



# Goodhue County

## Minnesota

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Medical Examiners Annual Report

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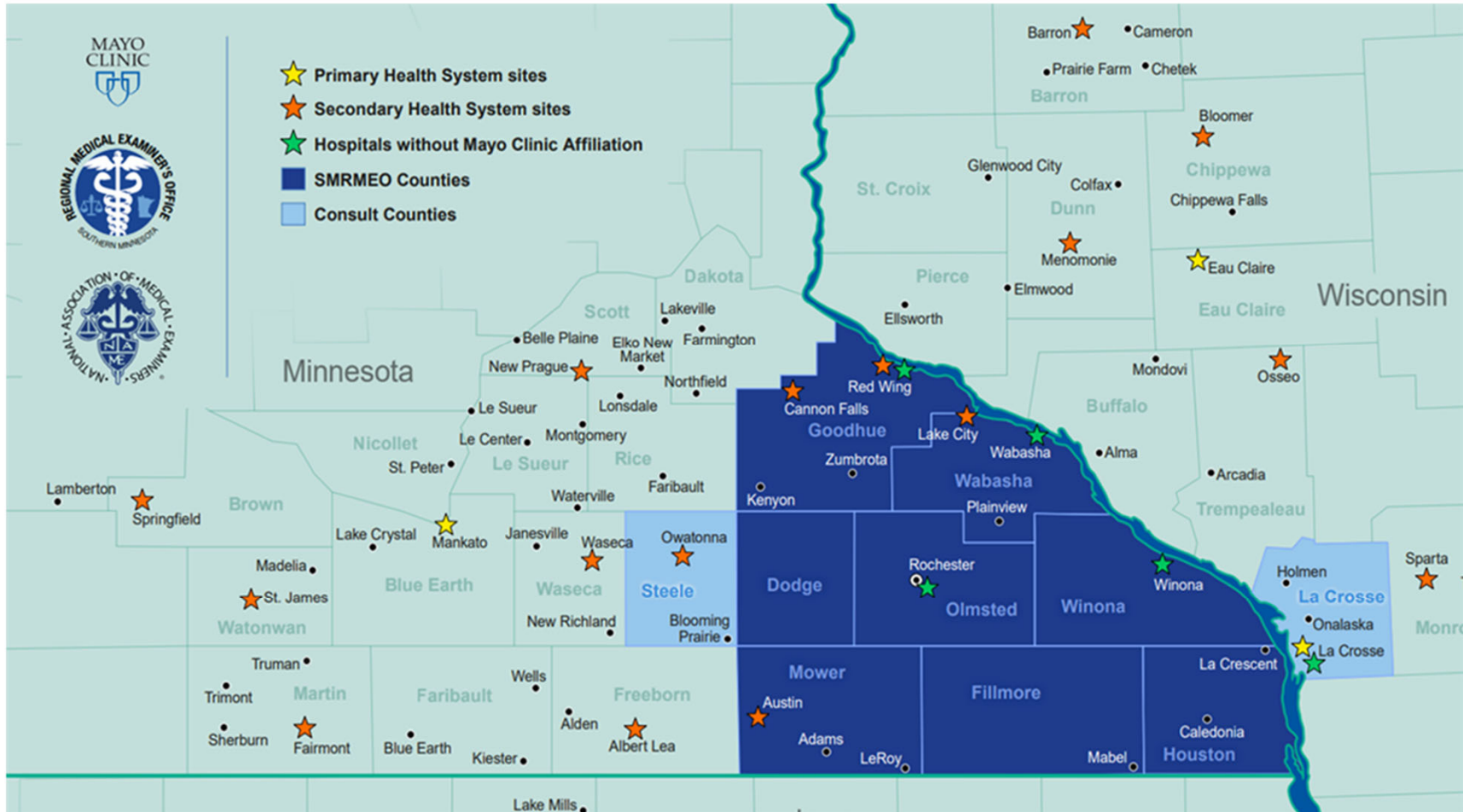
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# **Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office**

## **2022 Goodhue Report**



# Jurisdictional Area



## Medical Examiner Staff

- \* R. Ross Reichard, M.D. - Chief Medical Examiner
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- \* Ross E. Zumwalt, M.D. - Assistant Chief Medical Examiner
- \* Andrew J. Layman, Assistant Chief Medical Examiner
- \* Monica Kendall, M.S., PA (ASCP), F-ABMDI - Supervisor, Death Investigations
- \* Courtney Hyland, M.H.S., PA (ASCP), F-ABMDI - Assistant Supervisor, Death Investigations
- \* Navid Amini, F-ABMDI - Goodhue County Investigator
- \* Gina Surinx, D-ABMDI - Goodhue County Investigator
- \* Daniel Swenson, D-ABMDI - Goodhue County Investigator
- \* Anjani White - Goodhue County Investigator
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- \* Erica Reed, M.S., PA (ASCP), D-ABMDI - Central Office Investigator
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- \* Ann Marie Scazzero, M.H.S., PA (ASCP) - Central Office Investigator
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# Goodhue County Medical Examiner Cases

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Population (est.)	47,862
Total Deaths	469
Cases Reported to Medical Examiner	401
A. Number of deaths certified after postmortem examination	58
1. Number of Medical Examiner Cases with Complete Autopsy	47
2. Number of Medical Examiner Cases with External Examination	9
3. Number of Medical Examiner Cases with Limited Examination	2
B. Number of deaths certified without postmortem examination	41
C. Number of deaths not certified by Medical Examiner's Office after investigation	302

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## Death Certificate Information

### Information included:

- \* Cause of Death
- \* Manner of Death
- \* Did an autopsy occur?
- \* Pregnancy?
- \* If Injury - Date, time, location and how occurred?
- \* Injury at work?
- \* If Transportation Injury, type (e.g. driver, passenger, etc...)

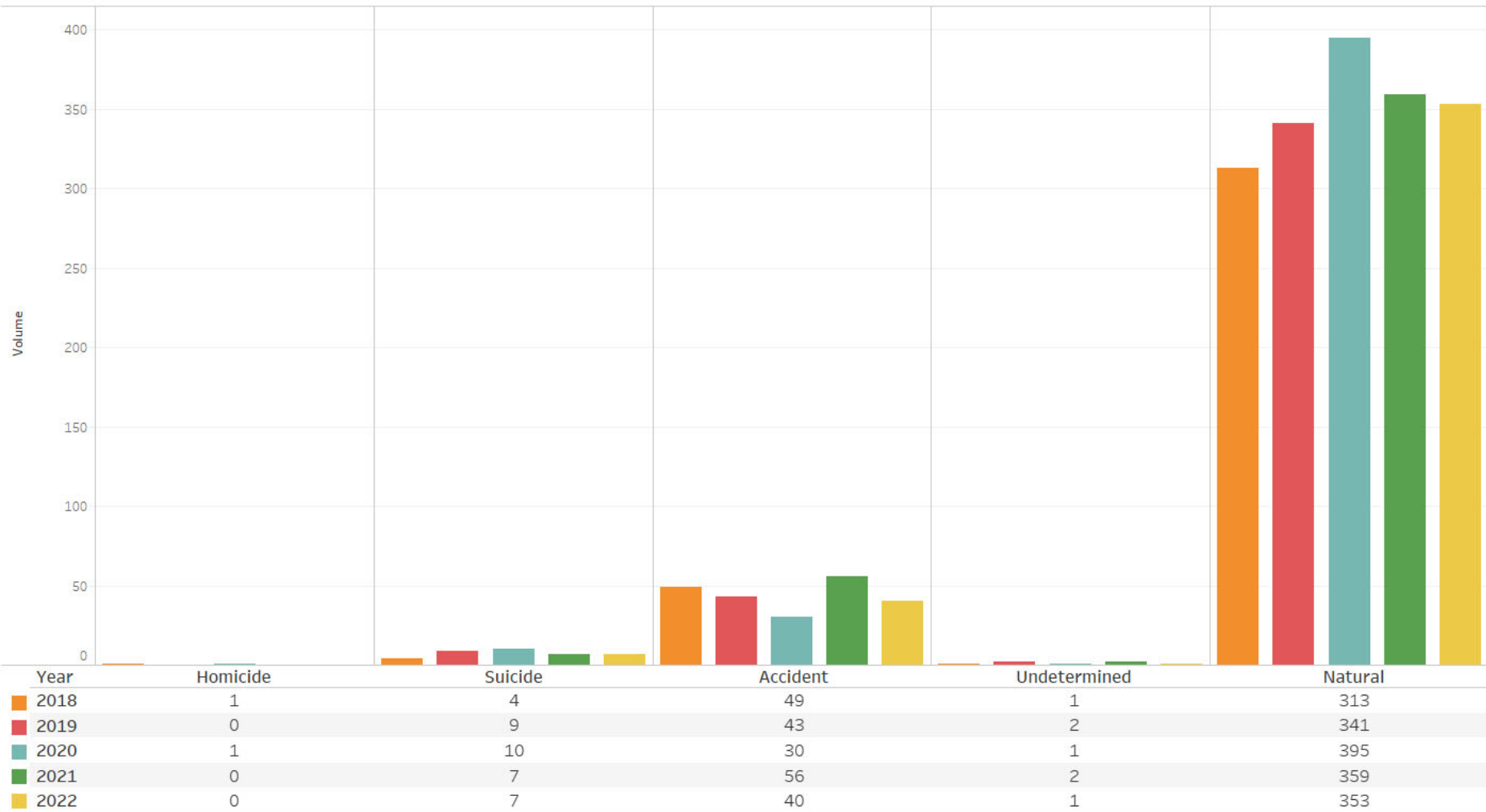
### Used by:

