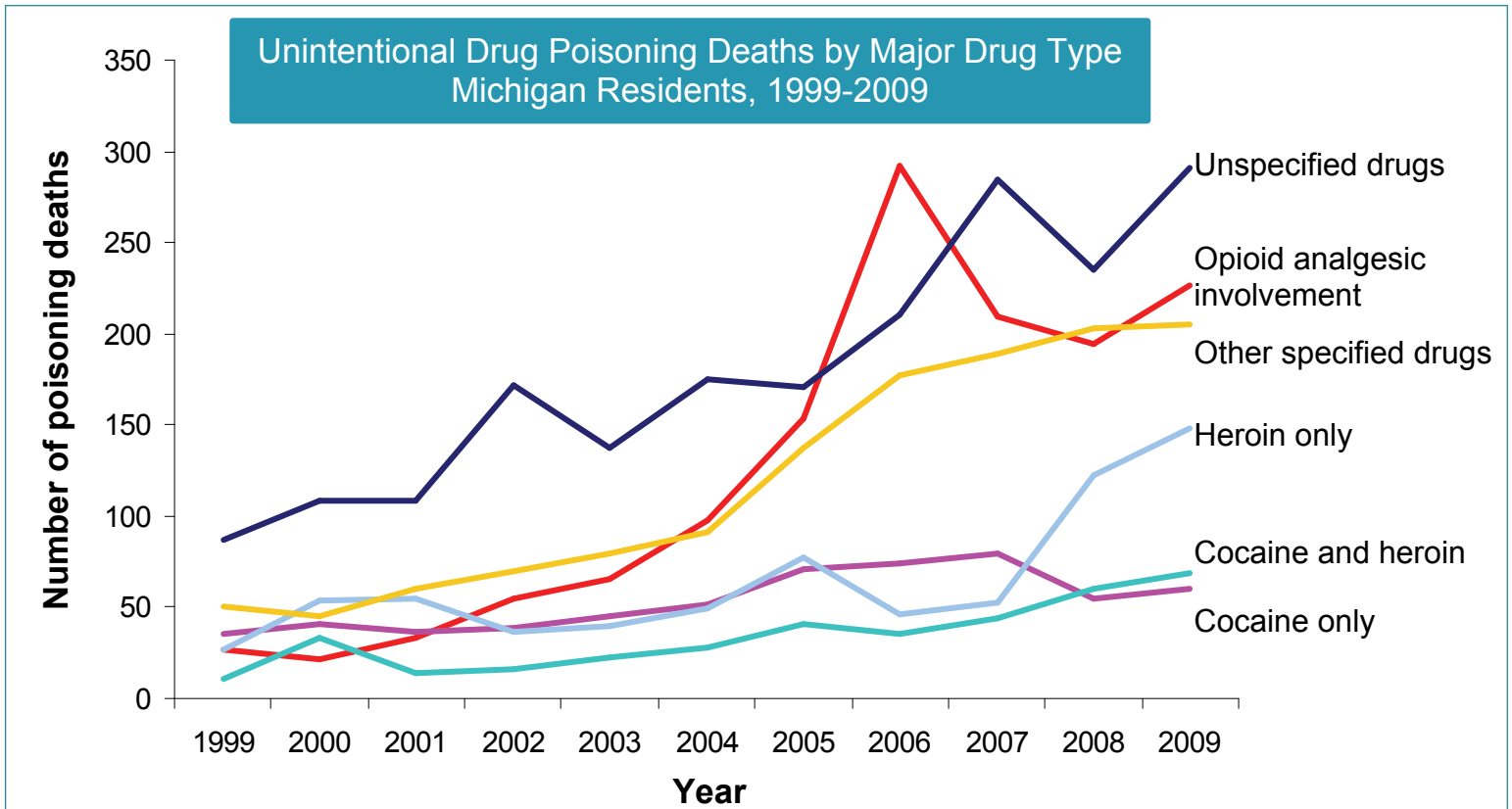


Unintentional Drug Poisoning Deaths in Michigan



In 2009, there were 1,000 deaths due to unintentional drug poisonings in Michigan. Of these deaths, 23% involved **opioid analgesics**.

Opioid analgesics are narcotic drugs that are usually prescribed to relieve pain (ex. oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone)¹.



From 1999-2009:

- The total number of unintentional poisoning deaths rose from **238 to 1,000**.
- Poisoning deaths involving **opioid analgesics** increased by 8.4 fold, more rapidly than those from any other drug.
- The number of prescriptions filled in Michigan for opioid analgesics also increased substantially over this time period².

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