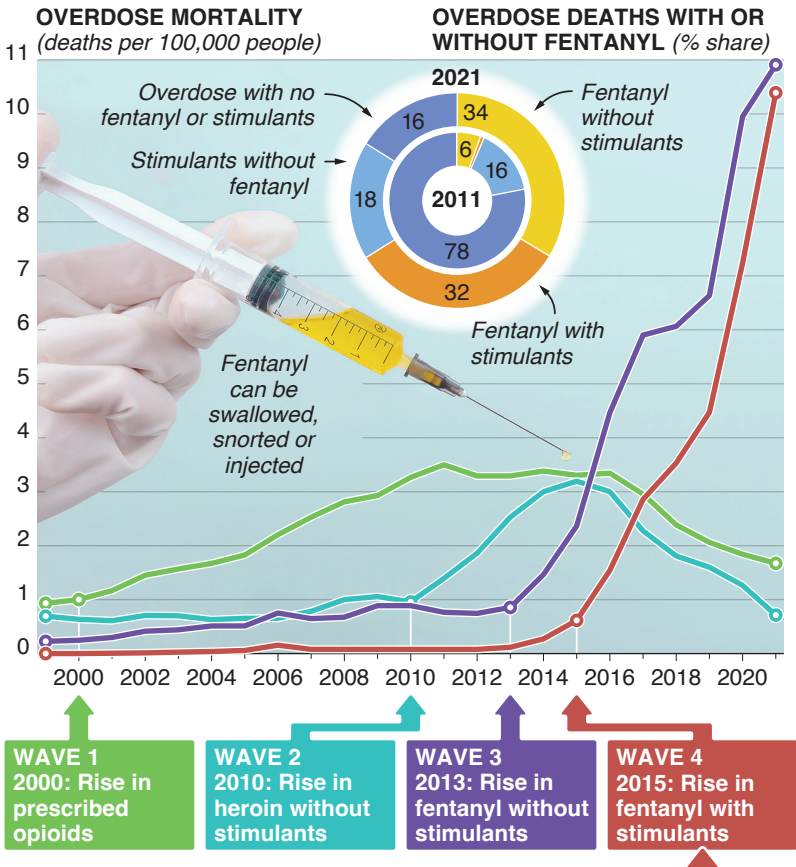


U.S. fentanyl overdose deaths soar

Fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid vastly more potent than morphine, is linked to two-thirds of all drug overdose deaths in the United States, as a “fourth wave” grips the nation



Increase in fentanyl deaths attributed to drug being mixed with other stimulants like **cocaine** or **methamphetamine**, to produce longer highs