- \* Family/Relatives
- \* Minnesota Department of Health/CDC-Public Health



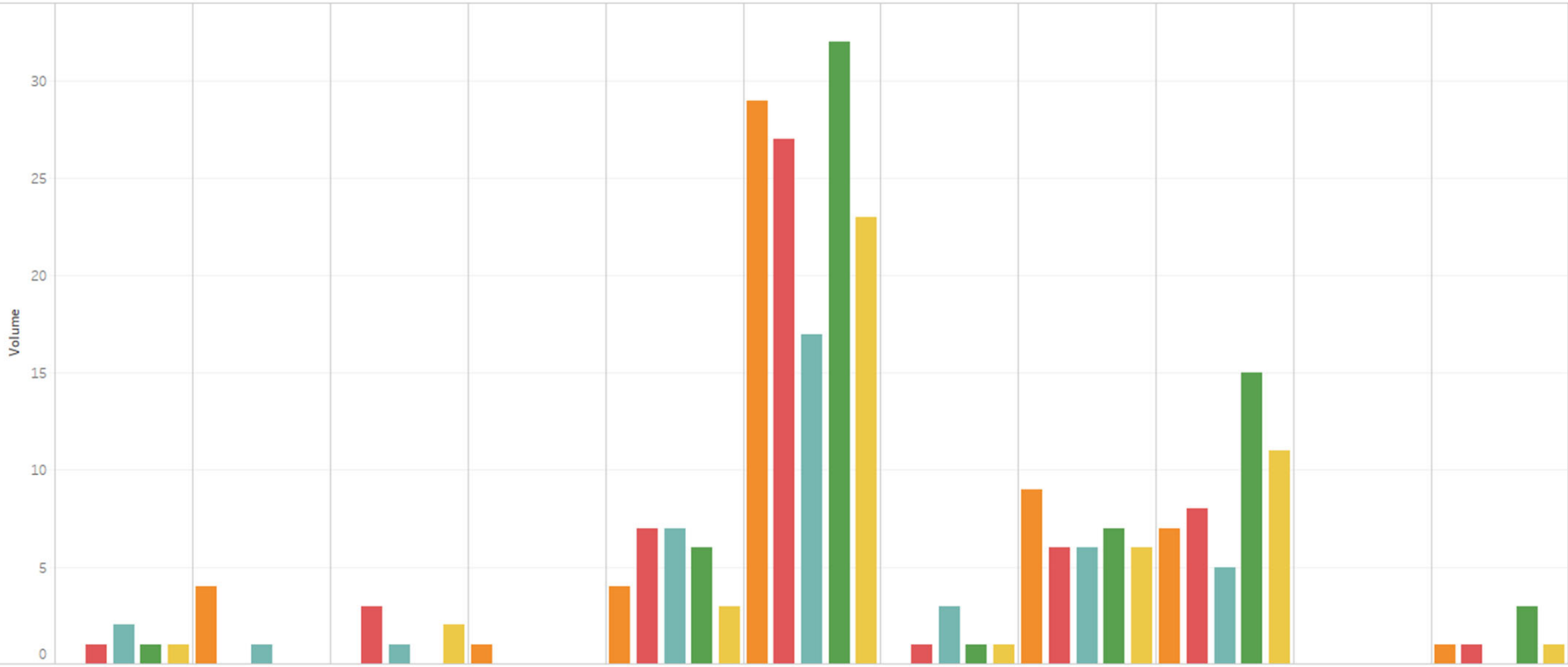
# Manner of Death

Based on County of Death



# Deaths by Unnatural Causes

Based on County of Death



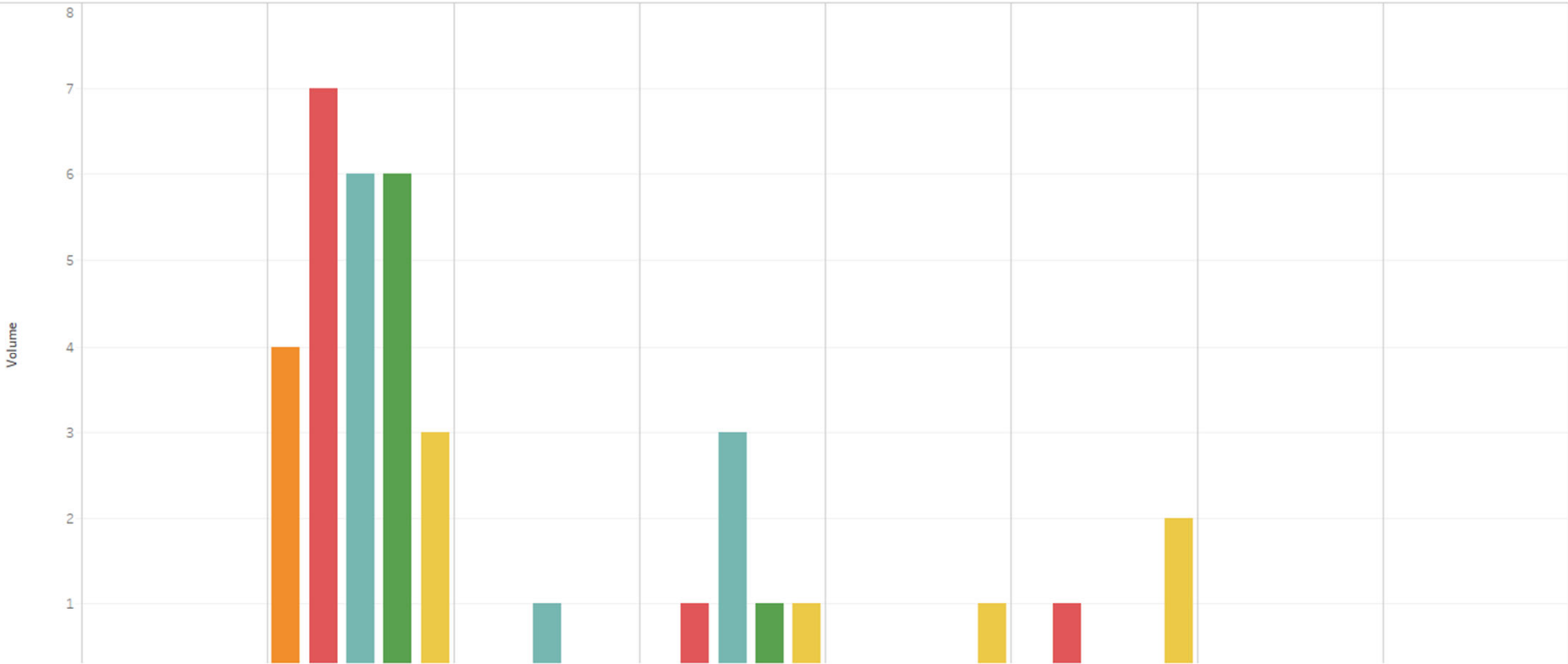
Year	Asphyxia / Choking	Blunt Trauma	Burns	Drowning	Firearm	Jump / Fall	Ligature Hanging	Motor Vehicle	Poison / Drugs	Stabs / Cuts	Other
2018	0	4	0	1	4	29	0	9	7	0	1
2019	1	0	3	0	7	27	1	6	8	0	1
2020	2	1	1	0	7	17	3	6	5	0	0
2021	1	0	0	0	6	32	1	7	15	0	3
2022	1	0	2	0	3	23	1	6	11	0	1





# Suicide by Means

Based on County of Death

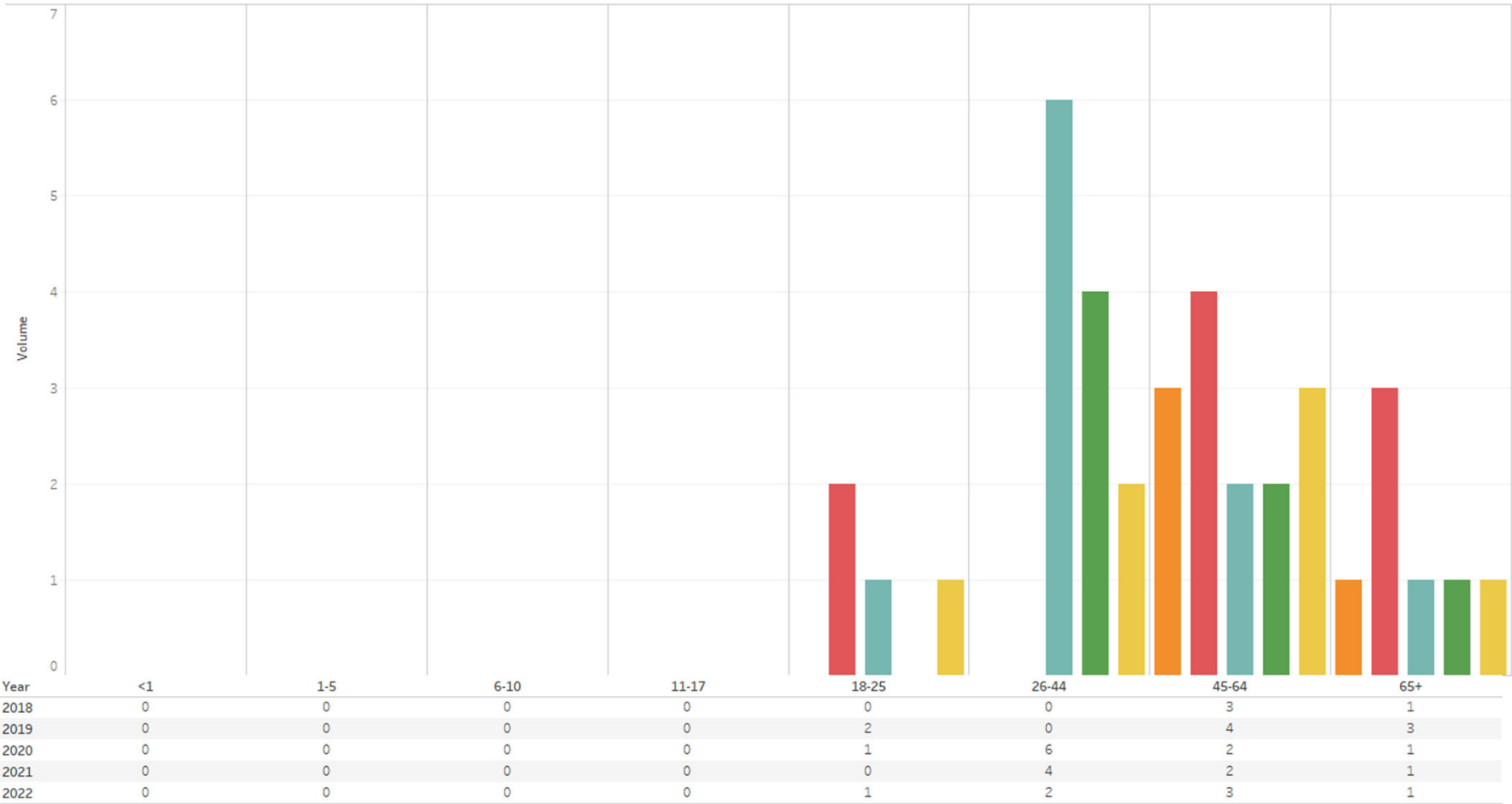


Year	Asphyxia	Firearm	Jump / Fall	Ligature Hanging	Motor Vehicle	Poison / Drugs	Stabs / Cuts	Other
2018	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	0
2020	0	6	1	3	0	0	0	0
2021	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0
2022	0	3	0	1	1	2	0	0



