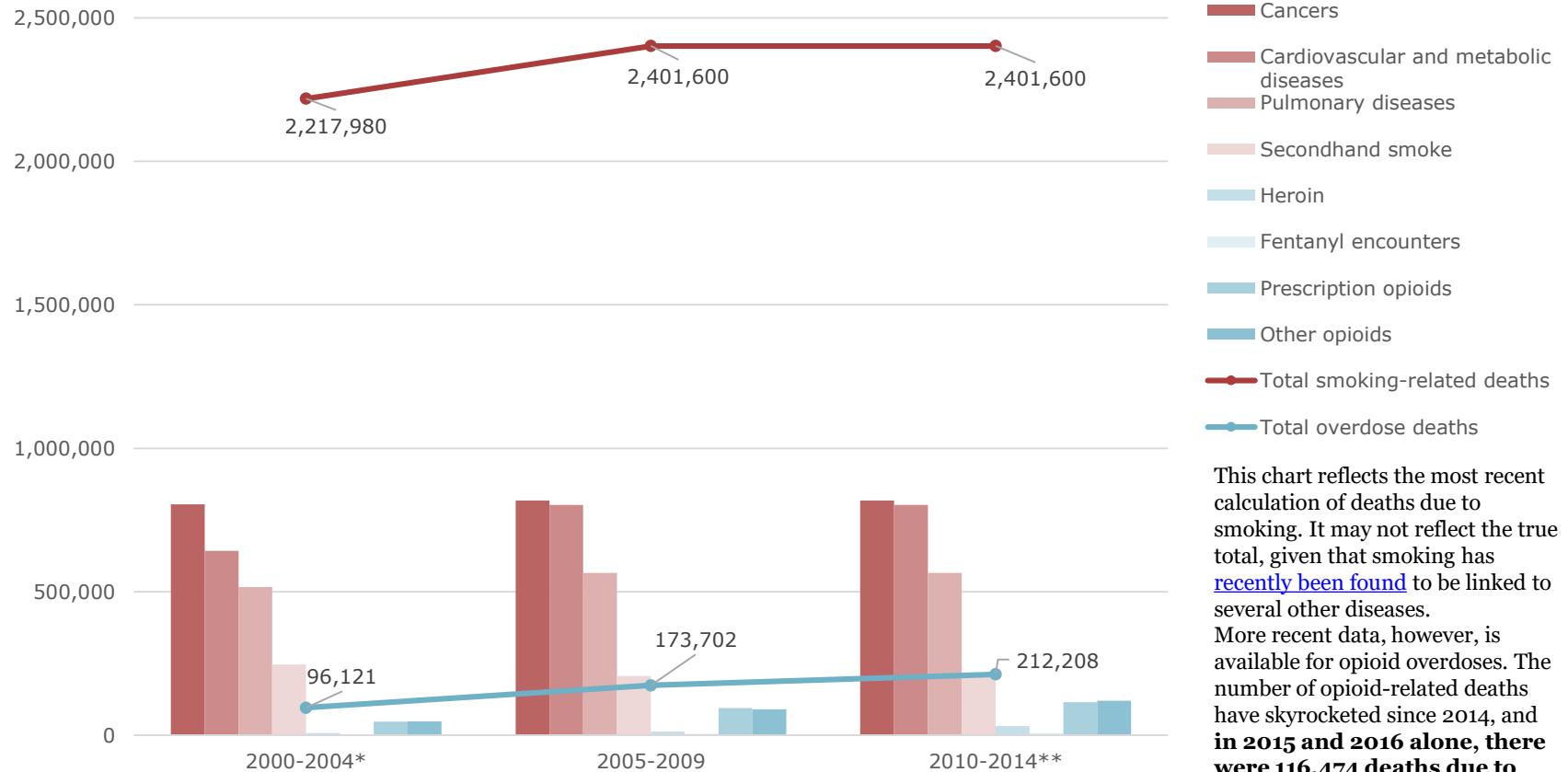


Smoking caused over 11 times as many deaths as opioid overdoses from 2010-2014

A breakdown of smoking- and opioid-related deaths, 2000 to 2014



This chart reflects the most recent calculation of deaths due to smoking. It may not reflect the true total, given that smoking has [recently been found](#) to be linked to several other diseases. More recent data, however, is available for opioid overdoses. The number of opioid-related deaths have skyrocketed since 2014, and **in 2015 and 2016 alone, there were 116,474 deaths due to opioid overdoses.**

*Opioid overdose data for 2000 is not available, so the total number of overdose deaths for 2000-2004 is likely higher than reflected here

**Smoking data for 2010-2014 is based on a report issued in 2014, so values are estimated from 2005-2009 deaths

*** According to the CDC, there is strong evidence of an association between reported fentanyl encounters and fentanyl-involved overdose deaths

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