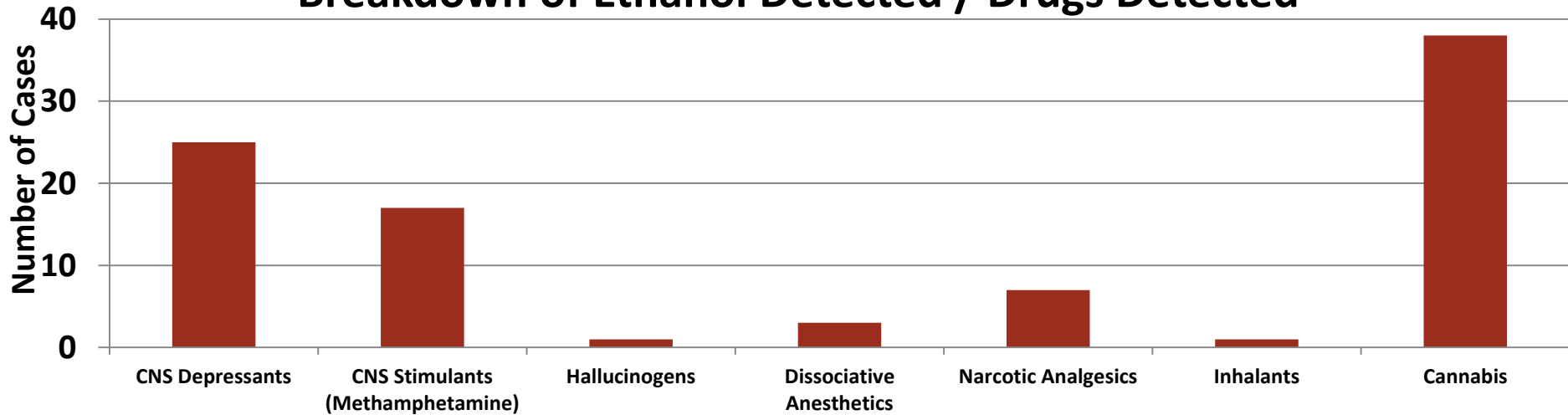
Traffic Fatality: Toxicology

Traffic Fatality Results (N=207)
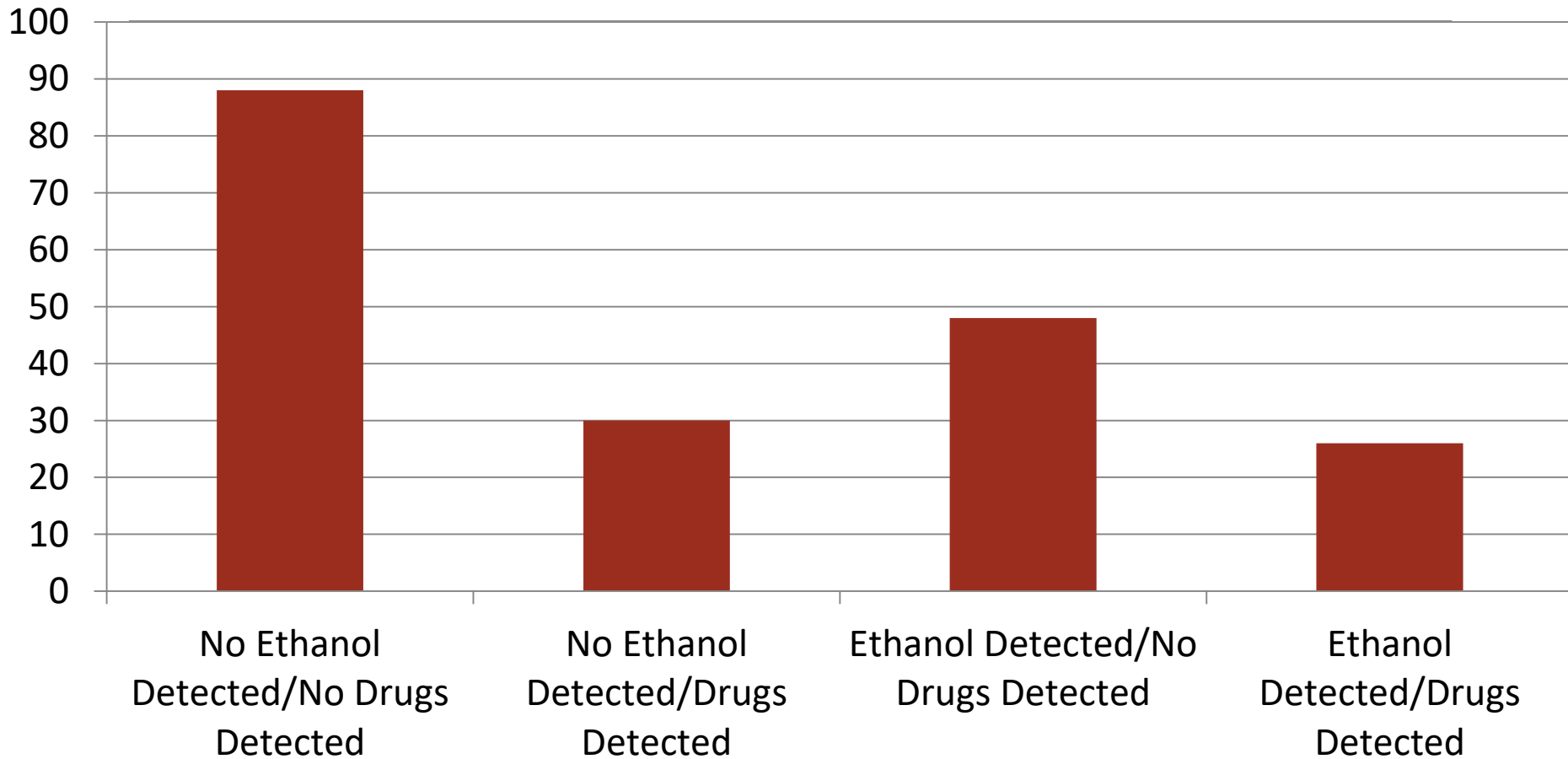
Breakdown of No Ethanol/ Drugs Confirmed