# Suicide by Age

Based on County of Death

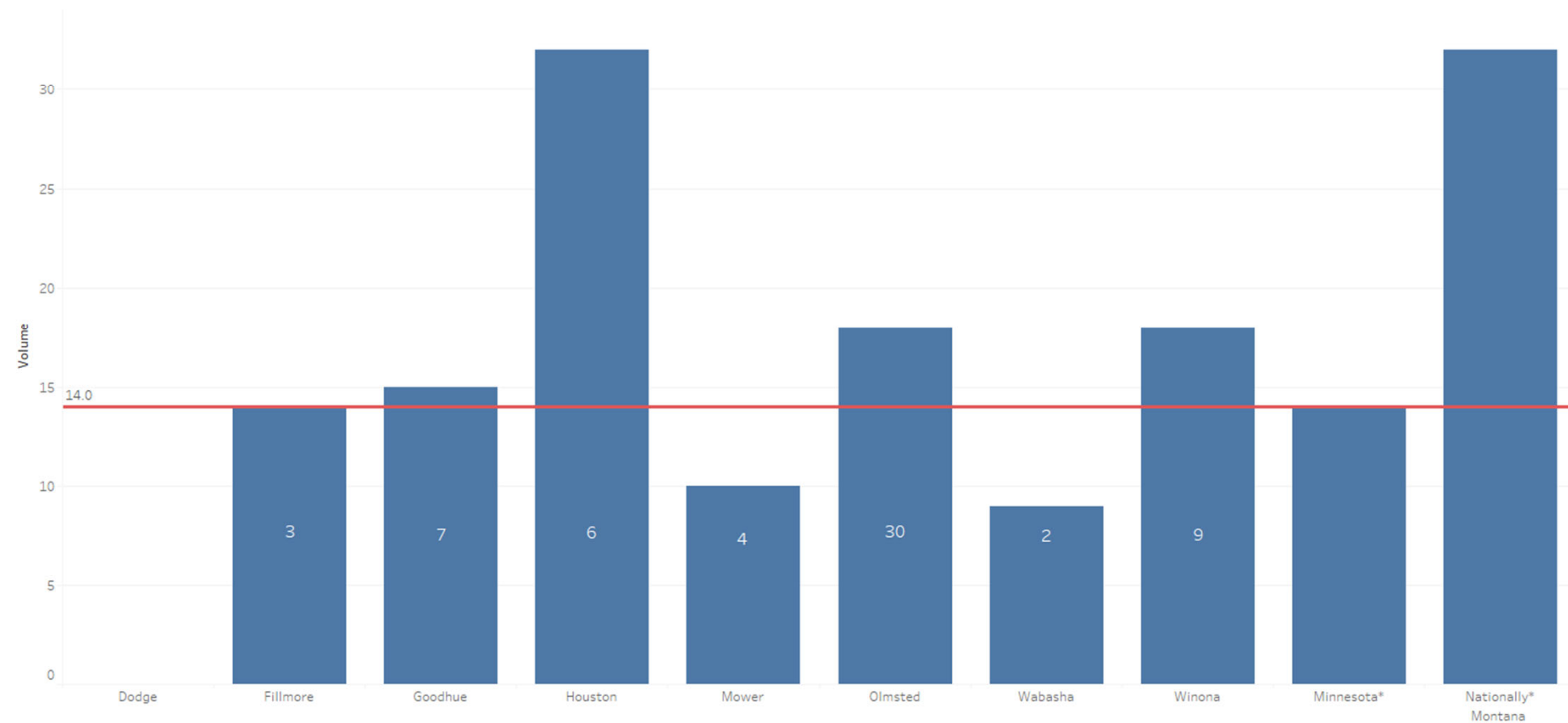


# Suicide Rate per Capita

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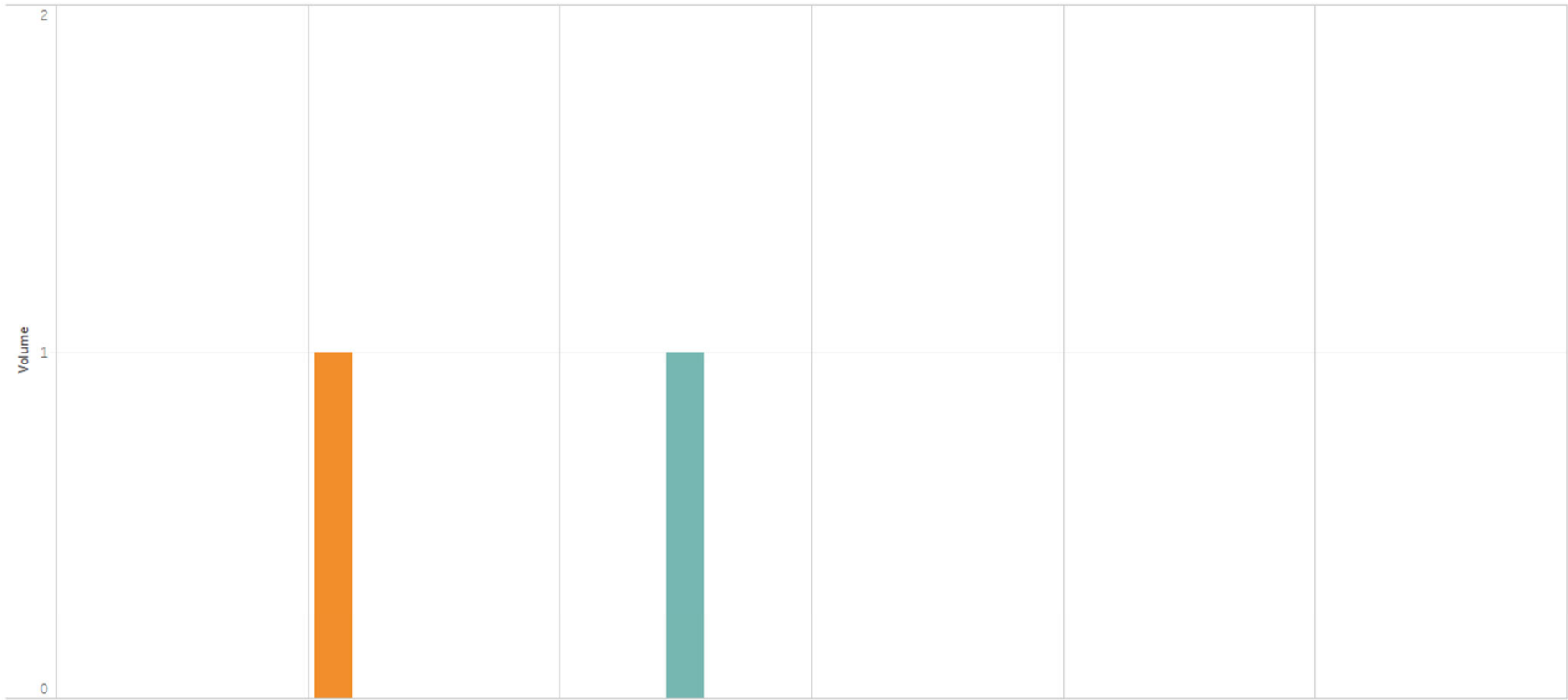
Based on county of injury

\* Based on 2021 statistics



# Homicide Deaths

Based on County of Death



Year	Asphyxia	Blunt Trauma	Firearm	Motor Vehicle	Stabs/Cuts	Other
2018	0	1	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0

