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Overdose Fatality Review

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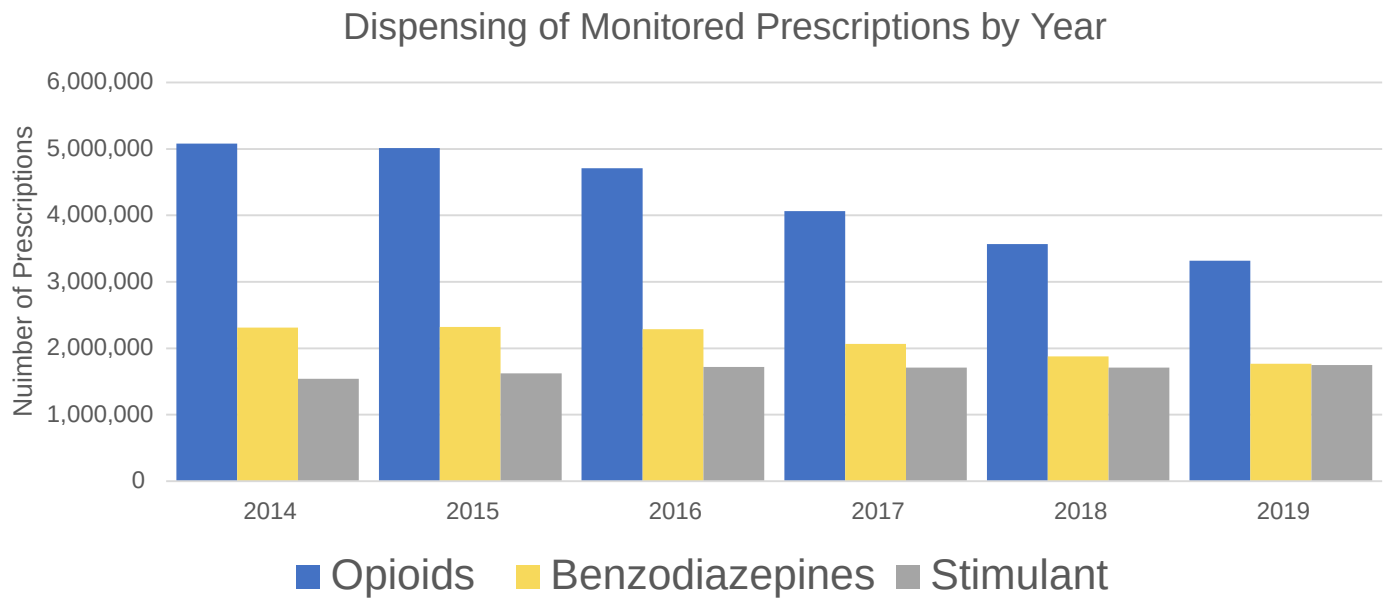
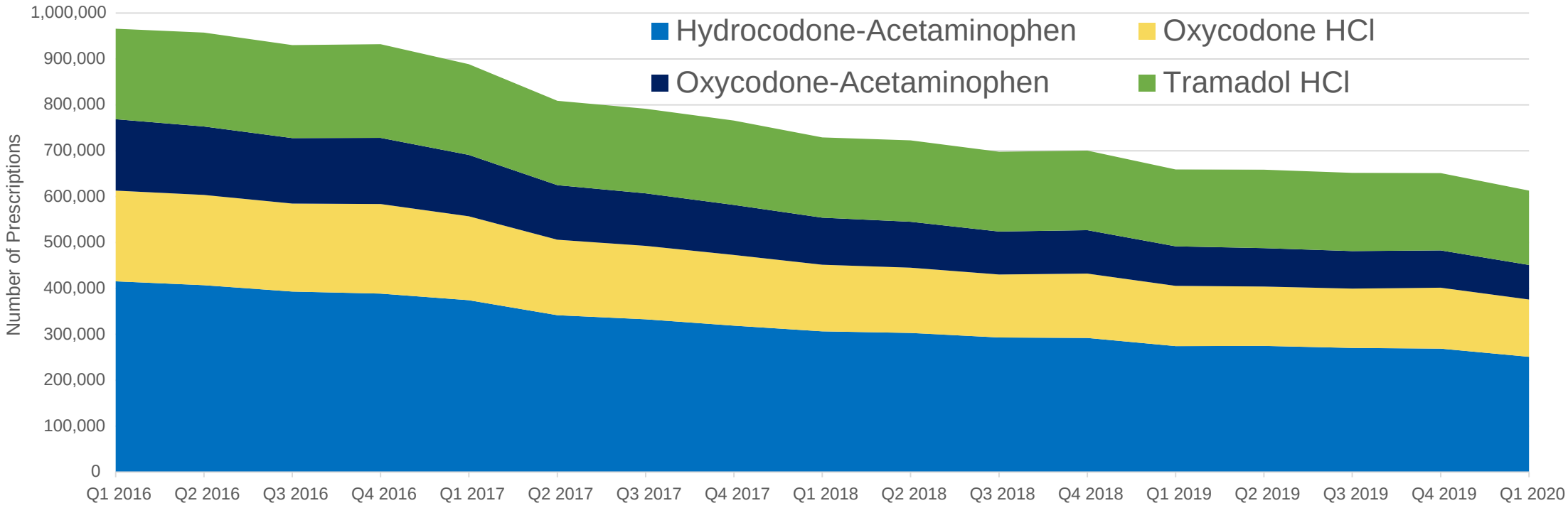
Significantdecreases in opioids and Benzodiazepines

