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# **Drug Cases Submitted to the Virginia Department of Forensic Science CY 2014**

**A Joint Report by the Virginia Departments of  
Forensic Science  
&  
Criminal Justice Services**



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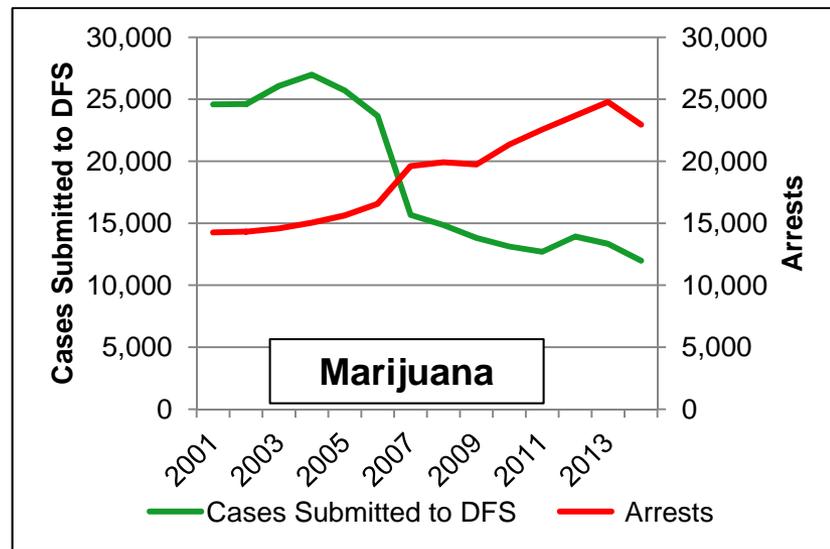
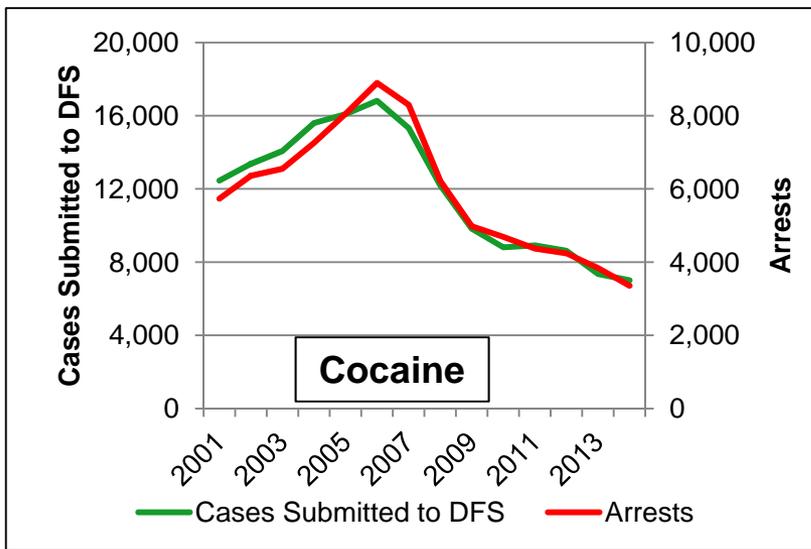
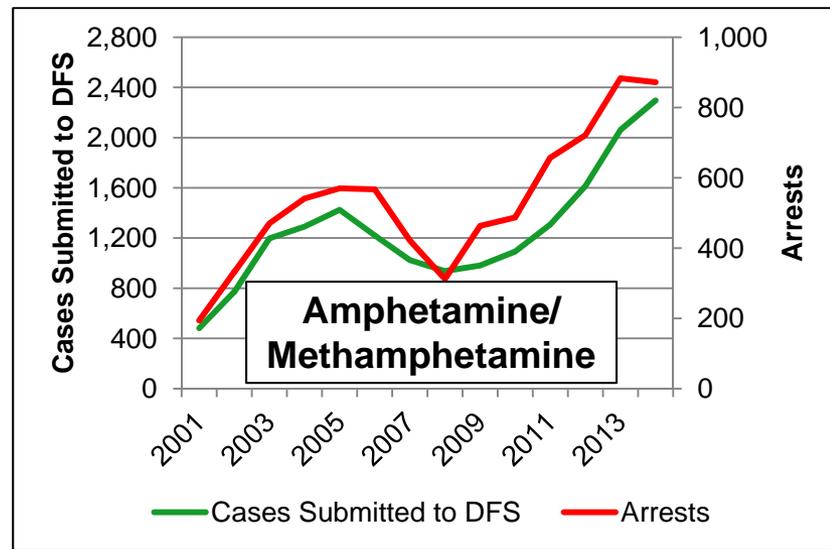
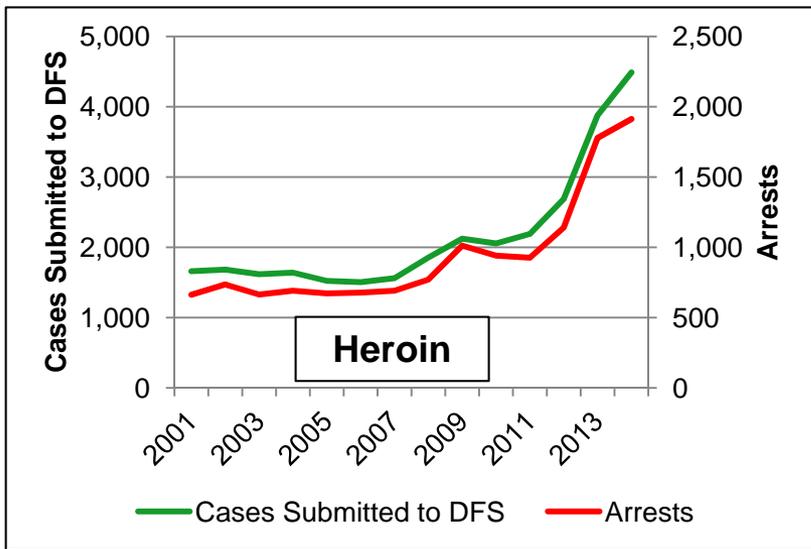
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- DFS receives tens of thousands of drug samples every year
- Data presented here are for select drug categories of interest
  - Cocaine
  - Heroin
  - Methamphetamine
  - Marijuana
  - Cannabimimetic Agents\*
  - “Club Drugs”
  - Prescription Opioids
  - Prescription Stimulants
  - Benzodiazepines

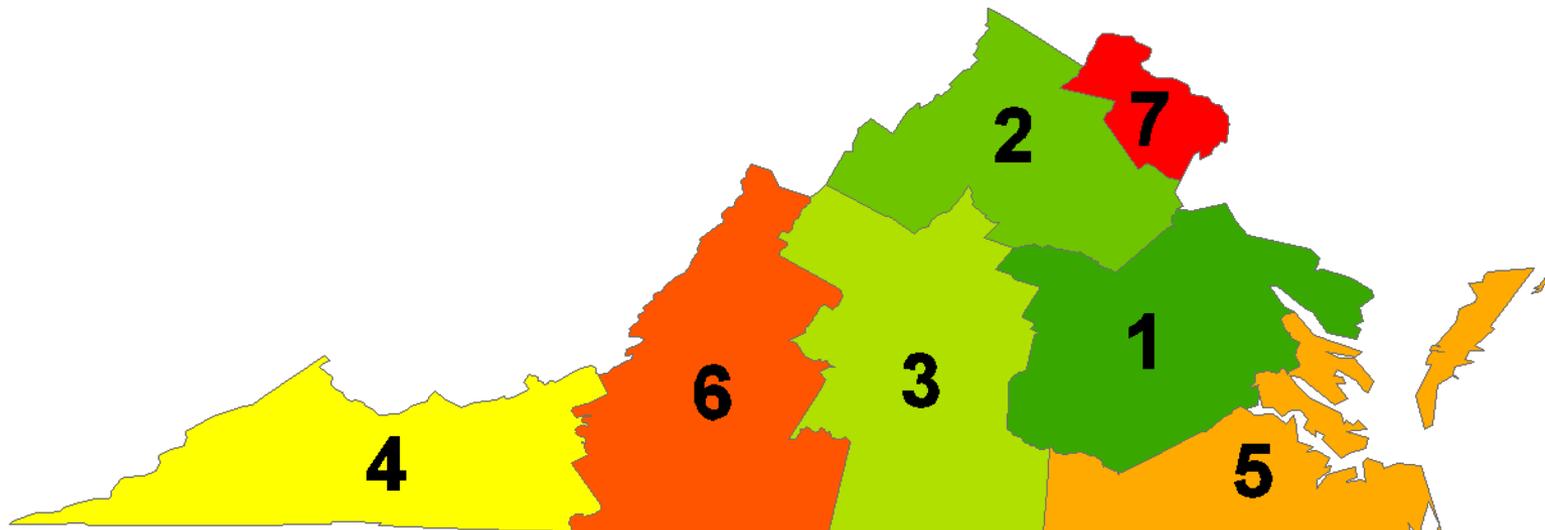
\*Cannabimimetic agents were previously labeled “synthetic cannabinoids.”