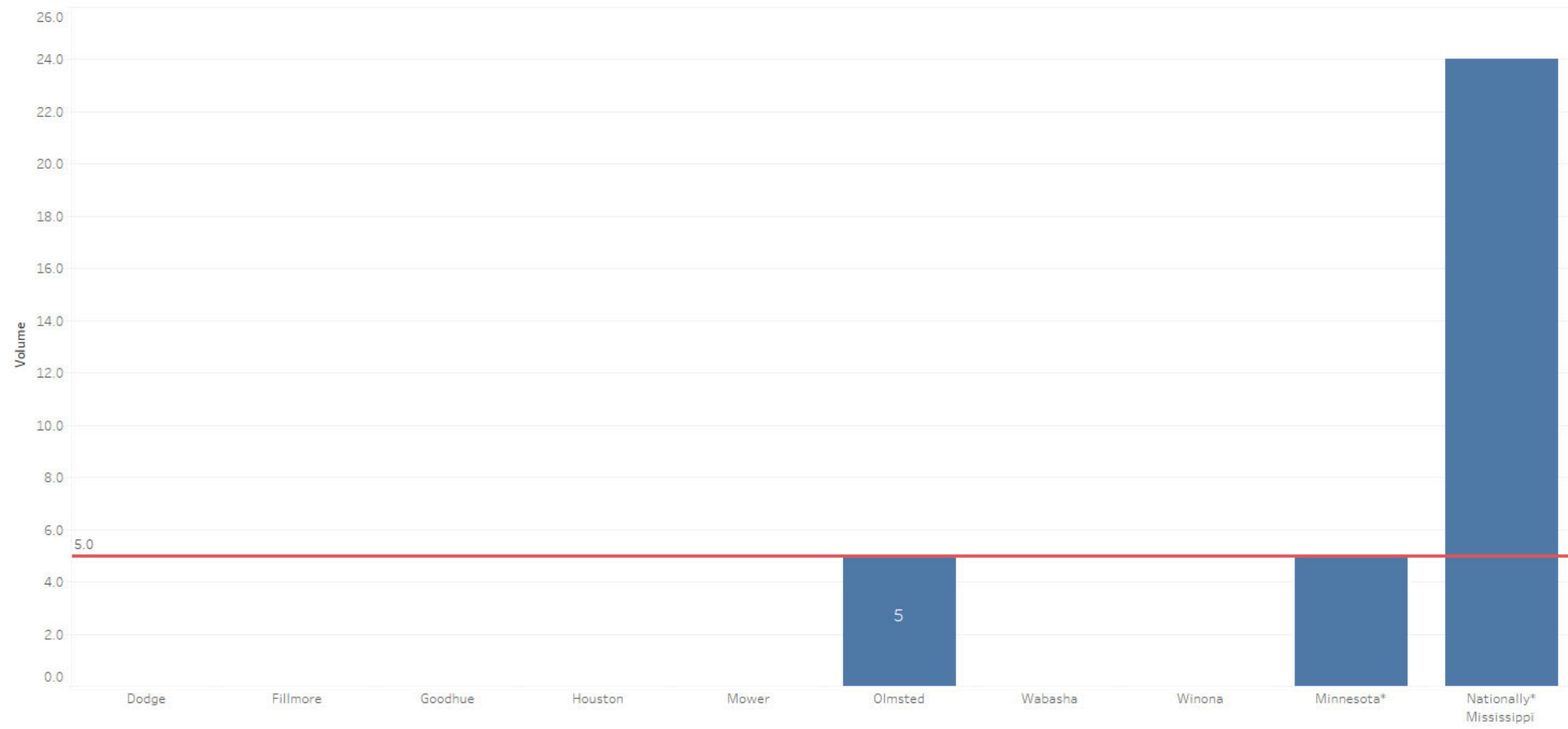


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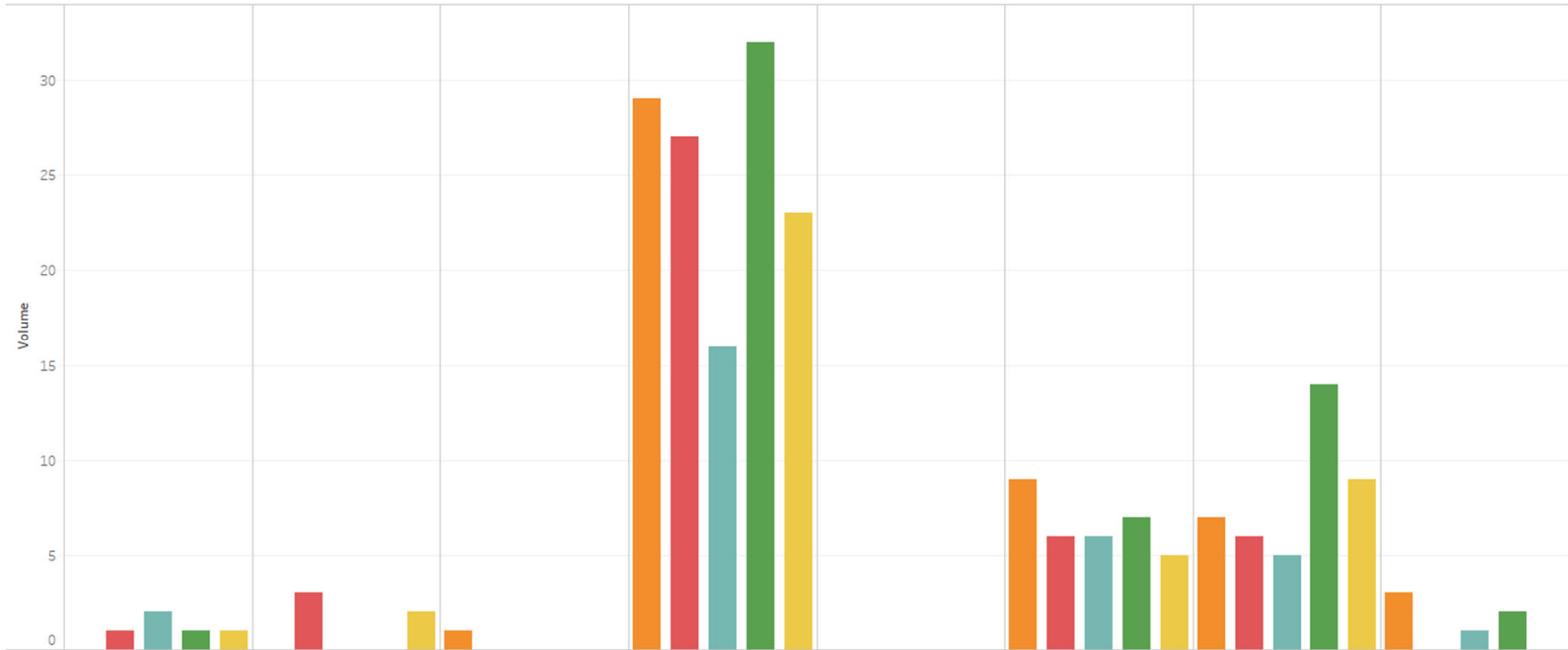
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# Accidental Deaths by Type

Based on County of Death



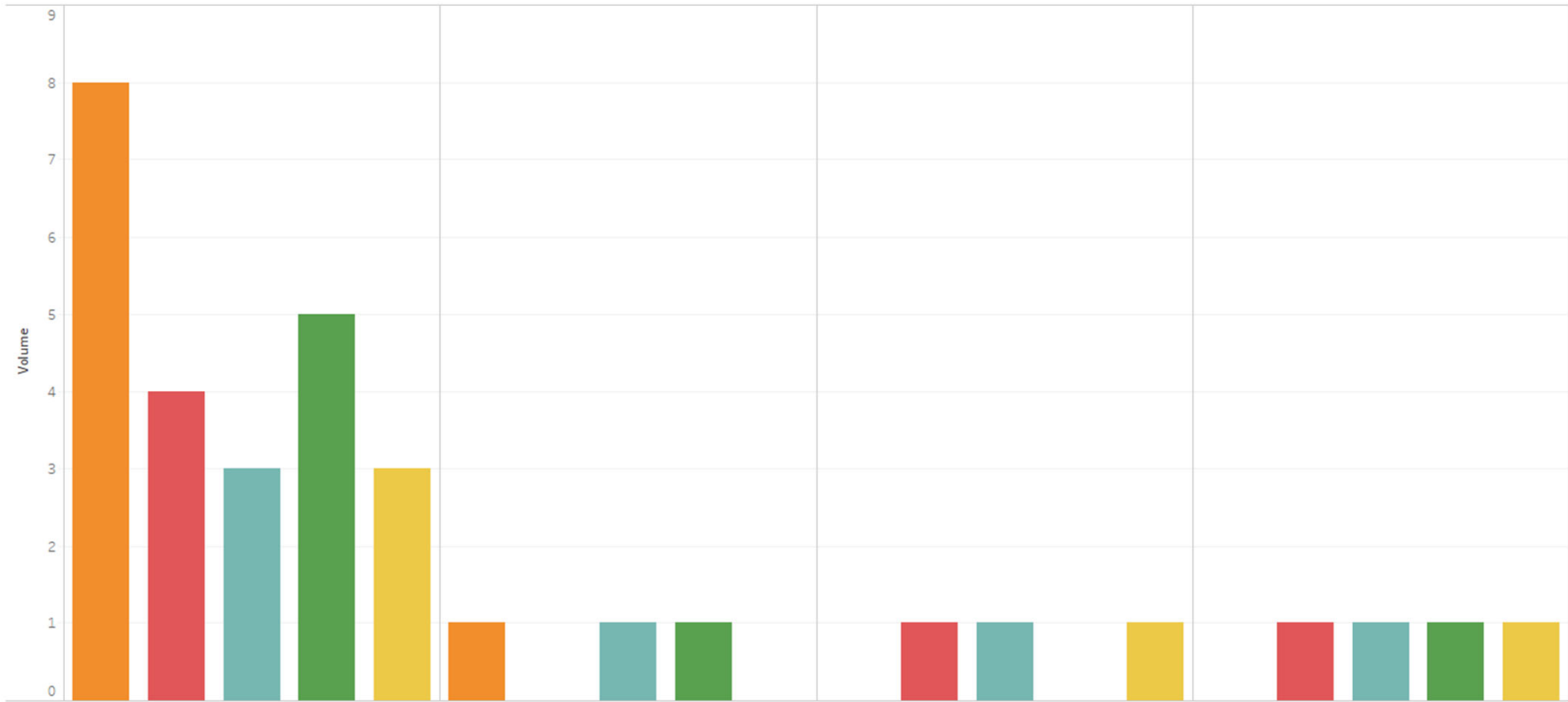
Year	Asphyxia / Choking	Burns	Drowning	Fall	Firearm	Motor Vehicle	Poison / Drugs	Other
2018	0	0	1	29	0	9	7	3
2019	1	3	0	27	0	6	6	0
2020	2	0	0	16	0	6	5	1
2021	1	0	0	32	0	7	14	2
2022	1	2	0	23	0	5	9	0