- ‡ Opioids: 34% decrease (1.7 million fewer prescriptions)
- ‡ Benzodiazepines: 24% decrease (557,050 fewer prescriptions)

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900,000
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Number of Prescriptions
Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen
Oxycodone HCl
Oxycodone-Acetaminophen
Tramadol HCl
Q1 2016
Q2 2016
Q3 2016
Q4 2016
Q1 2017
Q2 2017
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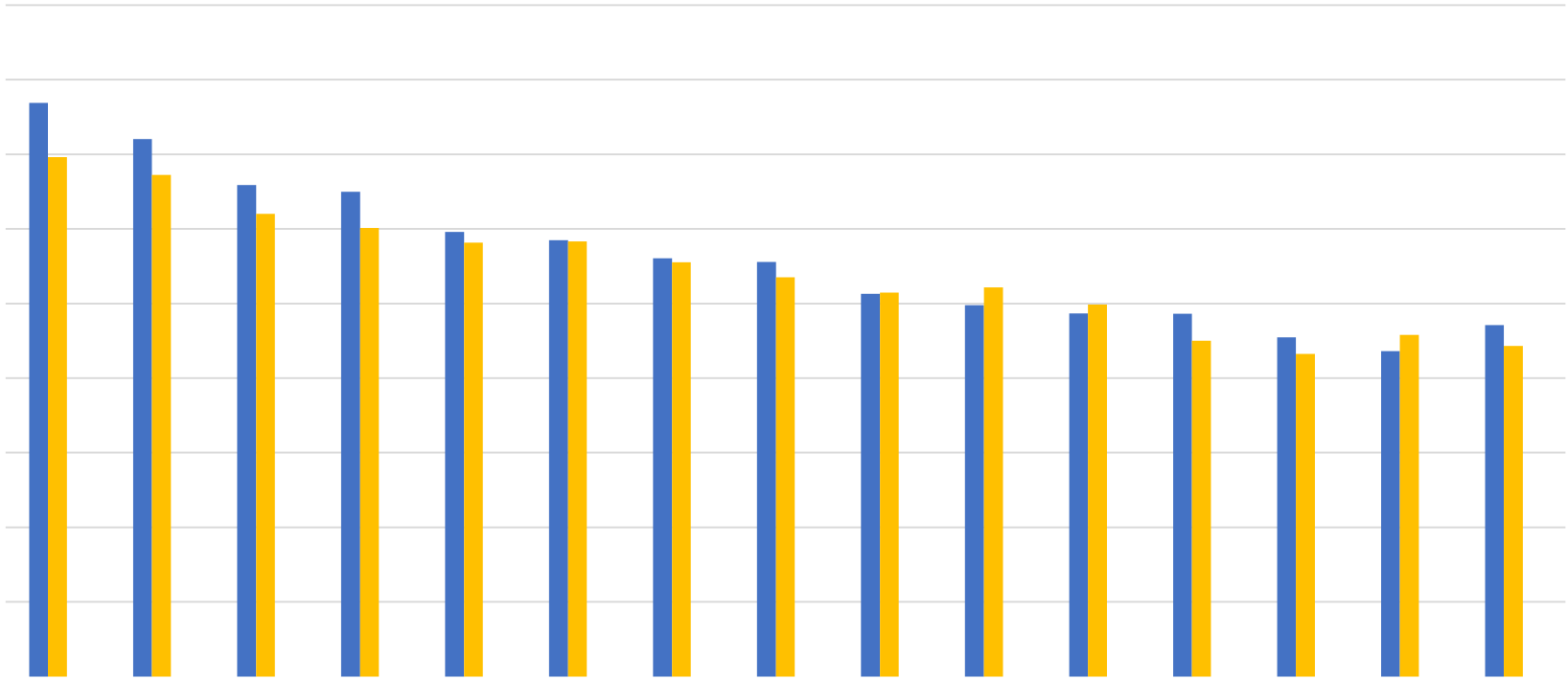