# Comparing DFS Cases to Arrest Data

Select drug types, calendar years 2001-2014



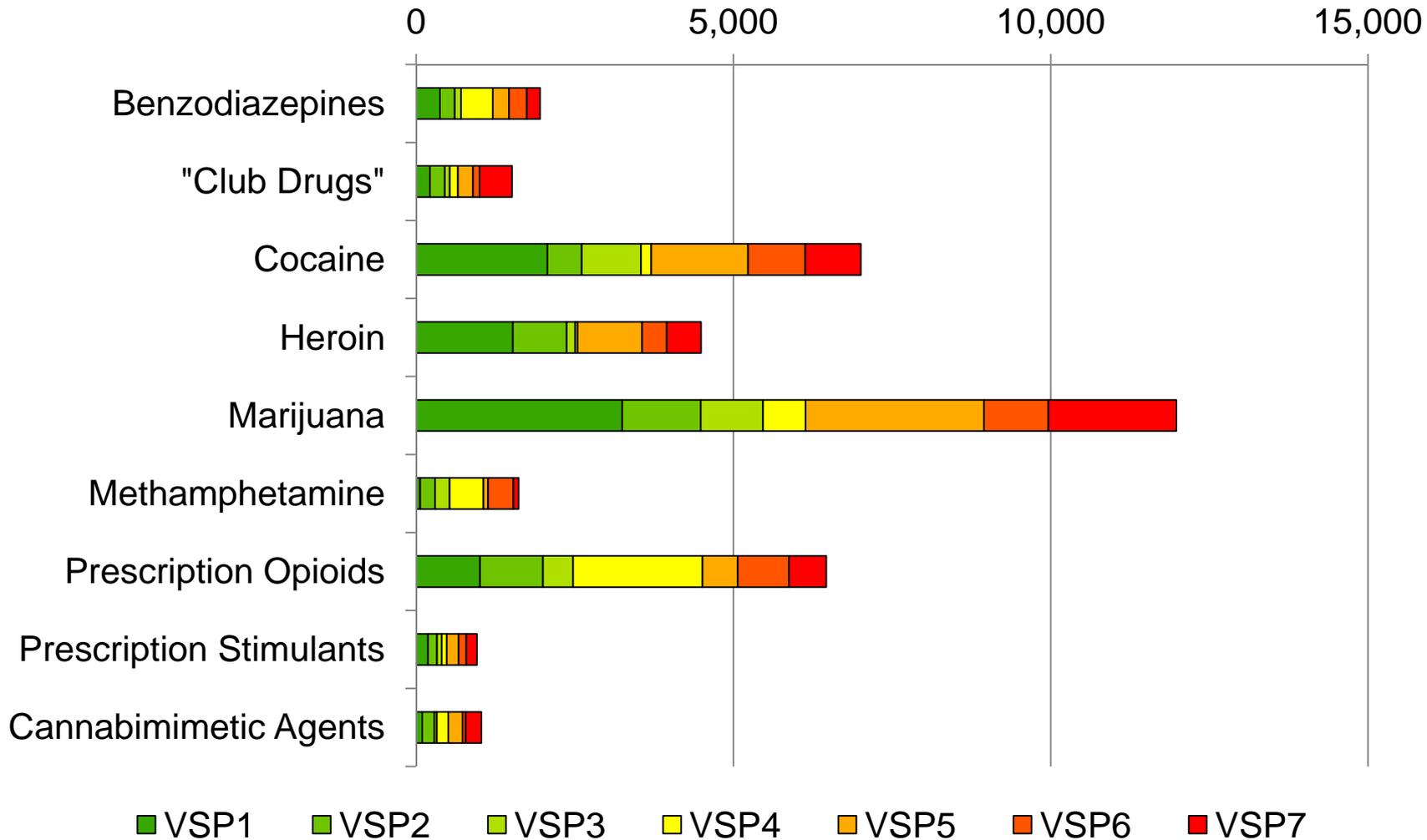
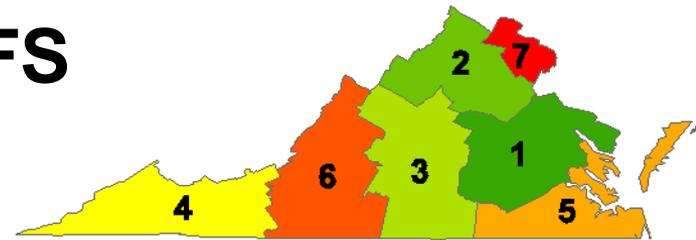
# Virginia State Police Divisions



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Amelia County	Lancaster County	Clarke County	Albemarle County	Bland County	Accomack County	York County	Alleghany County	Roanoke County	Arlington County				
Caroline County	Louisa County	Culpeper County	Amherst County	Buchanan County	Brunswick County	Chesapeake City	Bath County	Rockbridge County	Fairfax County				