Number of Cases

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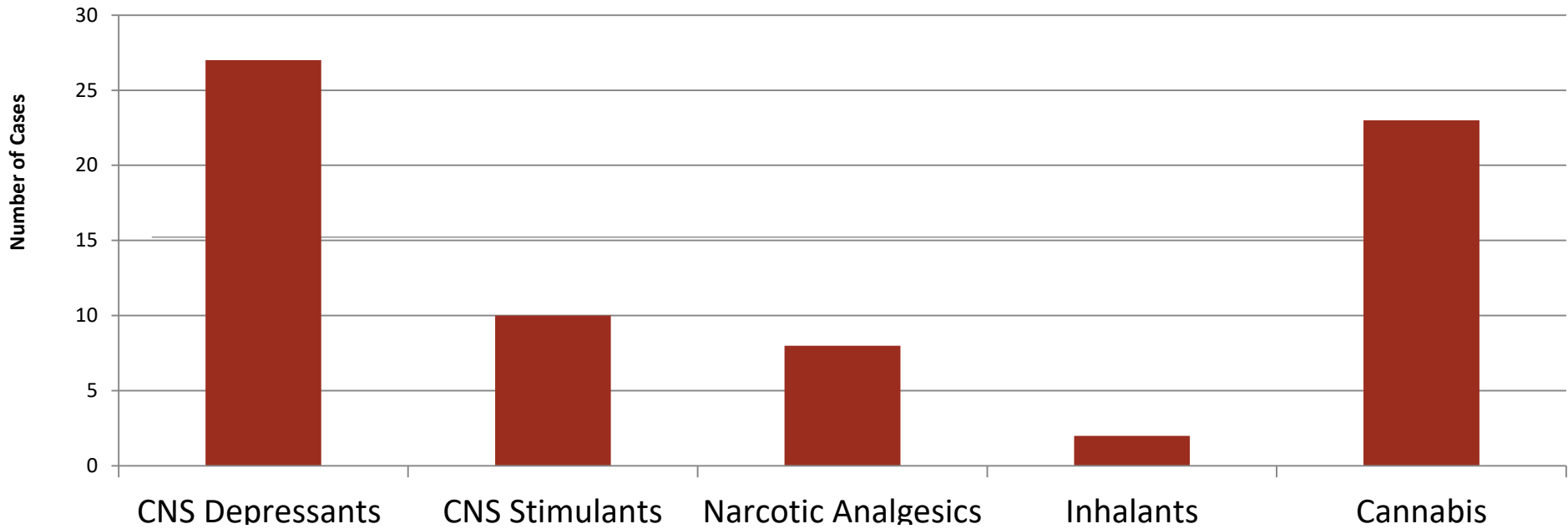
Breakdown of Ethanol Confirmed/ Drugs Confirmed

