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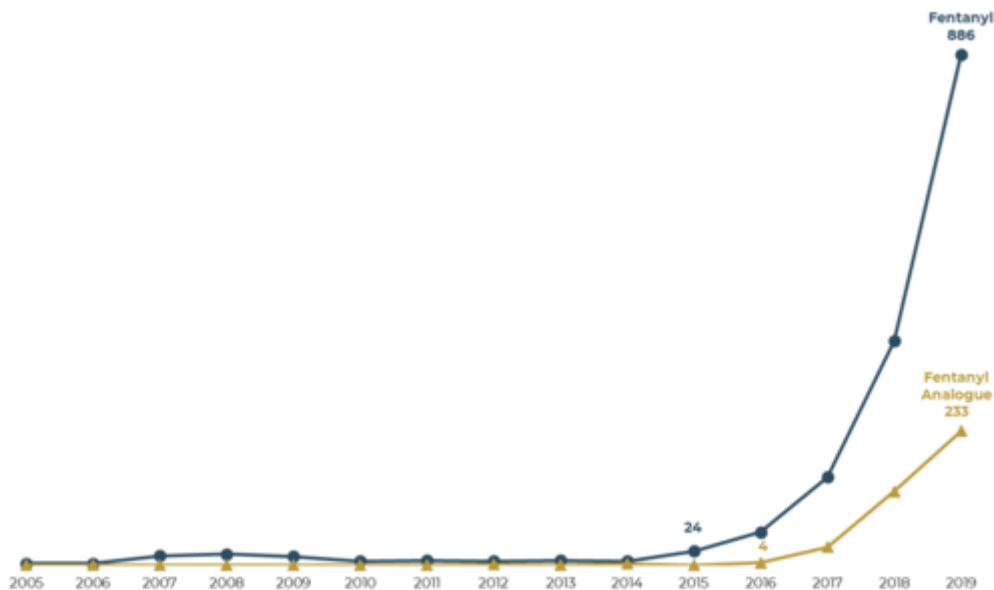
# Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogues: Federal Trends and Trafficking Patterns

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**This study** examines the dangerous and emerging problem of fentanyl and fentanyl analogue trafficking.

Fentanyl abuse has become both more prevalent and more dangerous in recent years because of the increasing appearance of substances chemically or pharmacologically similar to fentanyl, collectively classified as "fentanyl analogues."

### Number of Federal Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogue Trafficking Cases Over Time



This report summarizes the U.S. Sentencing Commission's policy work on fentanyl and fentanyl analogue offenses, as well as continuing policy-making efforts of Congress and the Department of Justice in this area.

The report also presents data about fentanyl and fentanyl analogue offenses since 2005 and provides an in-depth analysis of fiscal year 2019 fentanyl and fentanyl analogue offenses and offenders.

More at:

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