Charles City County	New Kent County	Fauquier County	Appomattox County	Carroll County	Gloucester County	Emporia City	Bedford County	Bedford City	Loudoun County				
Chesterfield County	Northumberland County	Frederick County	Augusta County	Dickenson County	Greensville County	Franklin City	Botetourt County	Buena Vista City	Prince William County				
Dinwiddie County	Nottoway County	Madison County	Buckingham County	Giles County	Isle of Wight County	Hampton City	Craig County	Danville City	Alexandria City				
Essex County	Powhatan County	Orange County	Campbell County	Grayson County	James City County	Newport News City	Floyd County	Lexington City	Fairfax City				
Goochland County	Prince George County	Page County	Charlotte County	Lee County	Mathews County	Norfolk City	Franklin County	Martinsville City	Falls Church City				
Hanover County	Richmond County	Rappahannock County	Cumberland County	Pulaski County	Middlesex County	Poquoson City	Henry County	Radford City	Manassas City				
Henrico County	Westmoreland County	Rockingham County	Fluvanna County	Russell County	Northampton County	Portsmouth City	Highland County	Roanoke City	Manassas Park City				
King and Queen County	Colonial Heights City	Shenandoah County	Greene County	Scott County	Southampton County	Suffolk City	Montgomery County	Salem City					
