


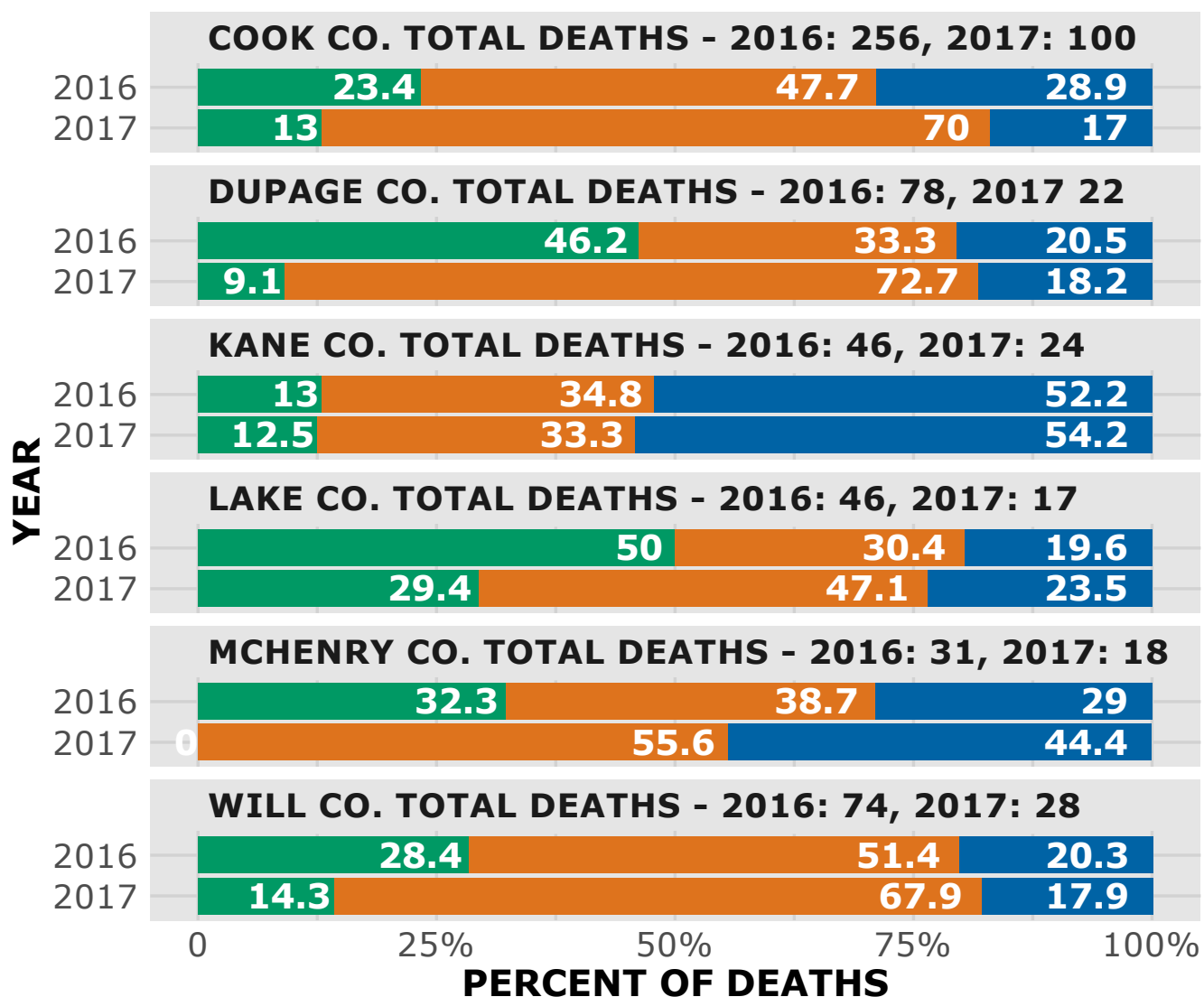


A turn for the worse

Suburban counties are seeing an increase in overdose deaths caused by more than just heroin. Coroners say fentanyl and synthetic opioids have been contributing to more deaths beginning last year.

OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS

 % Heroin only  % Heroin with other drugs*  % Synthetic opioids without heroin*



* Includes fentanyl and synthetic opioids.

Note: 2017 numbers are through June 15. Cook County data excludes Chicago.

Daily Herald Graphic | Sources: County coroners.