# Accidental Deaths - Vehicle Crashes

Based on county of death

Based on County of Death

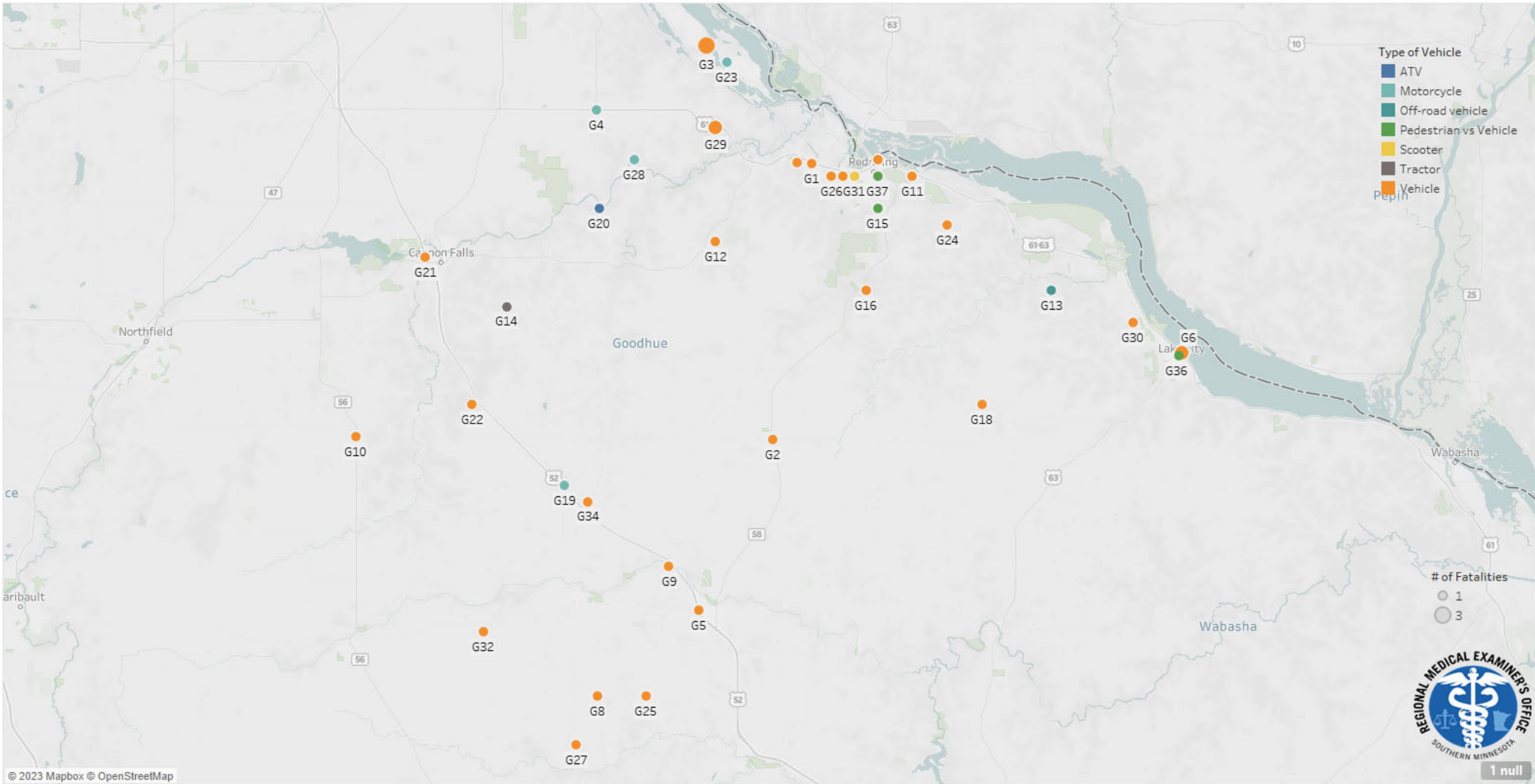


Year	Auto / SUV	Motorcycle	Pedestrian	Other
2018	8	1	0	0
2019	4	0	1	1
2020	3	1	1	1
2021	5	1	0	1
2022	3	0	1	1



# Vehicle Accidents by Type of Vehicle and Number of Fatalities Goodhue, MN 2018-2022

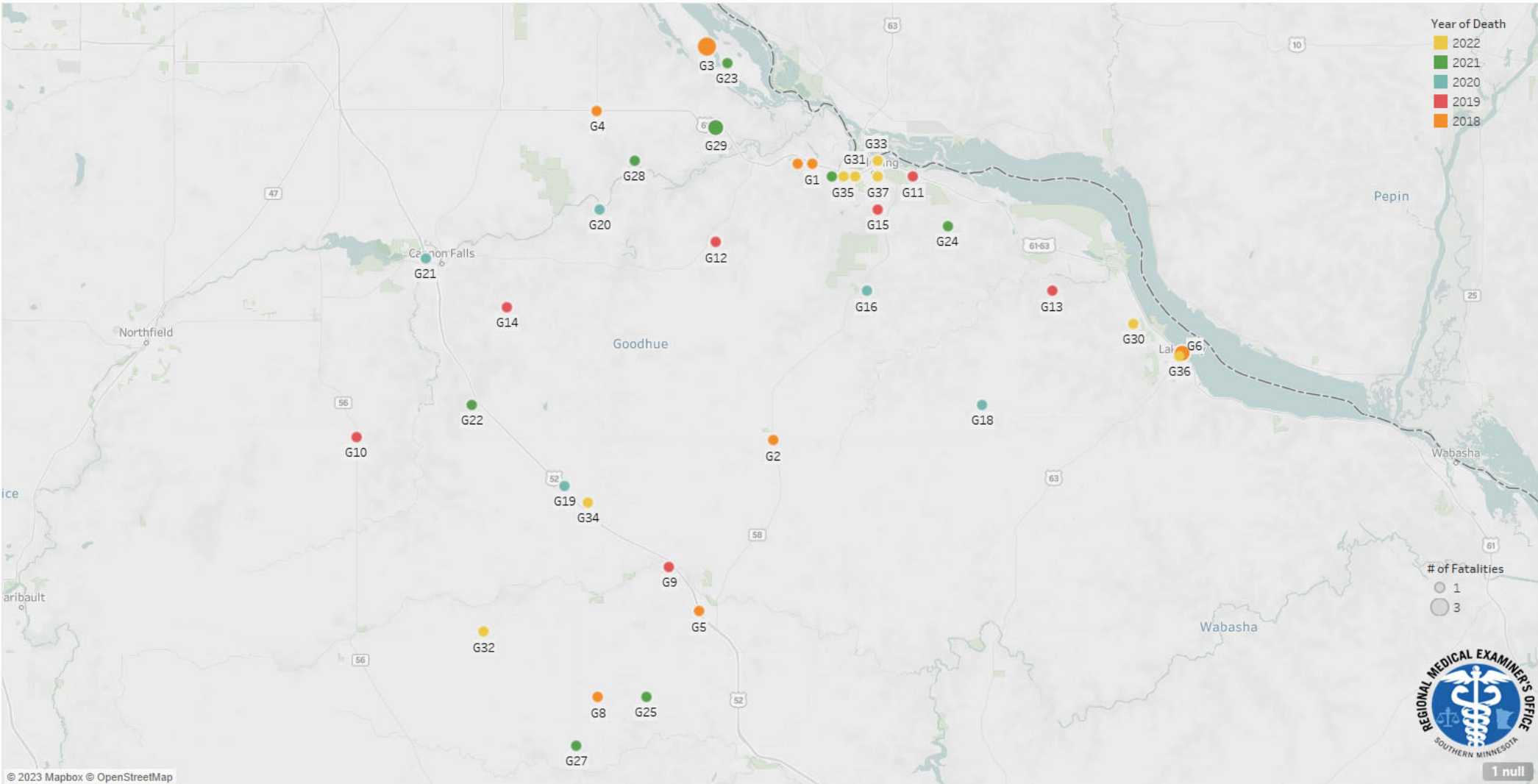
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# Vehicle Accidents by Year and Number of Fatalities Goodhue, MN 2018-2022

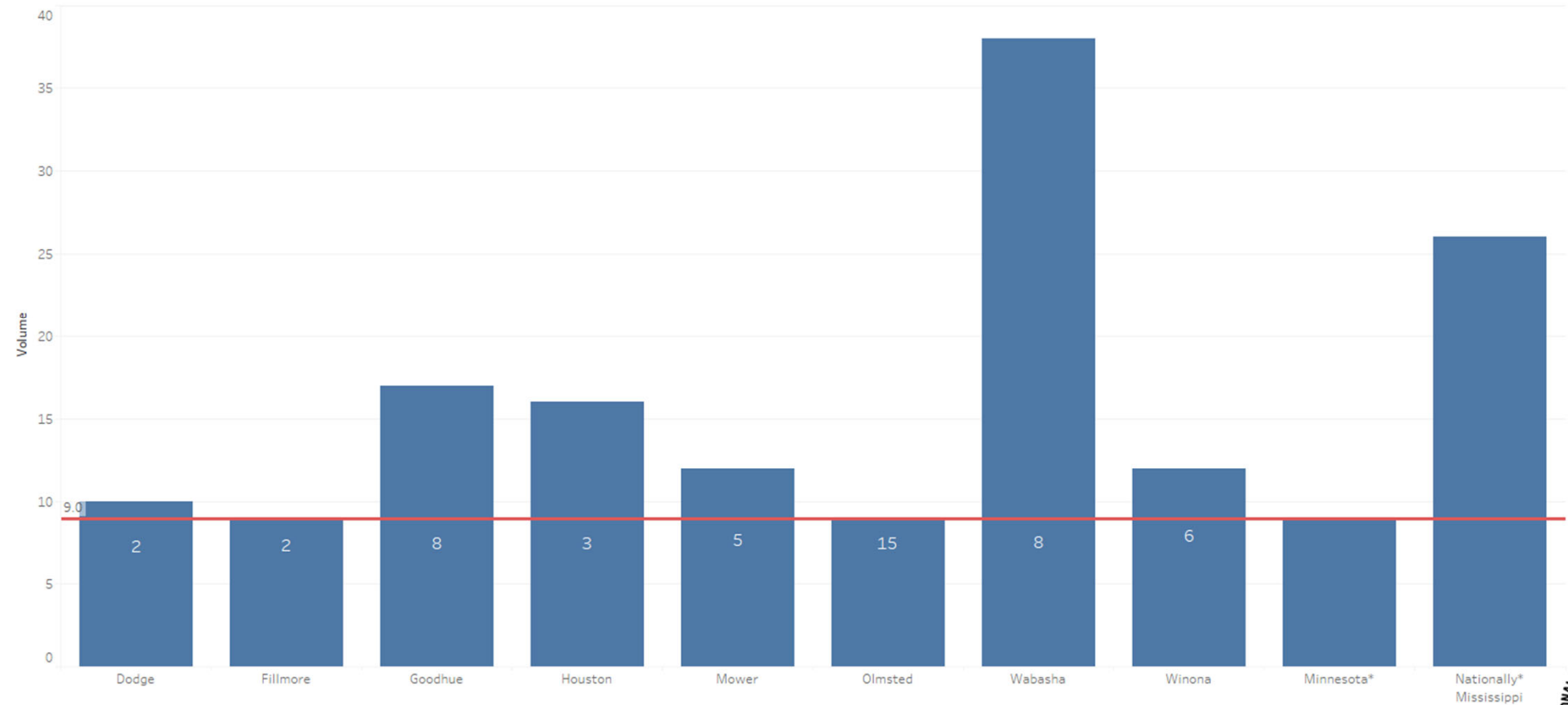
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# Motor Vehicle Fatality Rate per Capita per 100,000 people