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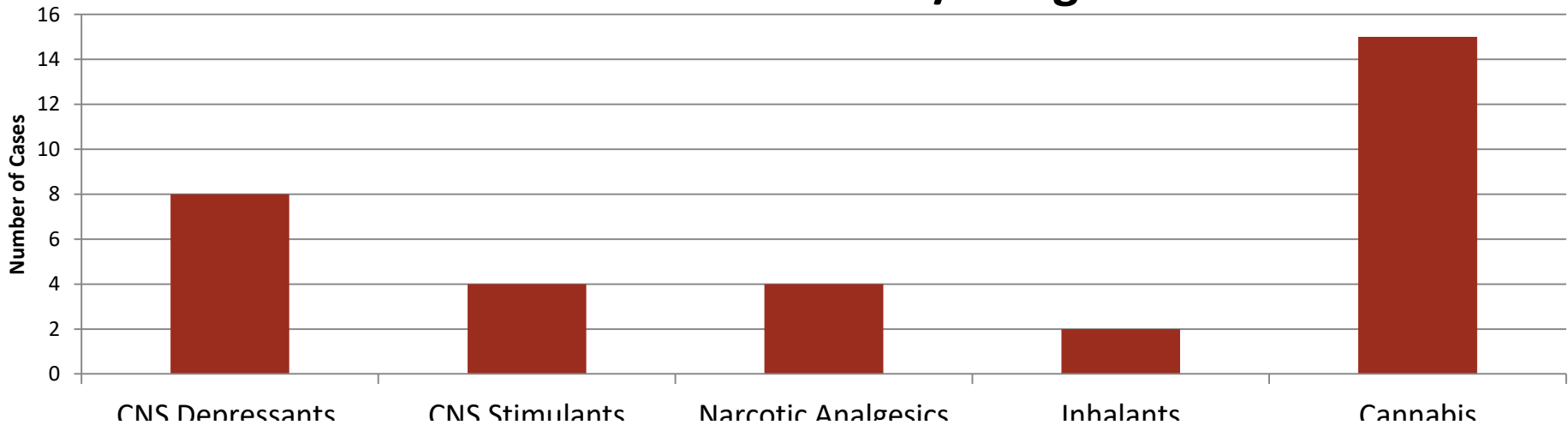
Methamphetamine - DUI's