King George County	Hopewell City	Spotsylvania County	Halifax County	Smyth County	Surry County	Virginia Beach City	Patrick County						
King William County	Petersburg City	Stafford County	Lunenburg County	Tazewell County	Sussex County	Williamsburg City	Pittsylvania County						
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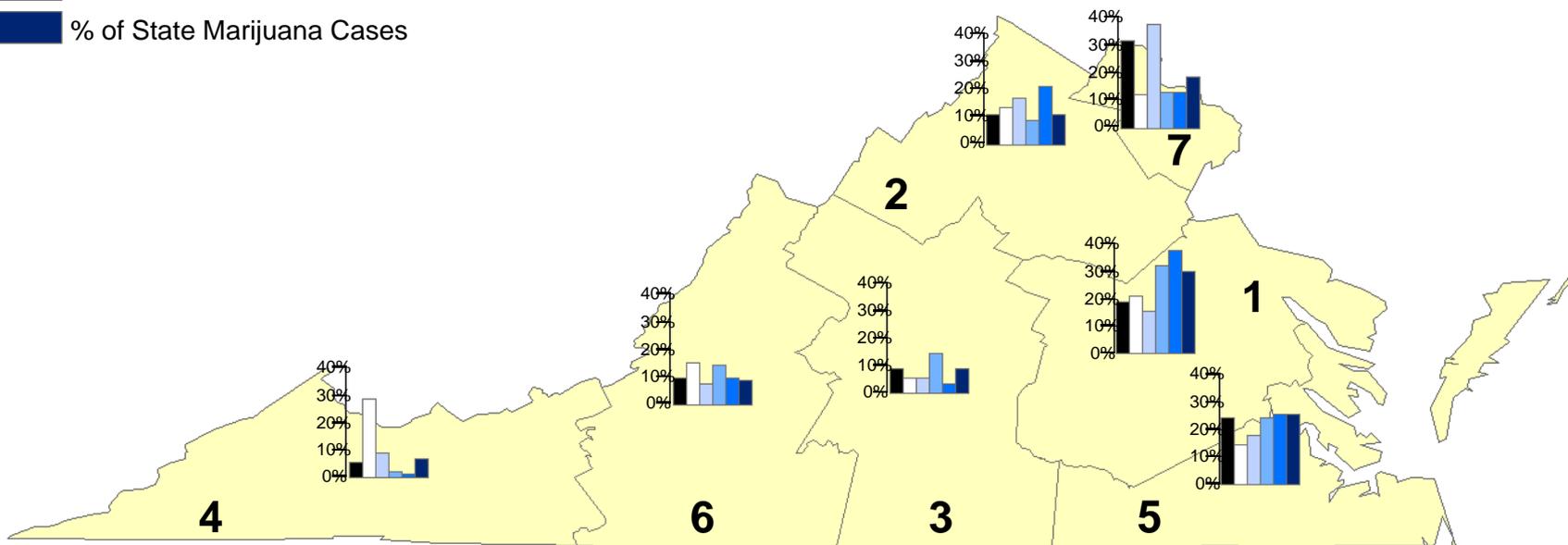
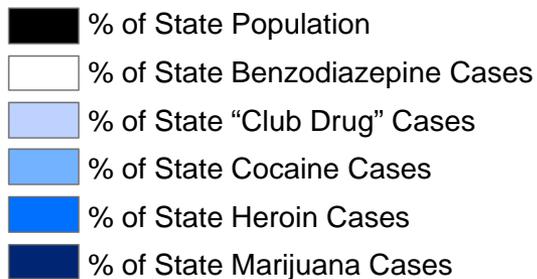
# Drug Cases Submitted to DFS

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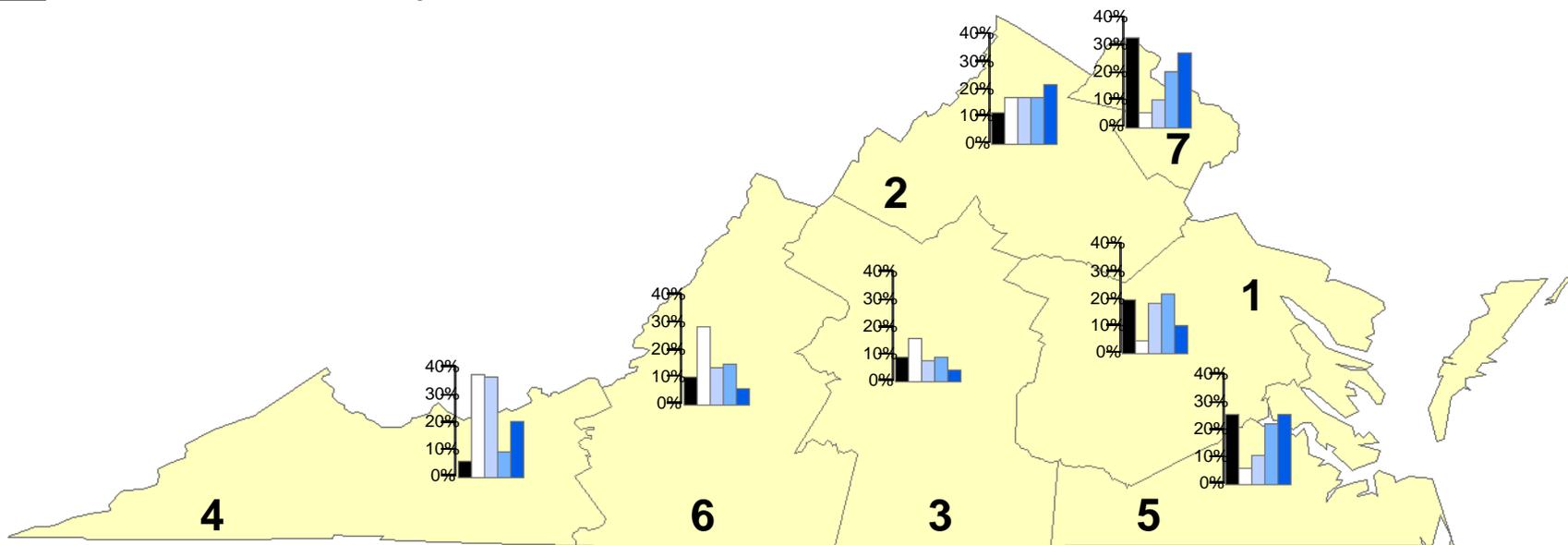
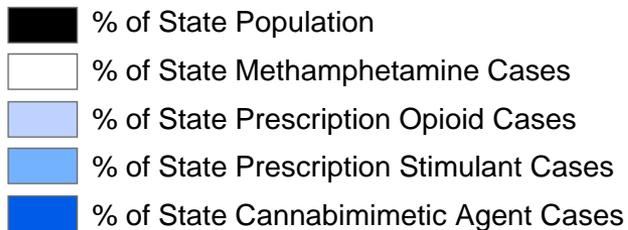
