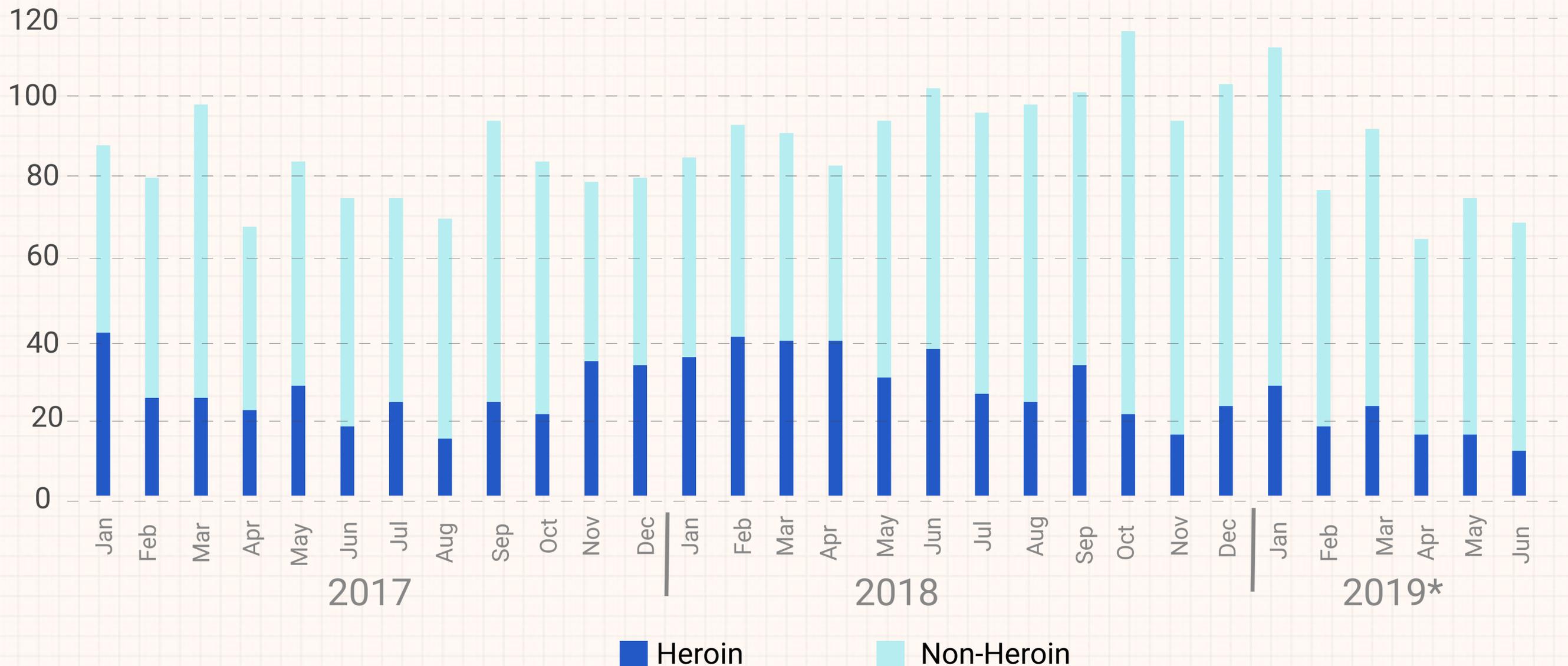




MONTHLY MISSOURI RESIDENT HEROIN AND NON-HEROIN DEATHS



Source: Bureau of Health Care Analysis and Data Dissemination, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

These charts display the number of heroin-and non-heroin opioid-involved overdose deaths by month. There does not appear to be a pattern of seasonality; instead there is a steady rise over time punctuated by highs and lows. One example of a high is the spike in overdose deaths due to heroin in early 2018. The latter part of 2018 saw a gradual decrease that has continued into 2019. This could be, in part, due to the rise in fentanyl-related deaths with are considered to be non-heroin opioid fatalities. DHSS will continue to investigate through more discrete statistical analysis and continued collection of data to determine whether any consistent seasonal trends exist.