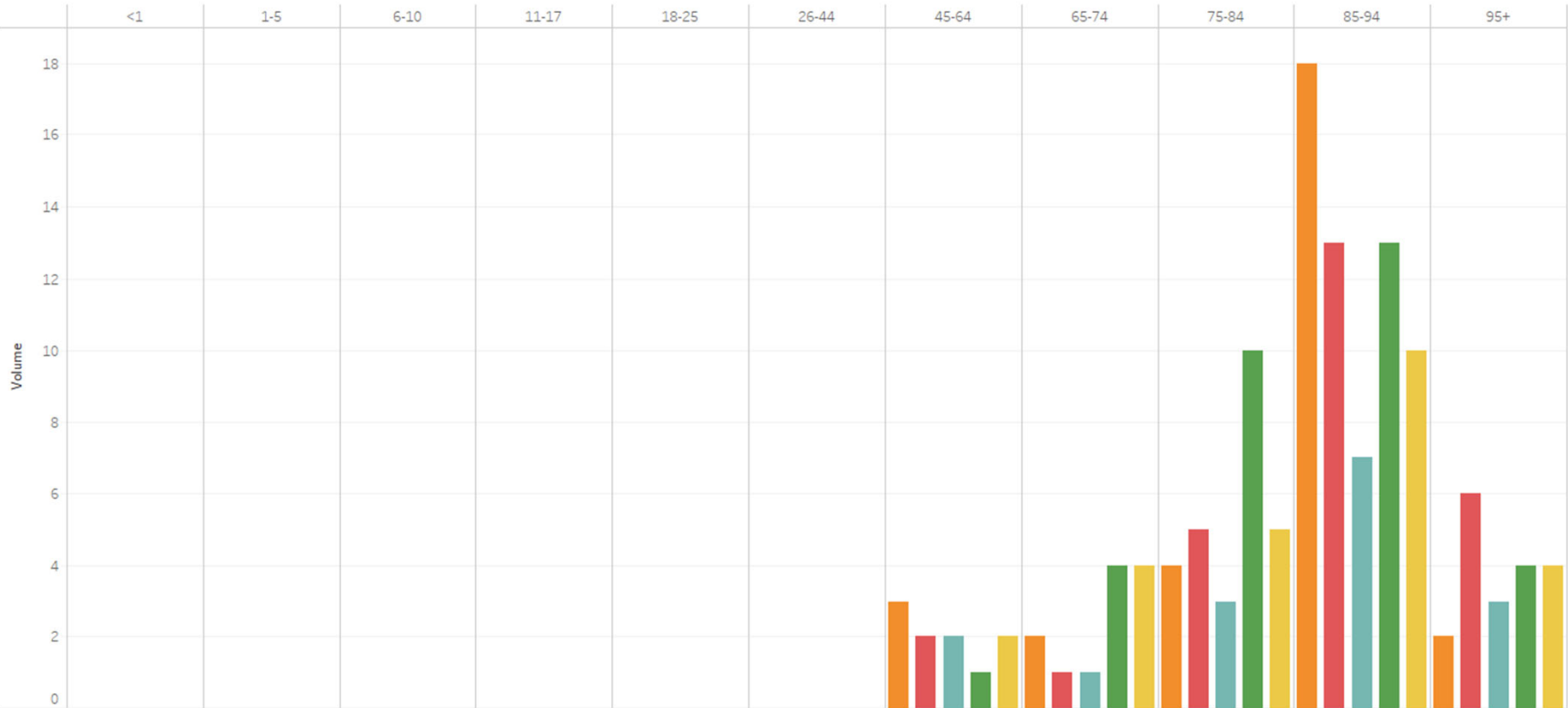
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# Accidental Falls by Age Group

Based on County of Death

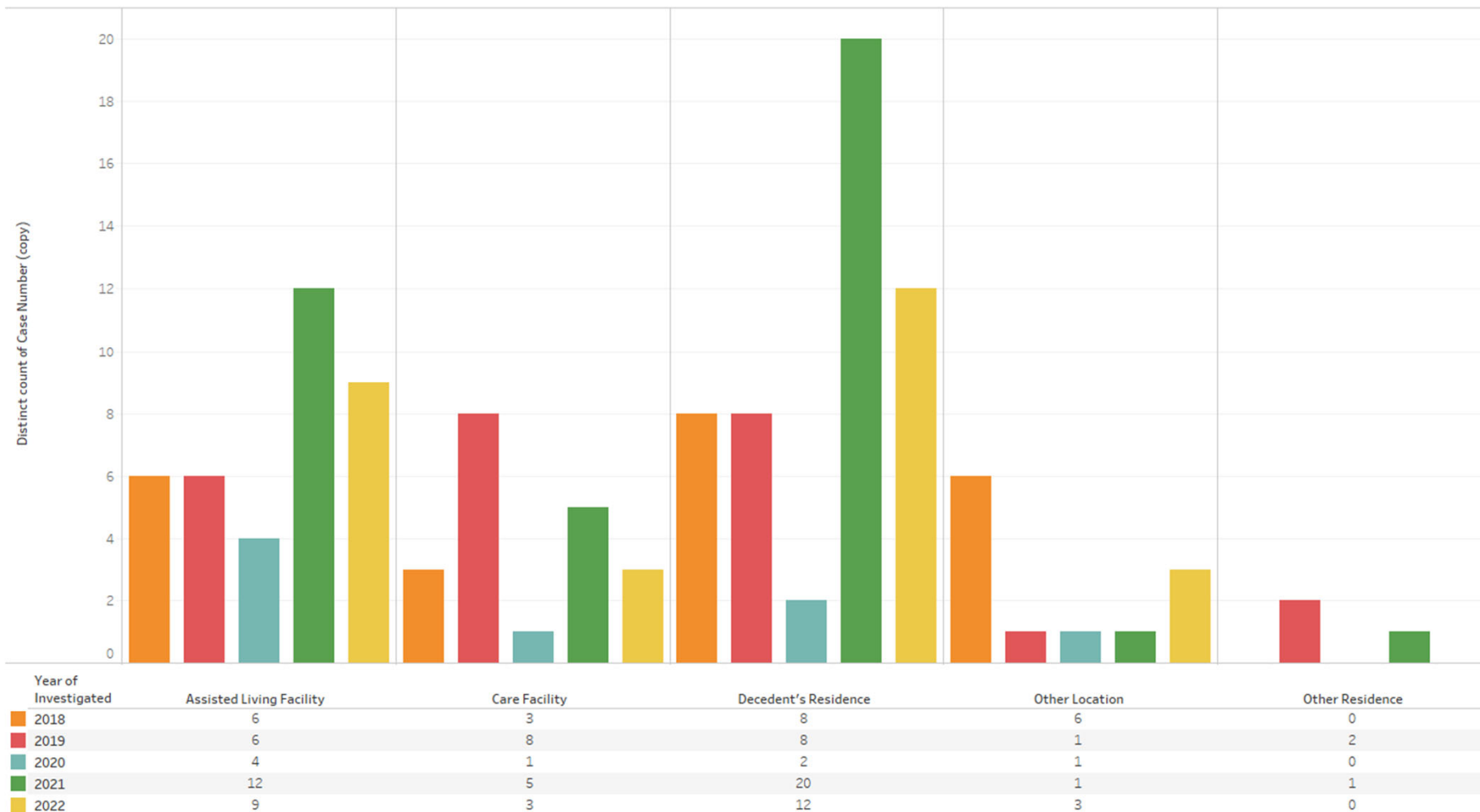


Year	<1	1-5	6-10	11-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85-94	95+
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	18	2
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	13	6
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	7	3
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	10	13	4
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	10	4