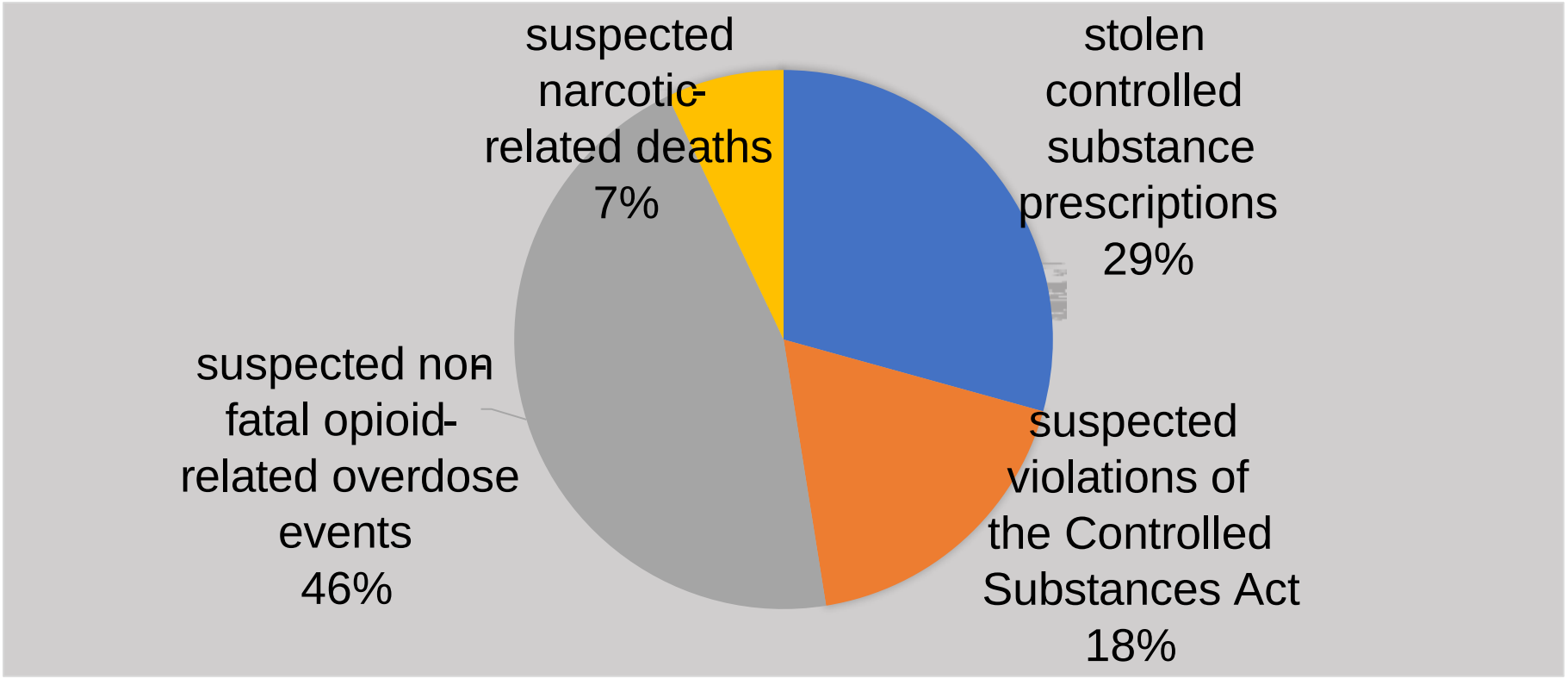
suspected narcotic-related deaths 7%
stolen controlled substance prescriptions 29%
suspected non-fatal opioid-related overdose events 46%
suspected violations of the Controlled Substances Act 18%

The dispensing of Buprenorphine HCl/Naloxone HCl Dihydrate (Suboxone®), one of the medications commonly used as part of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder, continued to increase by 5.6% in Q3 2020 compared to Q2 2020, which equates to an increase of 20% over the past 12 months, and 100% since Q1 2016.

The occurrence of data-driven concerning patient history alerts, including measures that indicate drug seeking behaviors and increased risk for overdose, continued to decline by nearly 5% from the previous quarter, 12% over the past 12 months, and 45% from the launch of the WI ePDMP in Q1 2017.