# Regional Variations in Drug Submissions

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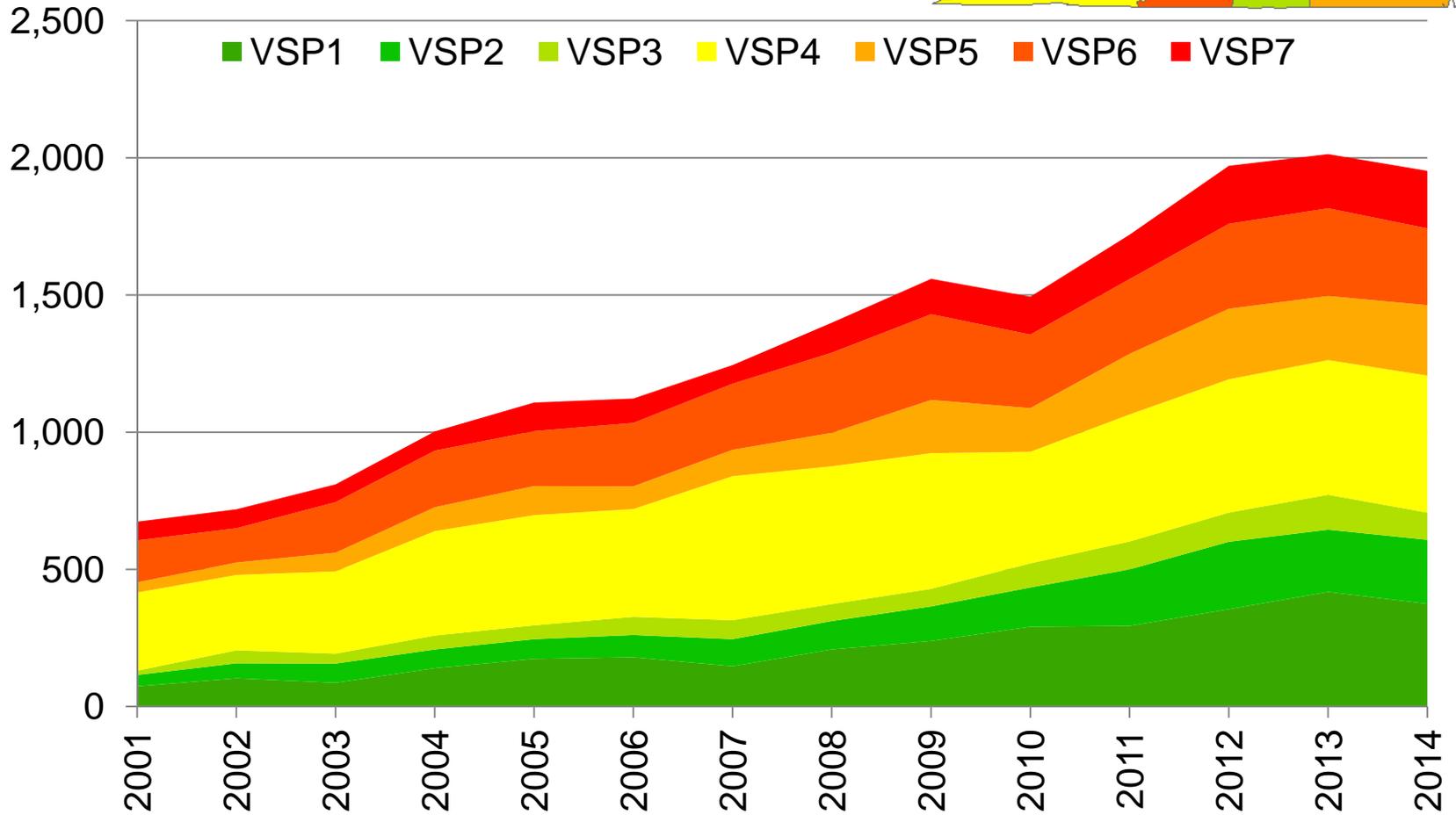
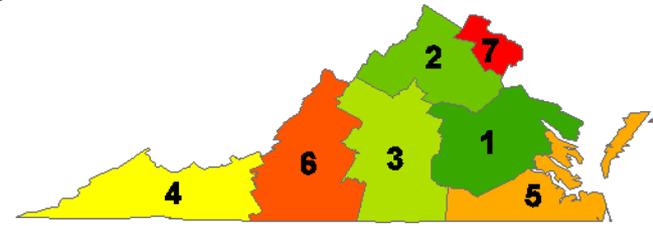
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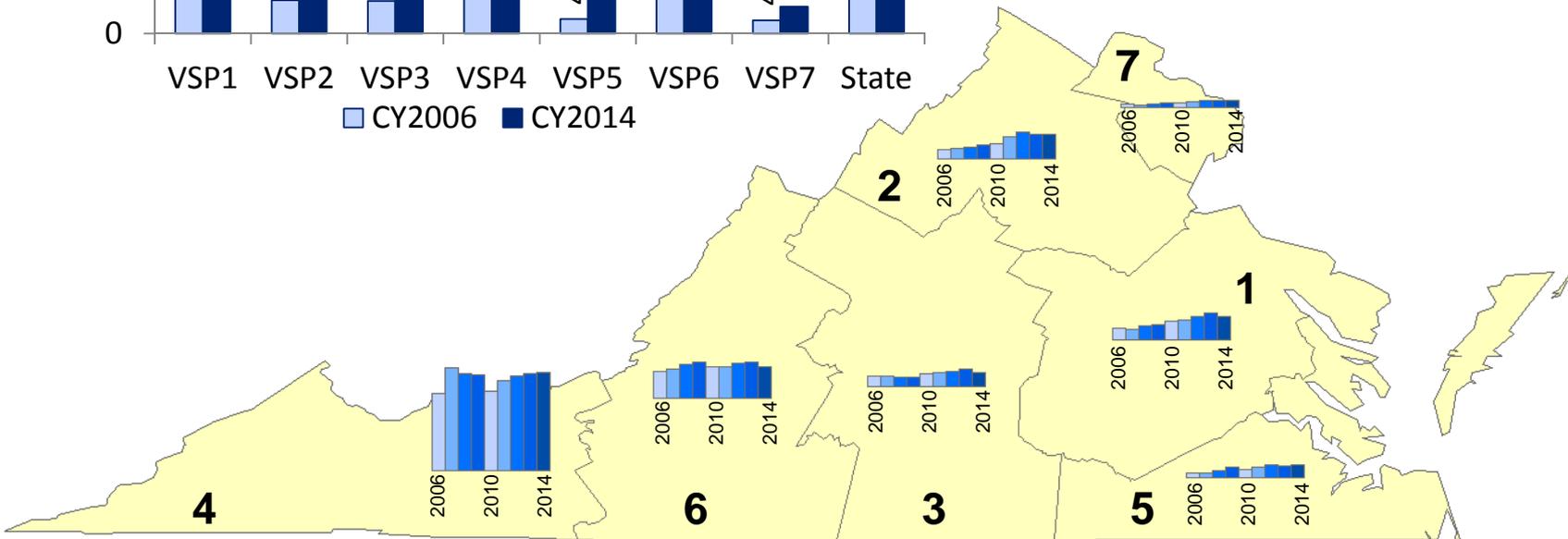
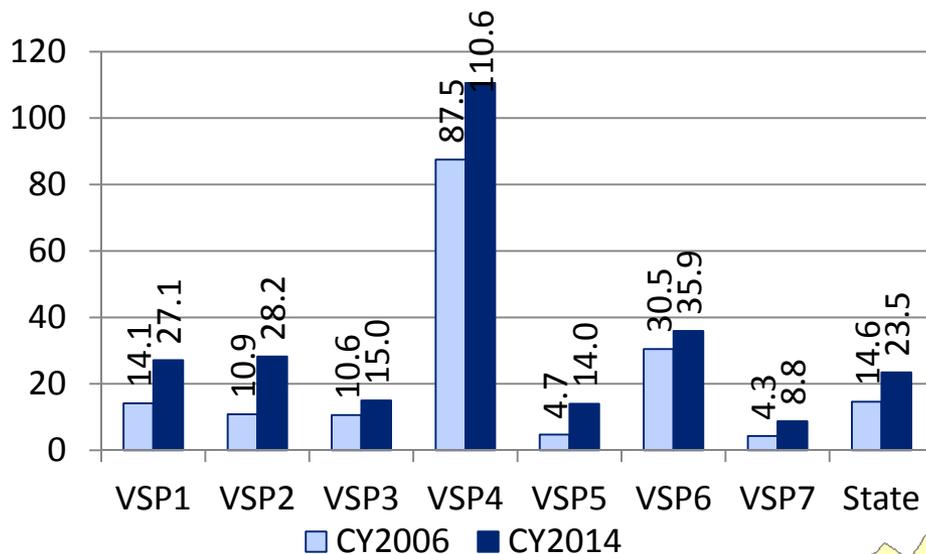
# Benzodiazepine Submissions

Cases submitted to DFS, calendar years 2001-2014



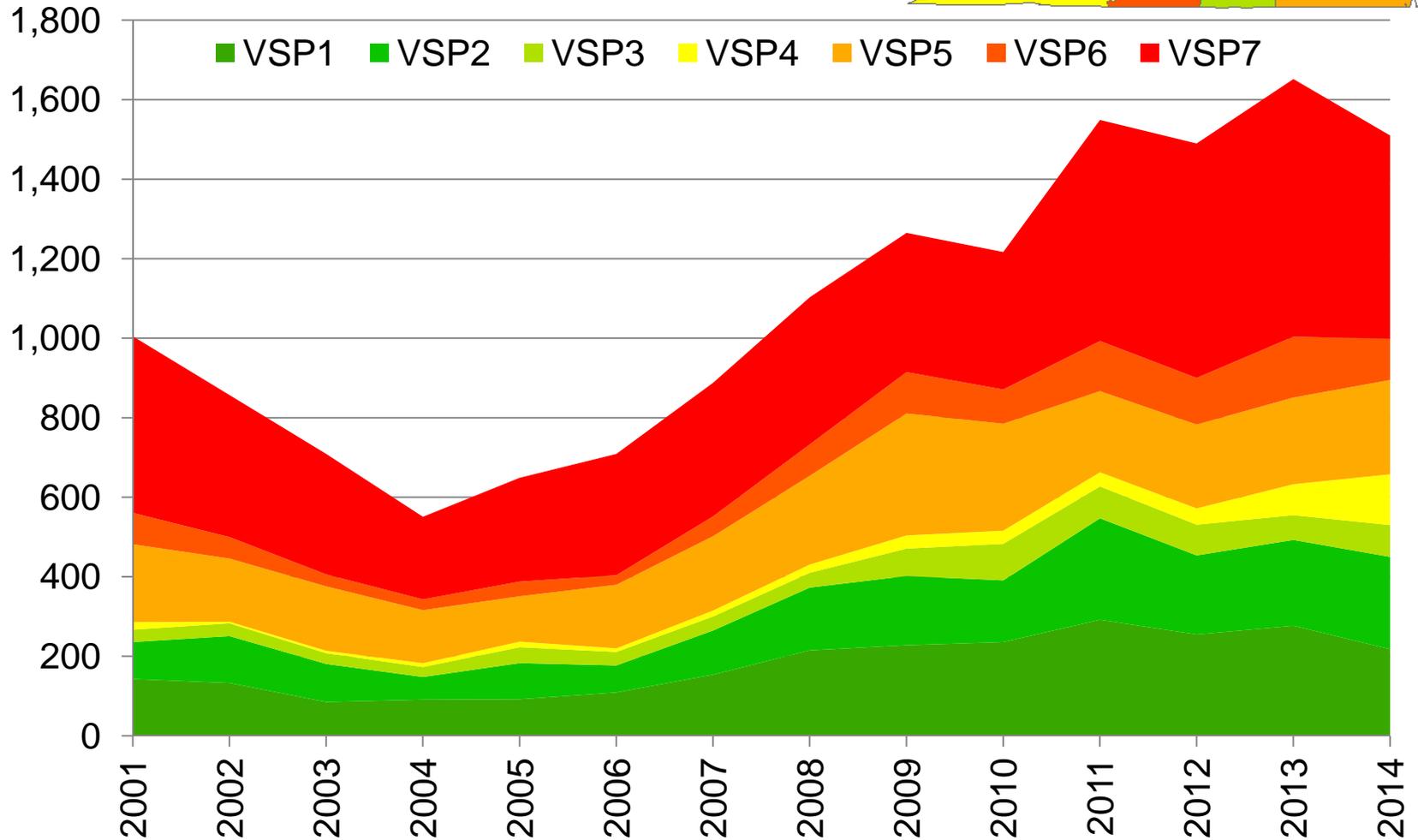
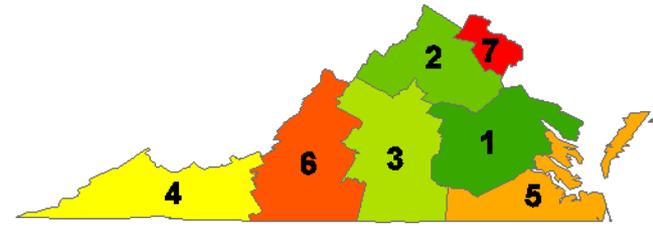
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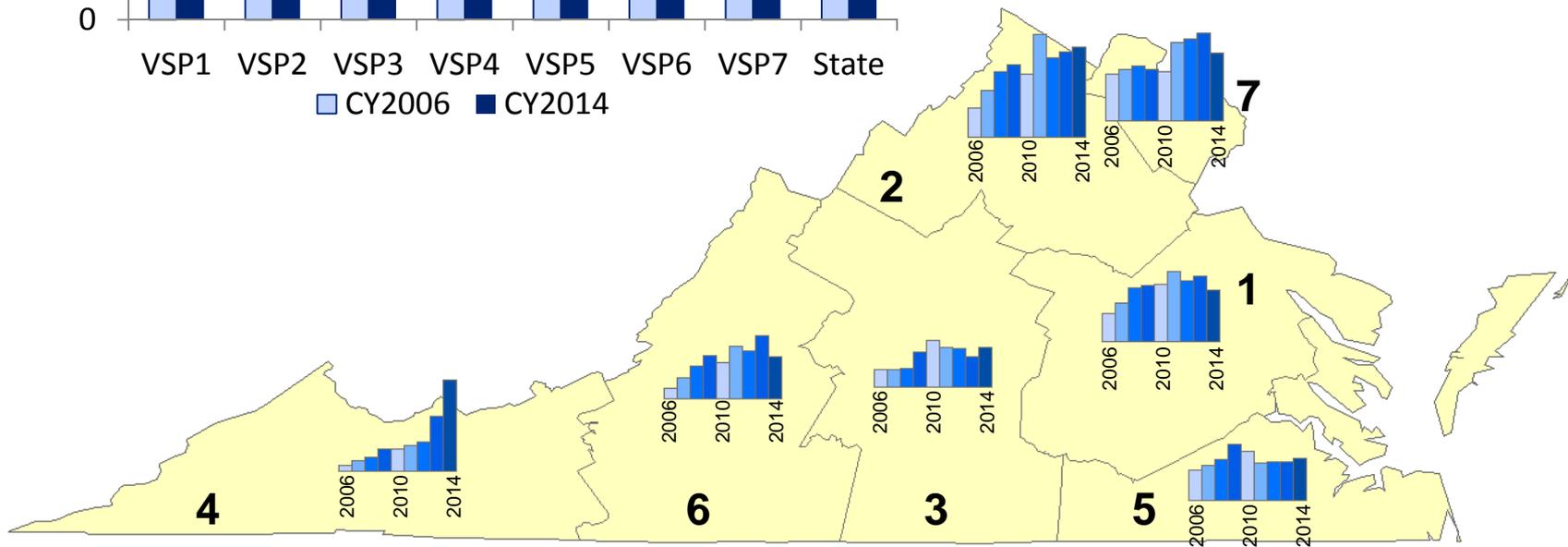
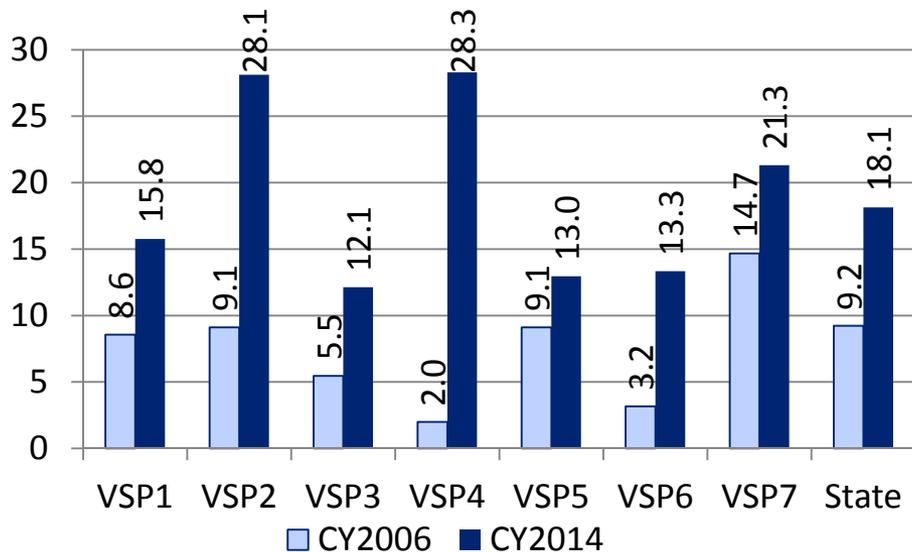