# Accidental Falls by Injury Location

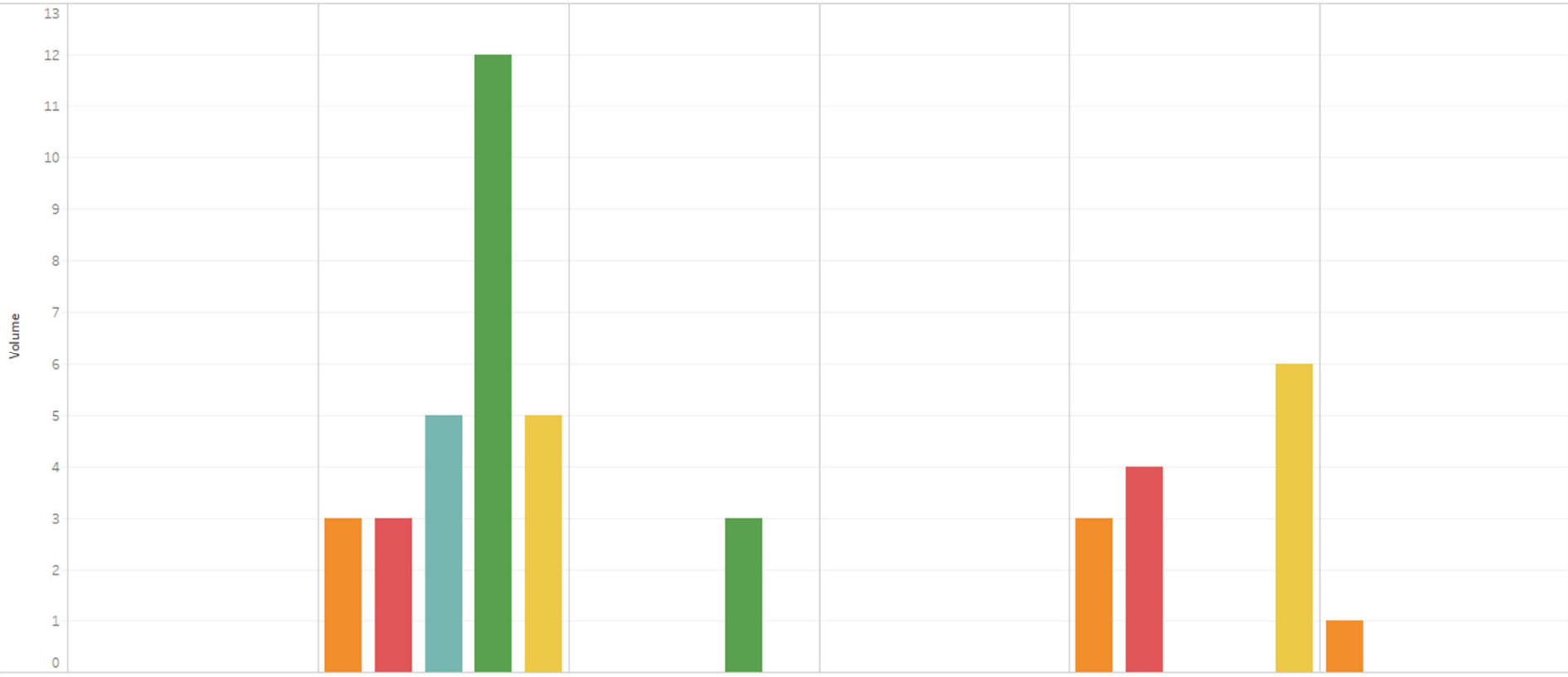
Based on County of Injury



# Deaths Related to Poison/Drugs

Based on county of death

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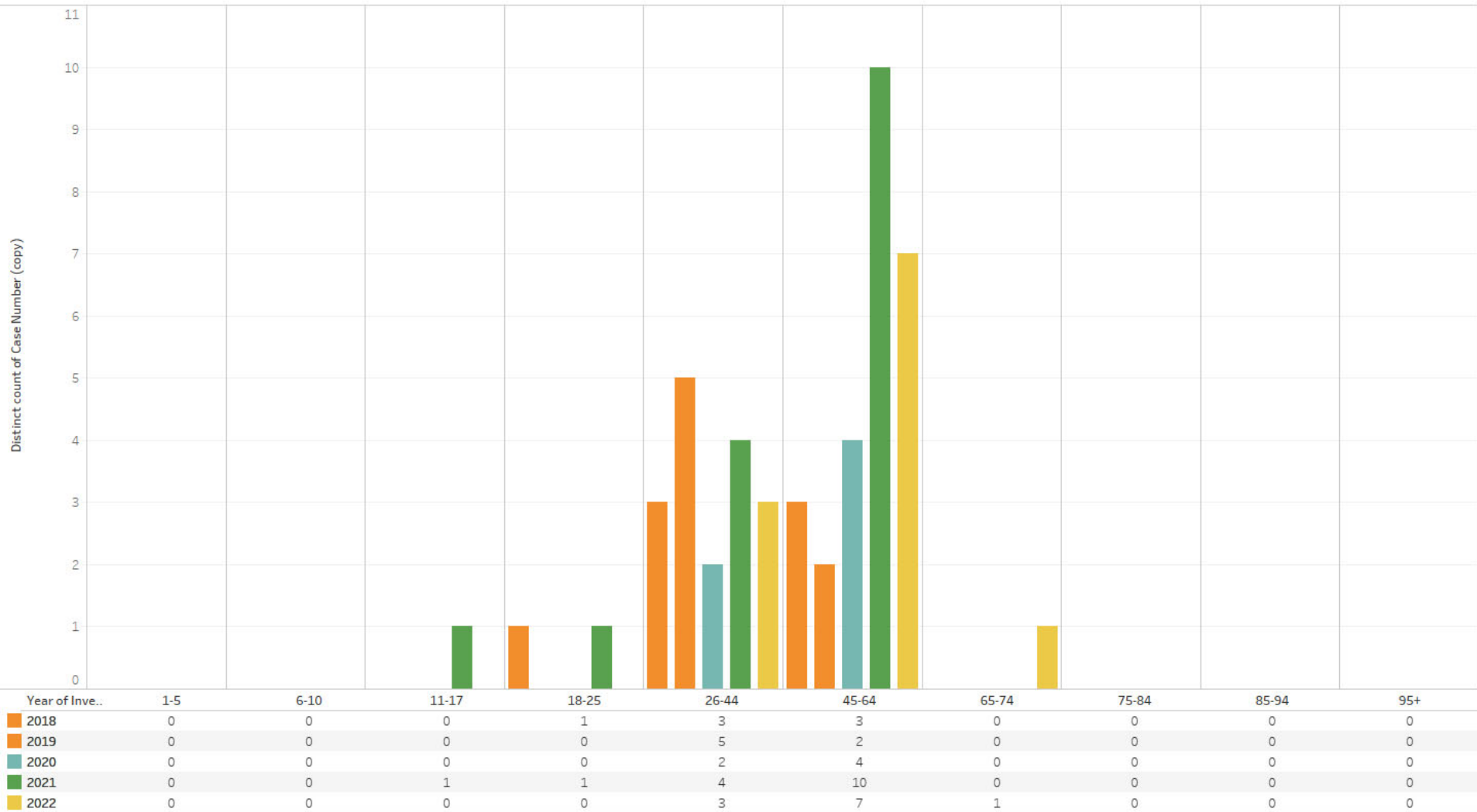


Year	Alcohol	Illegal Drugs	Mixed Drugs	Over-the-counter Medication	Prescription Medication	Other Drug/Poison
2018	0	3	0	0	3	1
2019	0	3	0	0	4	0
2020	0	5	0	0	0	0
2021	0	12	3	0	0	0
2022	0	5	0	0	6	0