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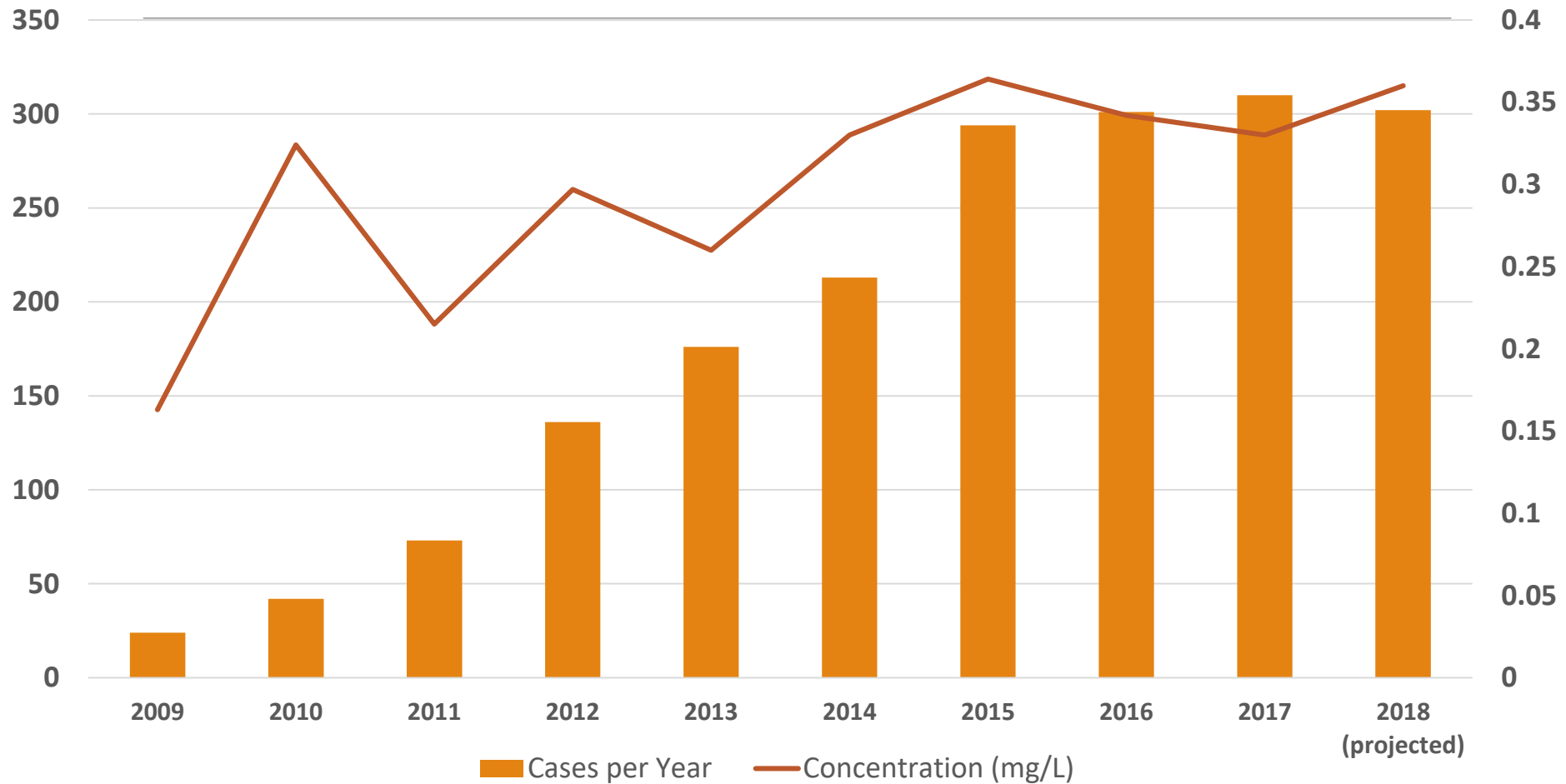
THC - DUI's

2017: 284 cases and mean concentration at 7.8

2018 (projected): 412 and mean concentration at 8.6

1-2.9 ng/mL: 30%
3-4.9 ng/mL: 14%
5-9.9 ng/mL: 27%
10-19 ng/mL: 21%
>20 ng/mL: 8%

Novel Drugs

- 1-1 Difluoroethane
  - An inhalant, primarily found as an aerosol propellant (Dust-Off)
  - 2016, there were 11 DUI cases
  - 2017, there were 20 DUI cases
  - 2018, projected 12 DUI cases

- Designer benzodiazepine's
  - Not approved for use in the United States
  - Can cause euphoria, sedation, depression, and slurred speech
  - 2016, there were 2 DUI cases
  - 2017, there were 7 DUI cases
  - 2018, projected 4 DUI cases

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