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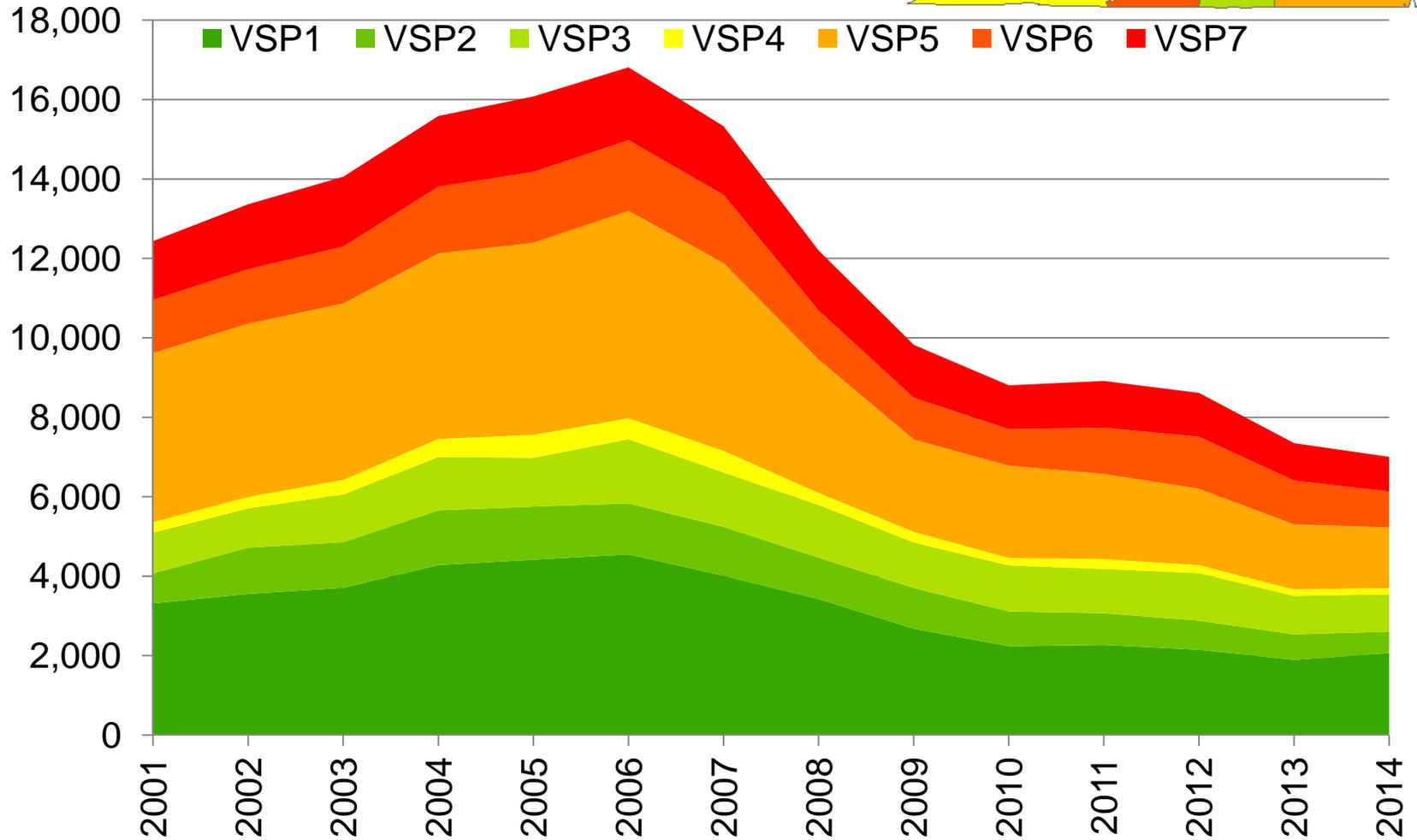
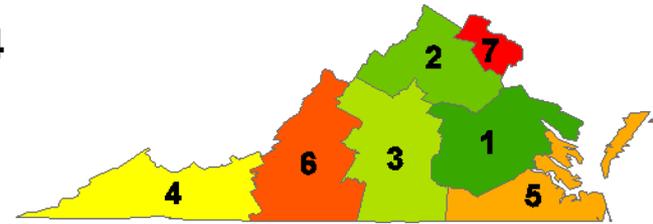
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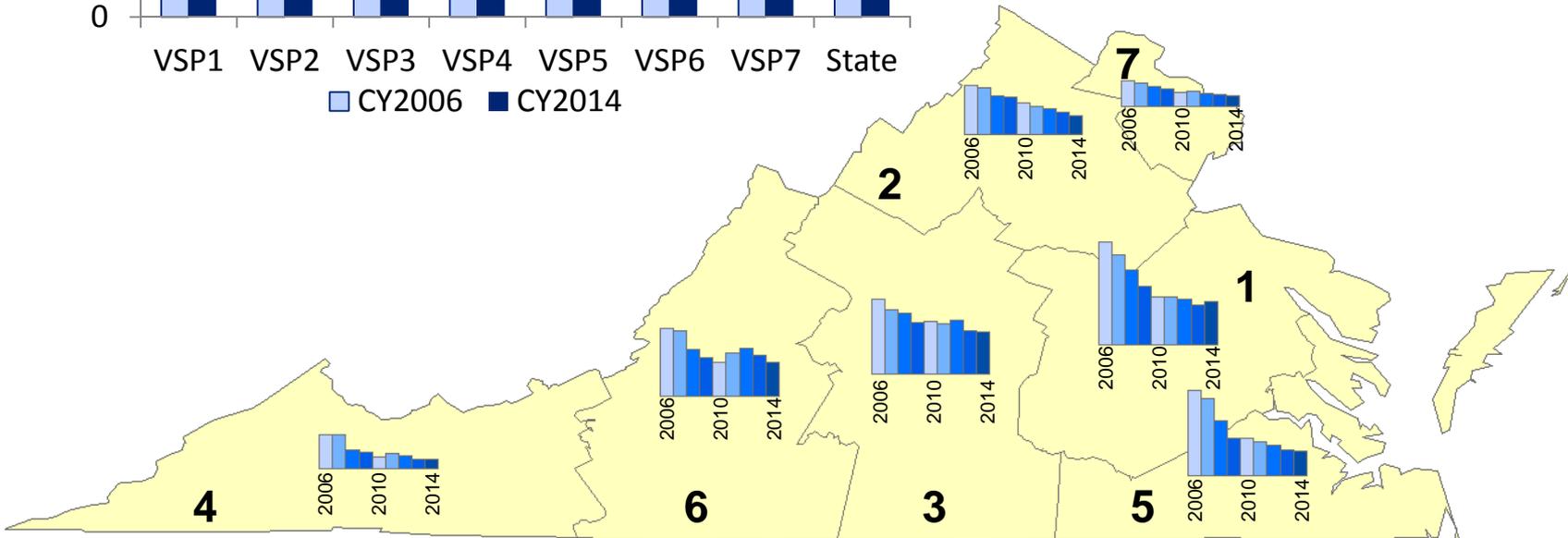
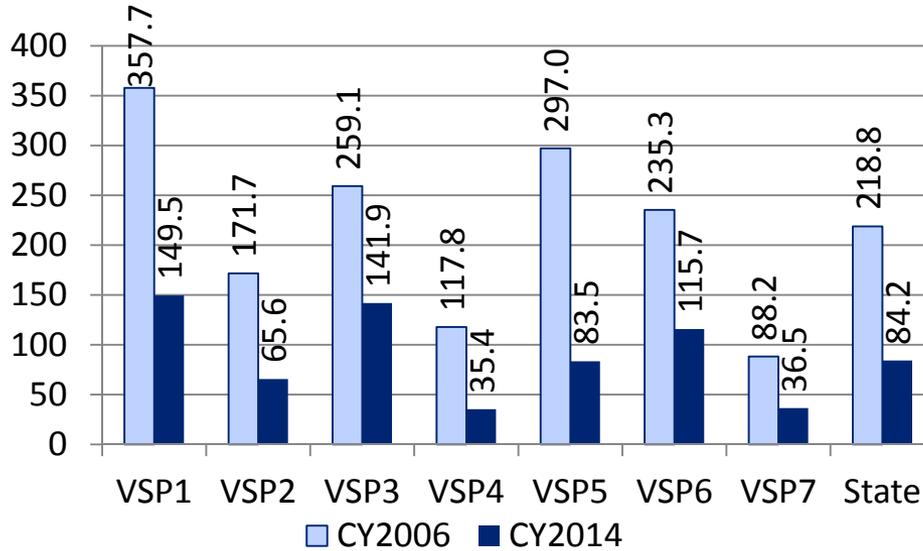
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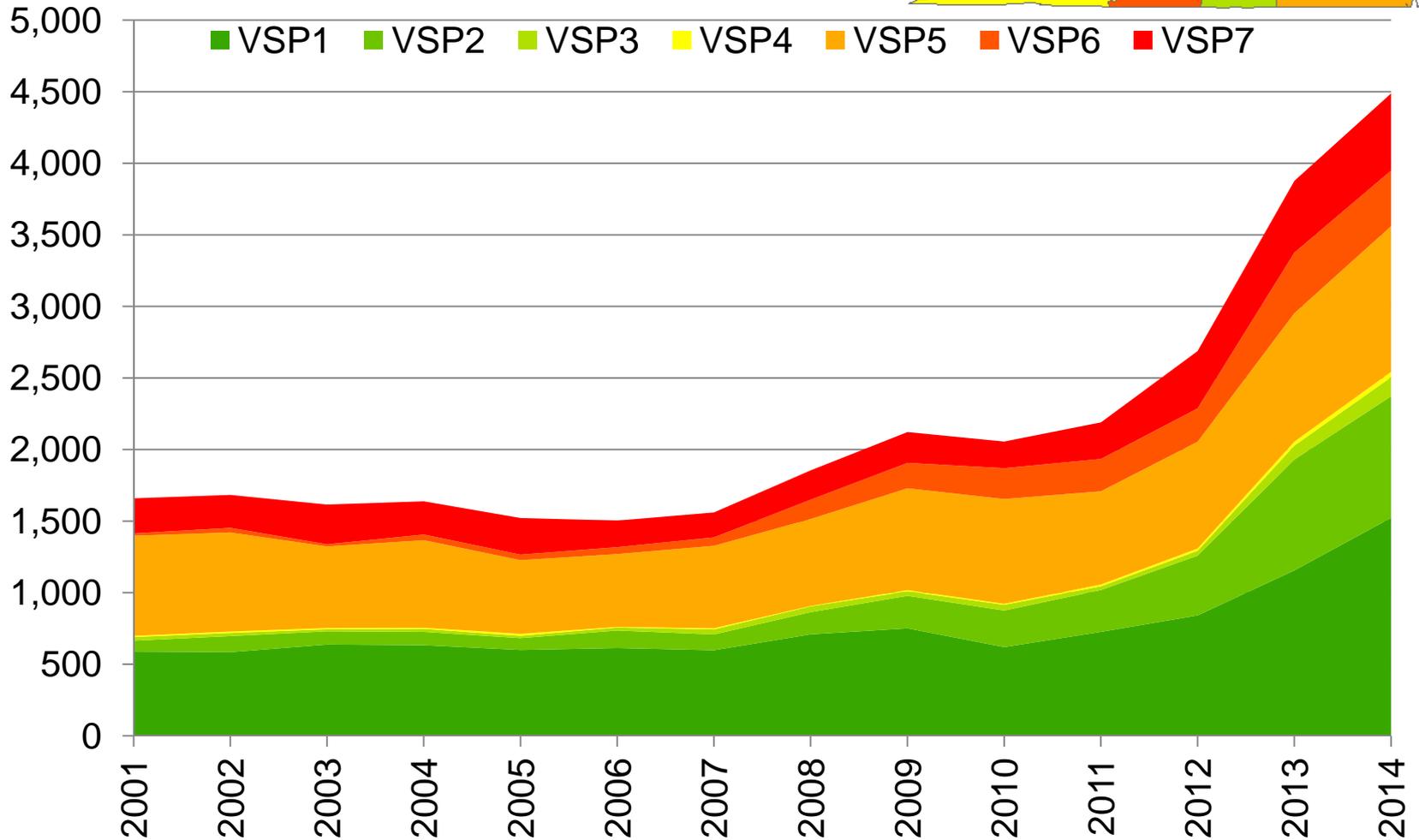
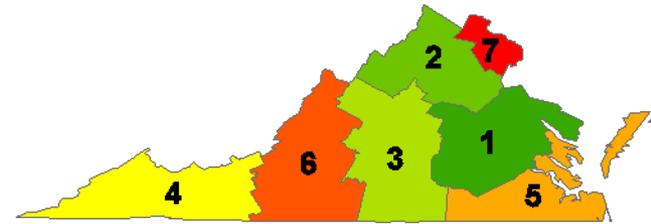
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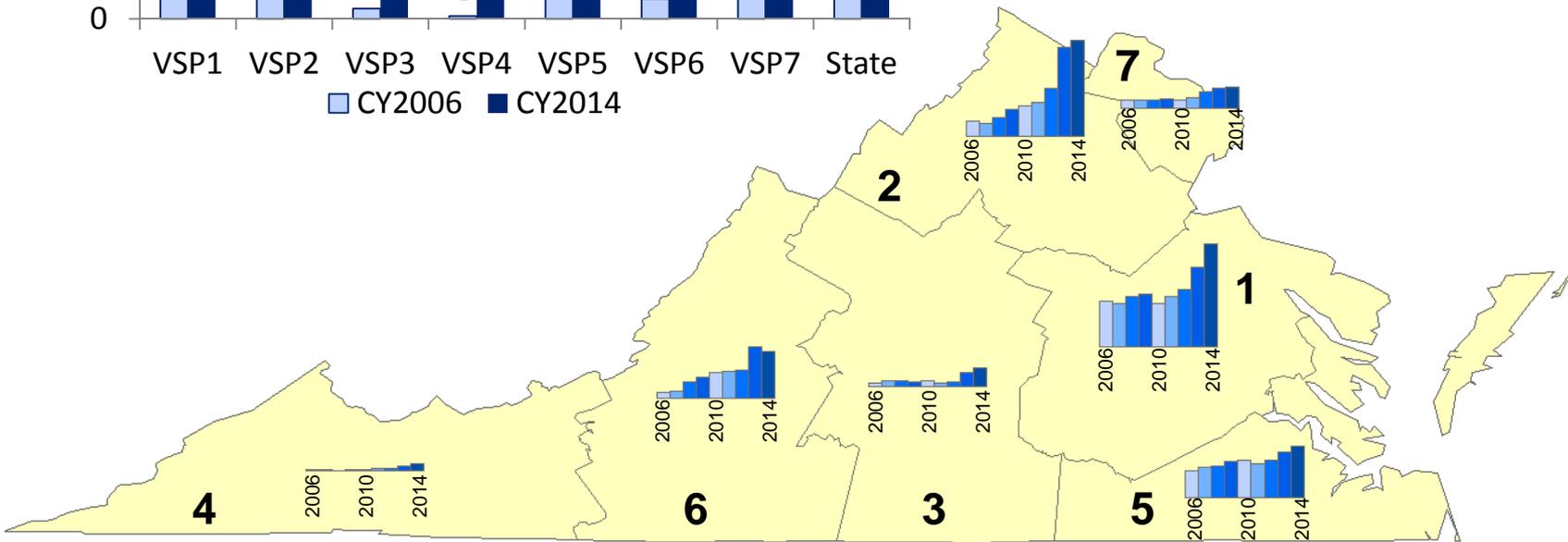
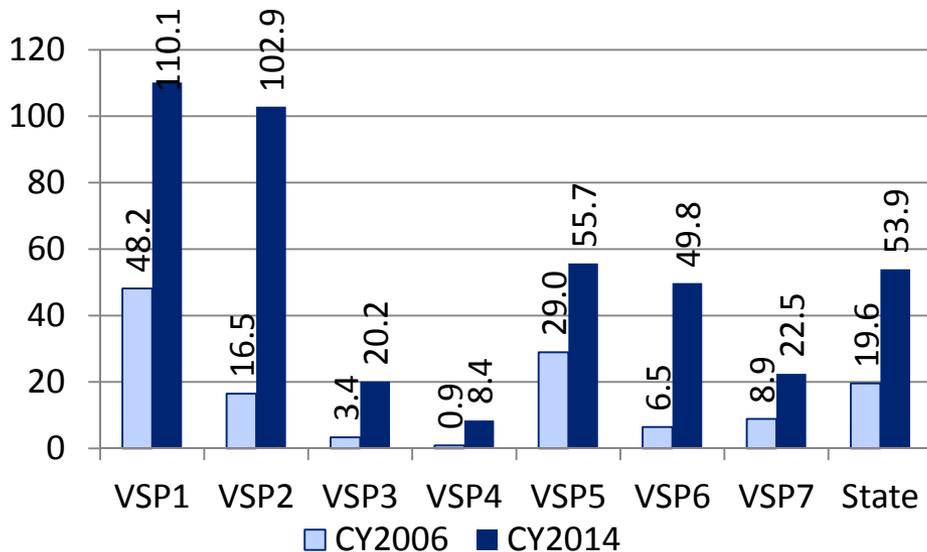
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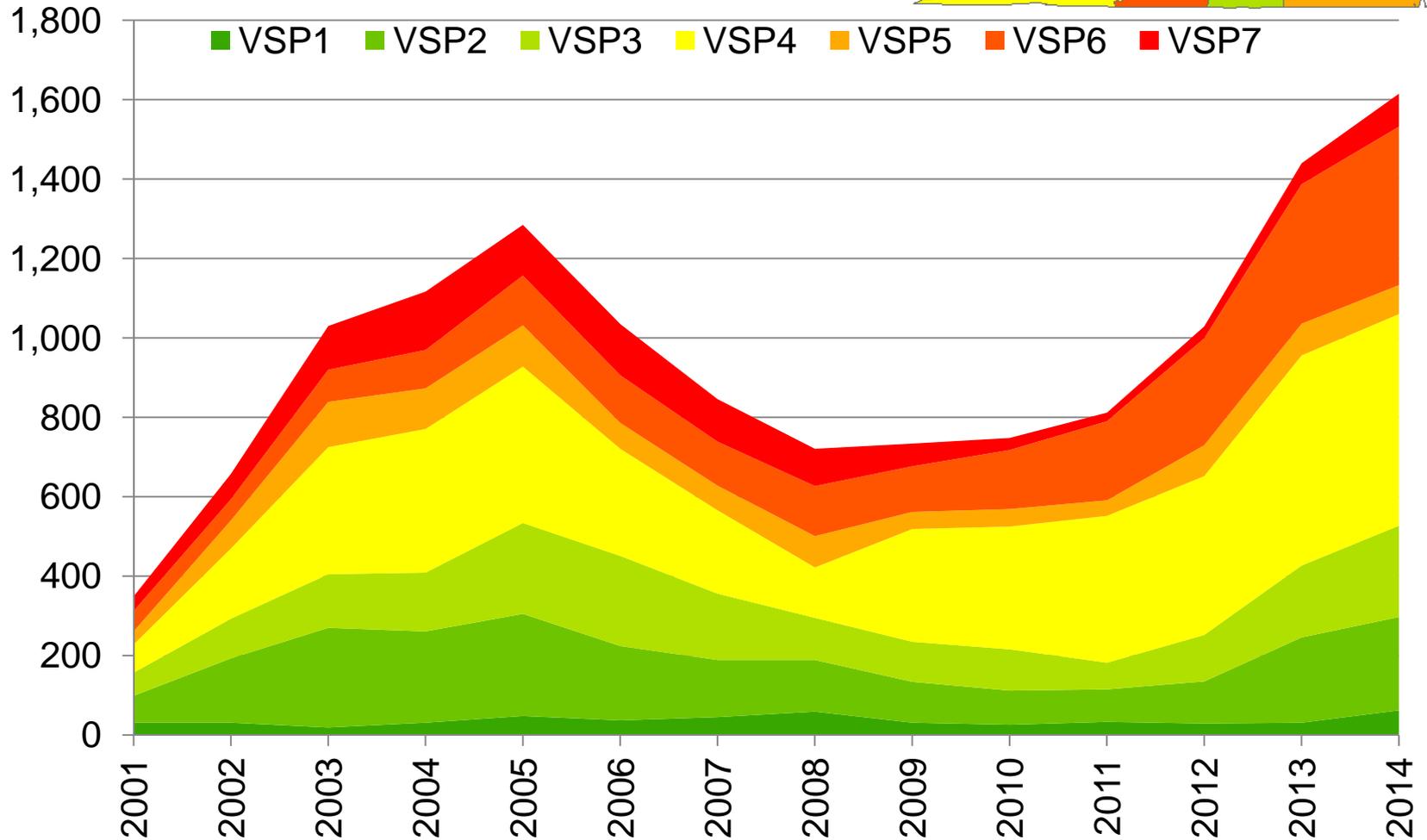