# Accidental Drug Deaths by Age

Based on County of Injury

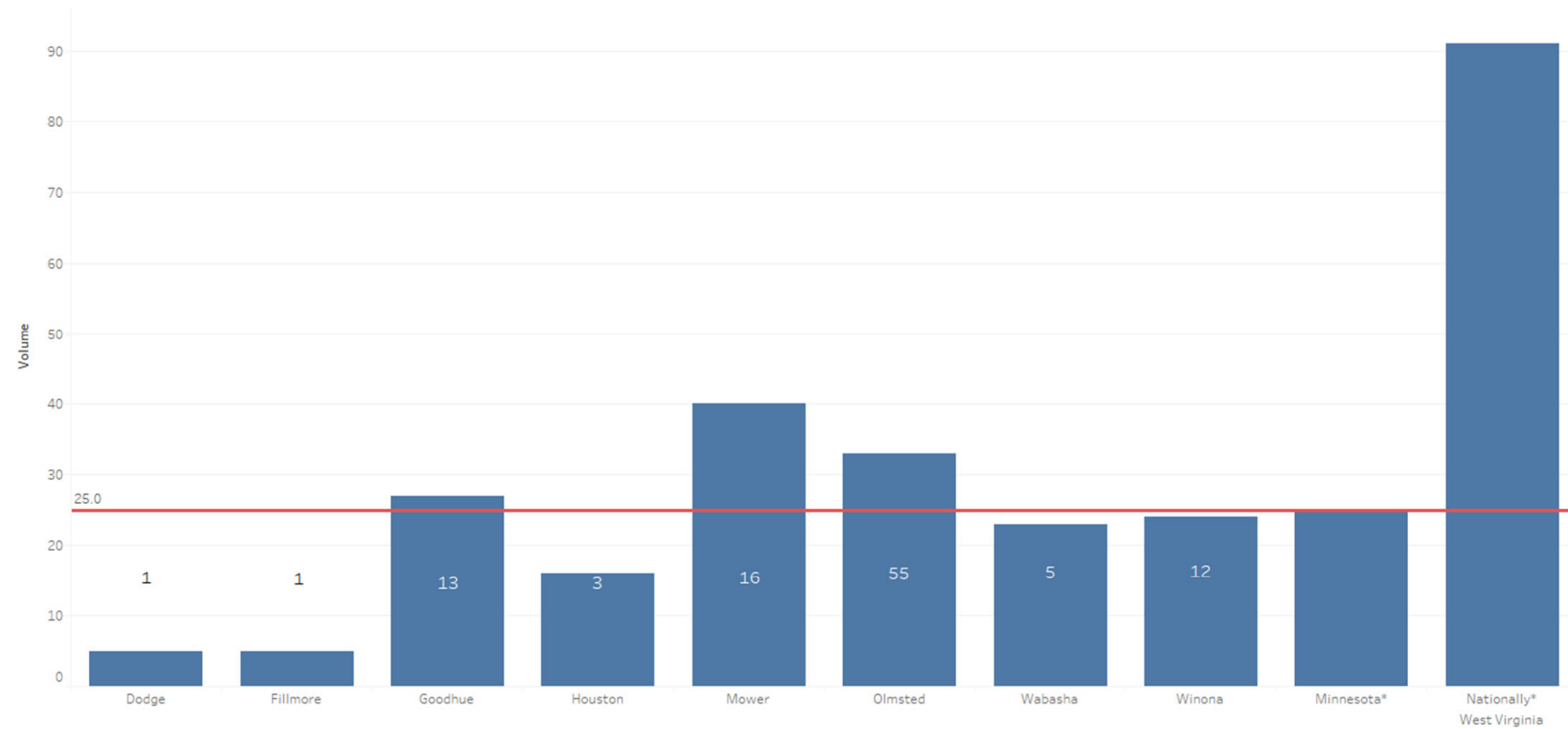


# Drug Overdose Rate per Capita

per 100,000 people

Based on presumed county of injury

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# Illicit Drugs by Category

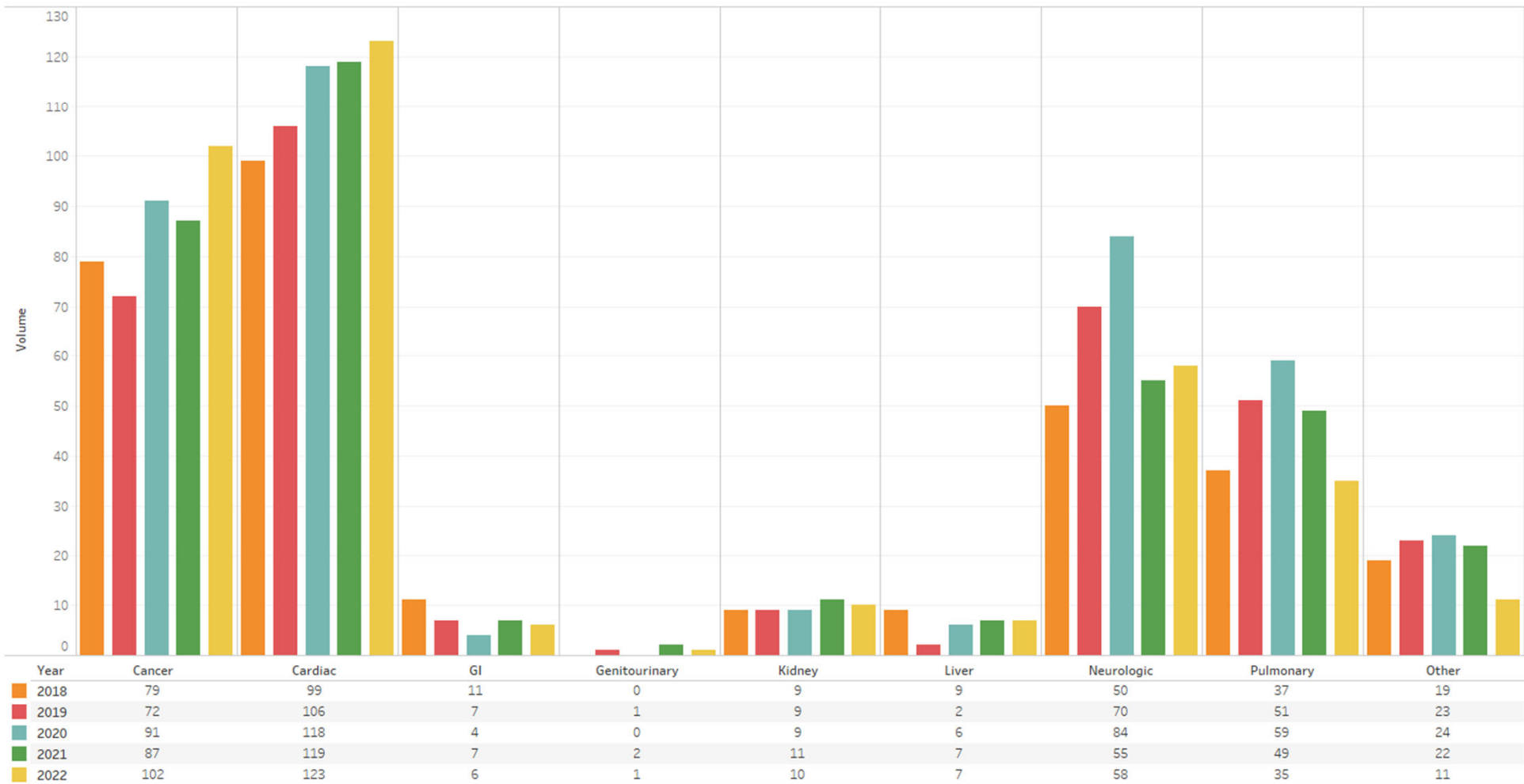
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Illicit Drug Categories	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cocaine					1
Cocaine & Meth				1	1
Meth	1	2	3	4	2
Fentanyl	1	2	2	6	
Fentanyl & Cocaine		1		1	
Fentanyl & Heroin/Morphine				1	
Fentanyl & Meth				1	2
Fentanyl & Multiple Other	1	1		2	1
Heroin/Morphine				1	
Grand Total	3	6	5	17	7



# Deaths by Natural Causes

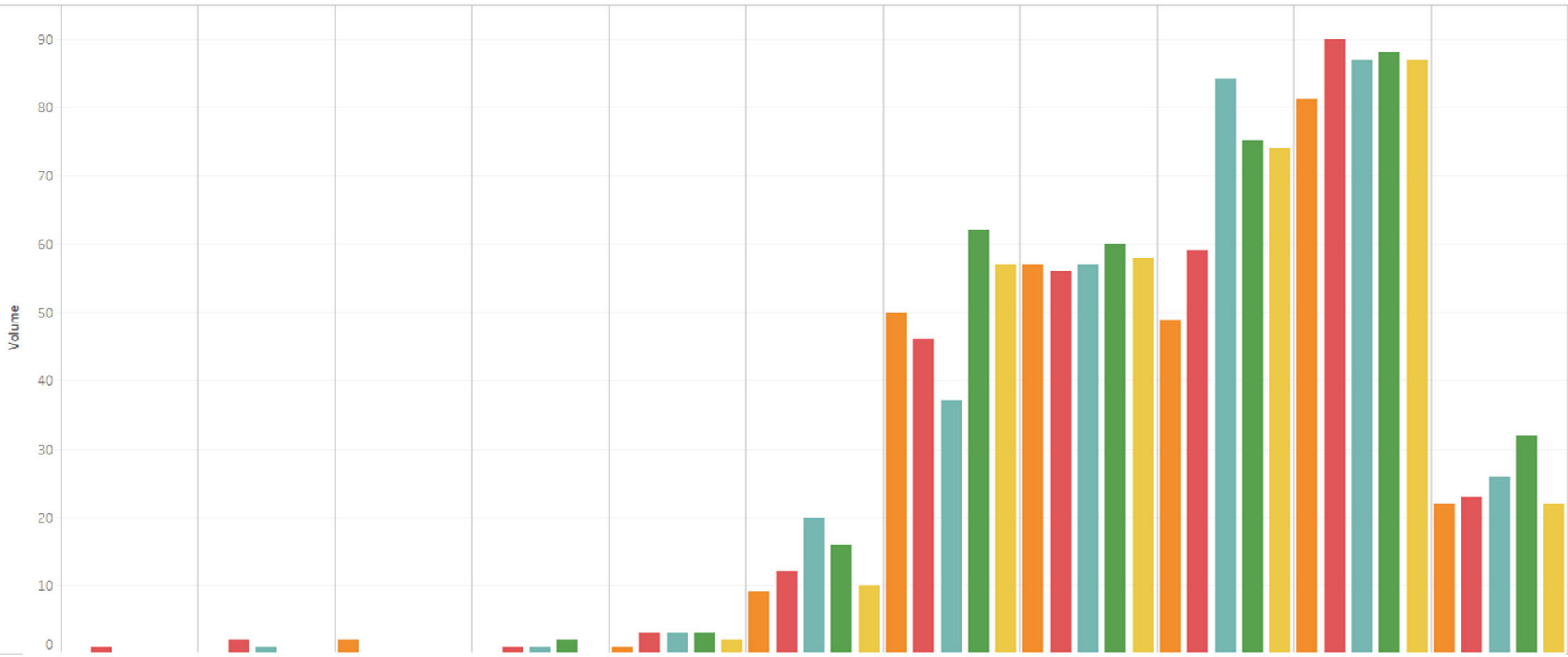
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# Deaths by Age Group

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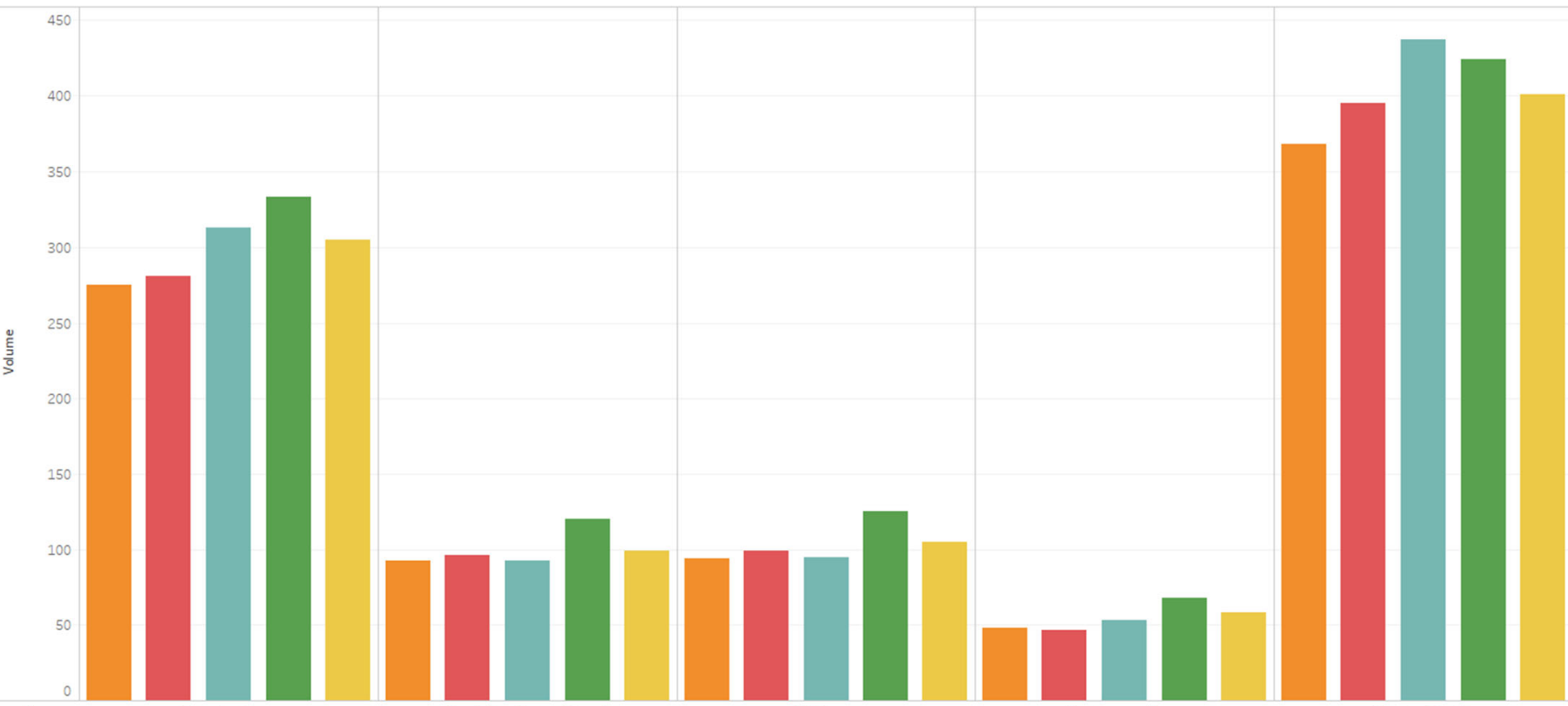
**NOTE:** Excludes Cremation Approval Only



Year	<1	1-5	6-10	11-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65-74	75-84	85-94	95+
2018	0	0	2	0	1	9	50	57	49	81	22
2019	1	2	0	1	3	12	46	56	59	90	23
2020	0	1	0	1	3	20	37	57	84	87	26
2021	0	0	0	2	3	16	62	60	75	88	32
2022	0	0	0	0	2	10	57	58	74	87	22



# Medical Examiner Activities



Year	Investigations	Death Certificates Signed	ME Scenes	Postmortem Exams	Reported Deaths
2018	275	93	94	48	368
2019	281	96	99	46	395
2020	313	93	95	53	437
2021	333	120	125	68	424
2022	305	99	105	58	401