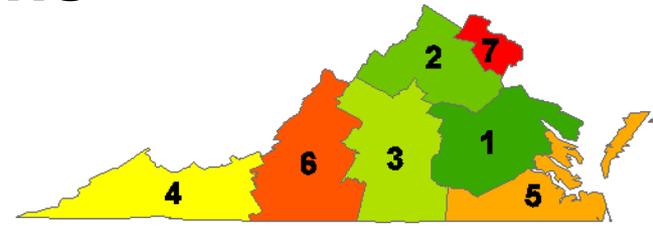
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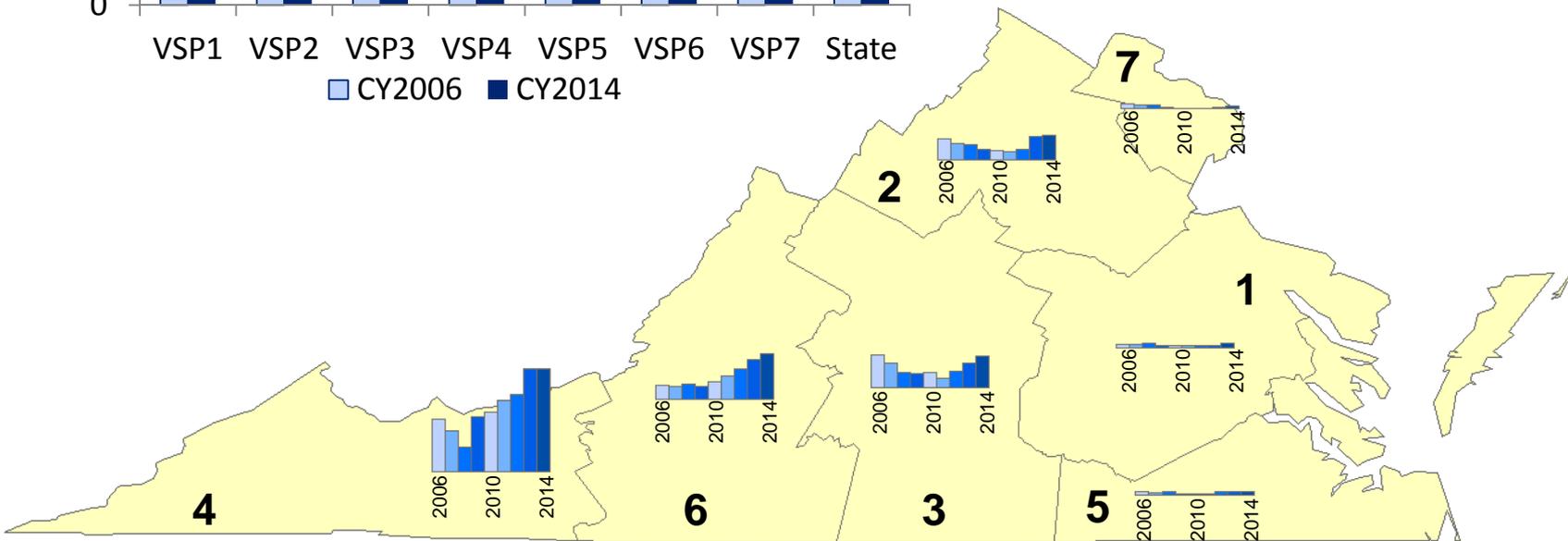
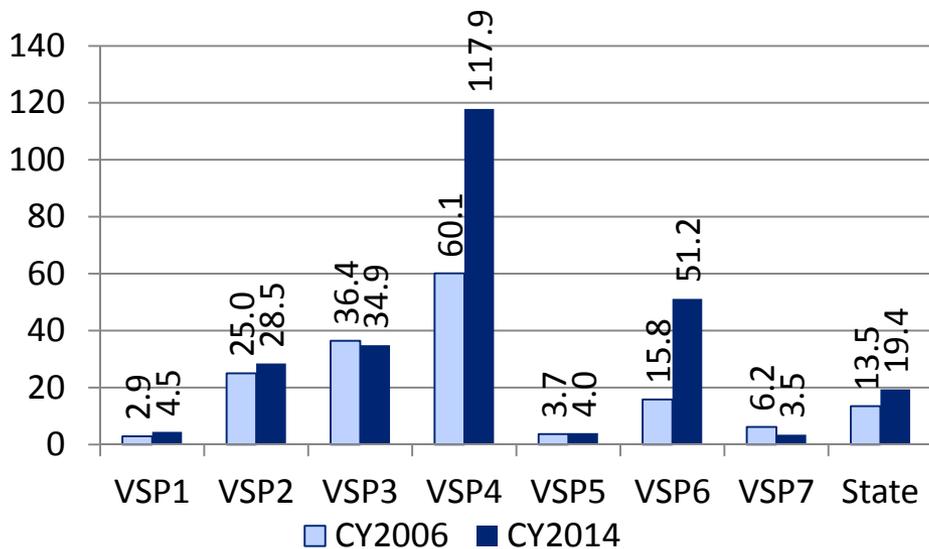
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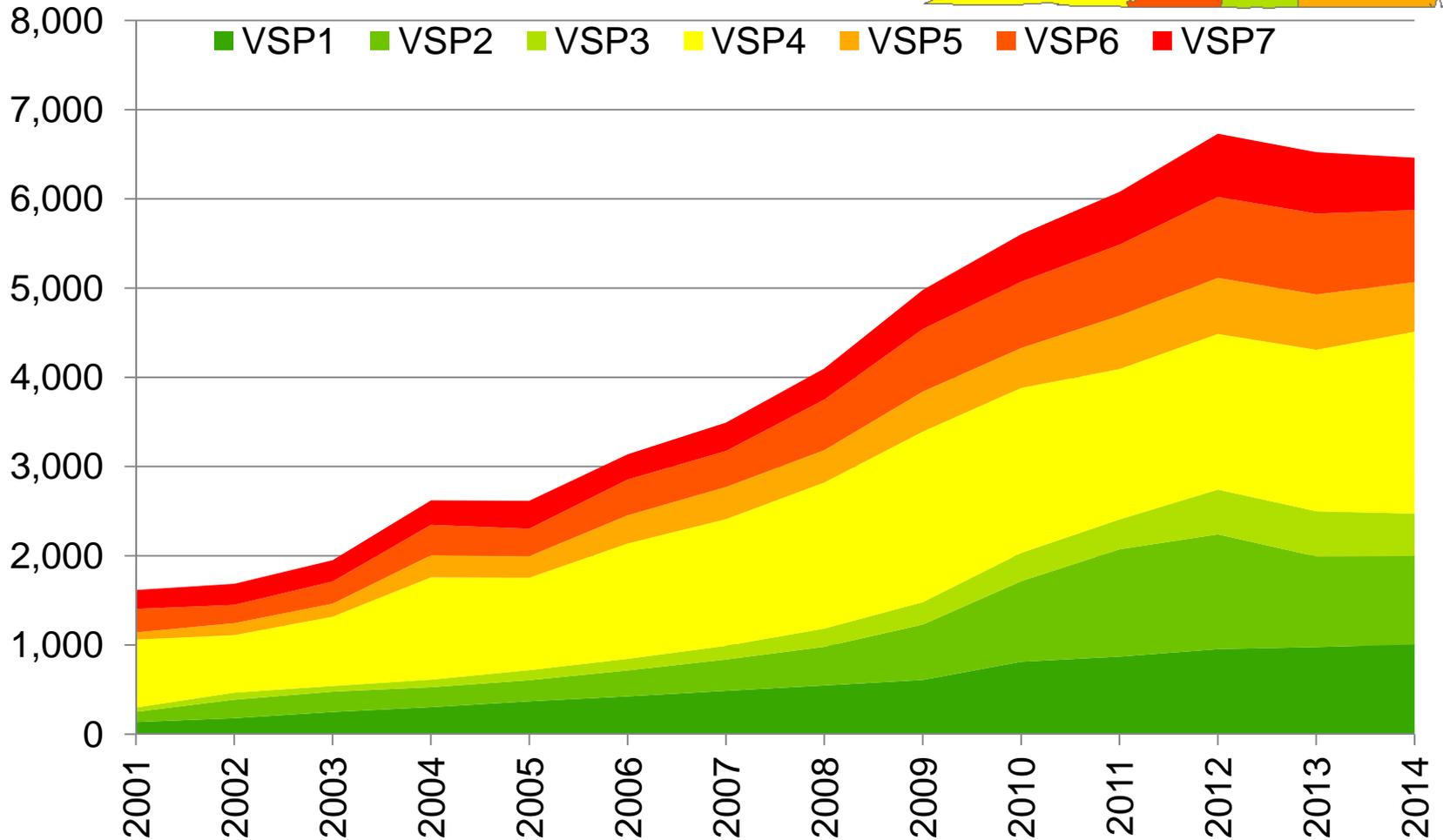
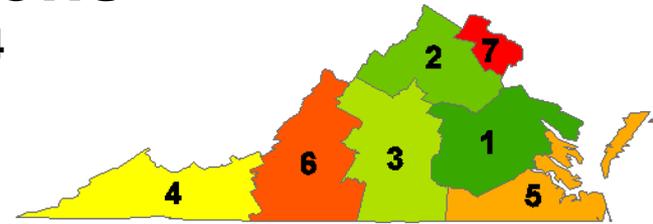
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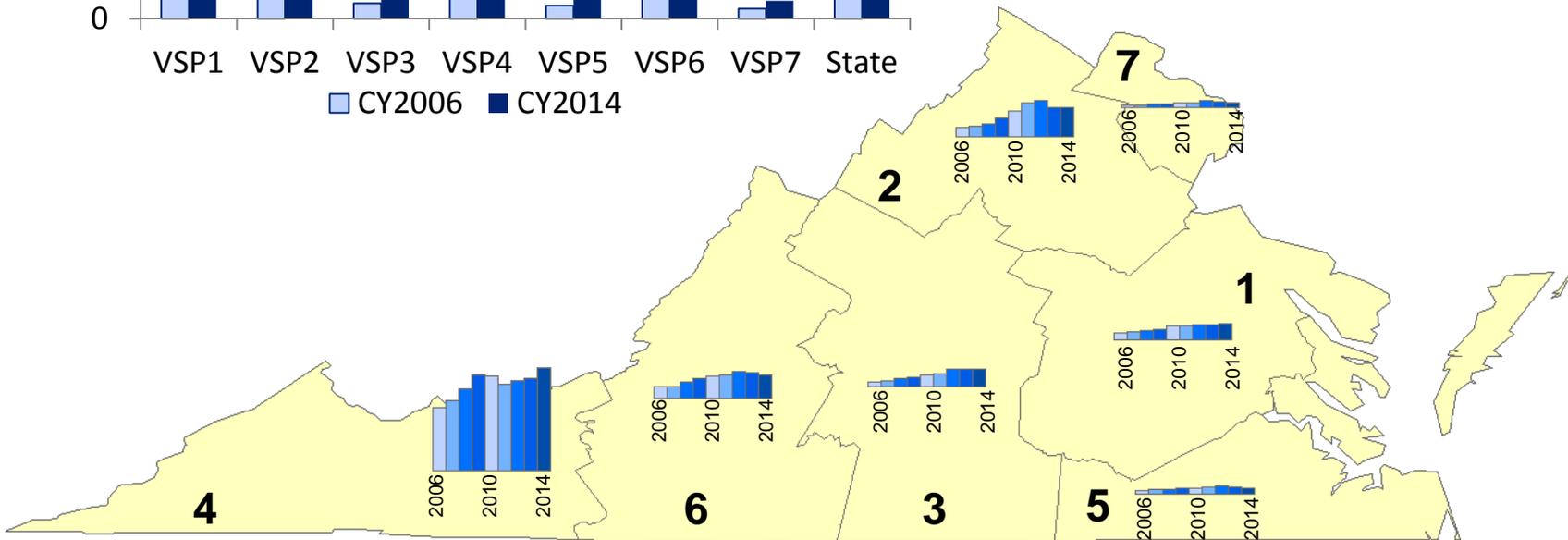
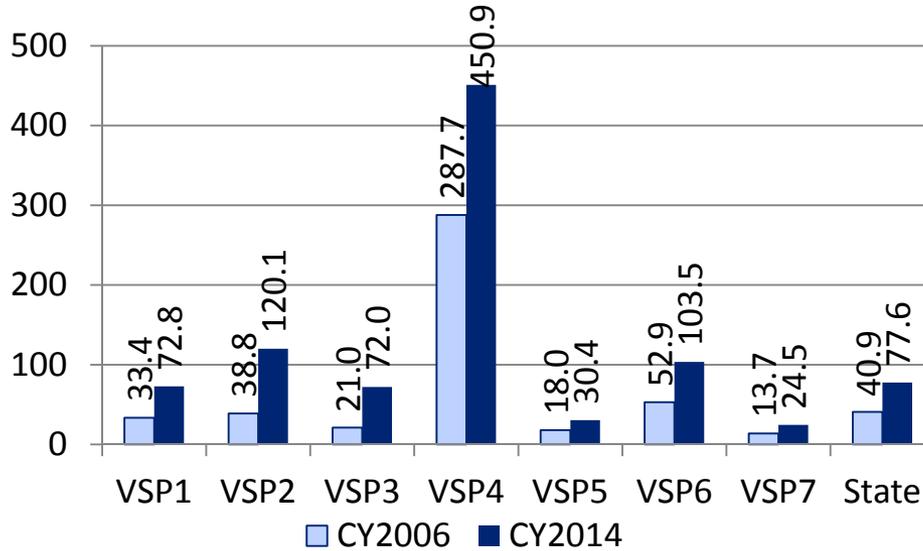
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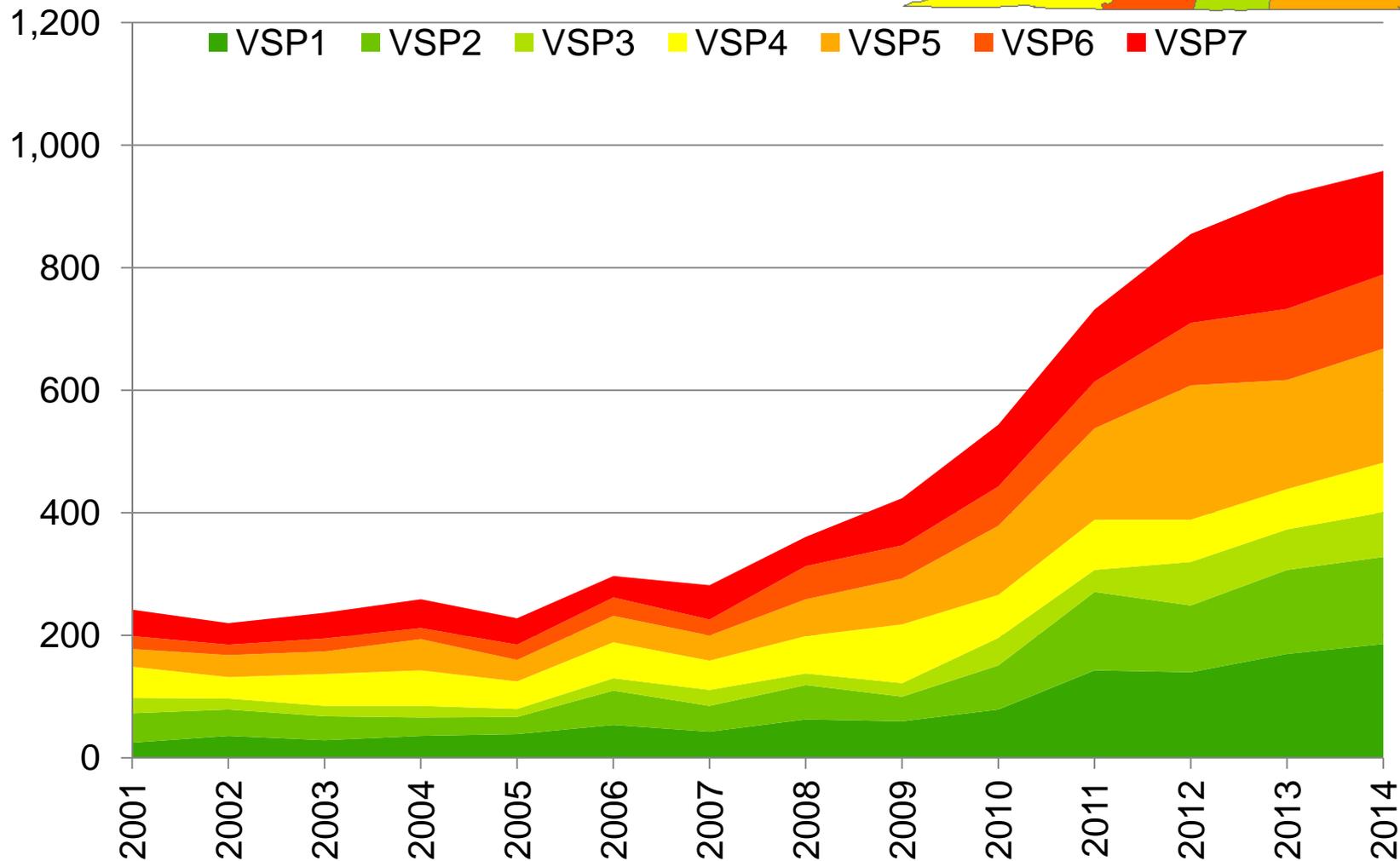
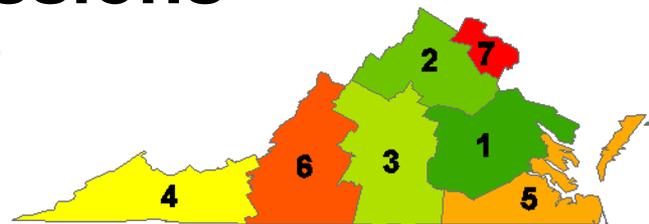
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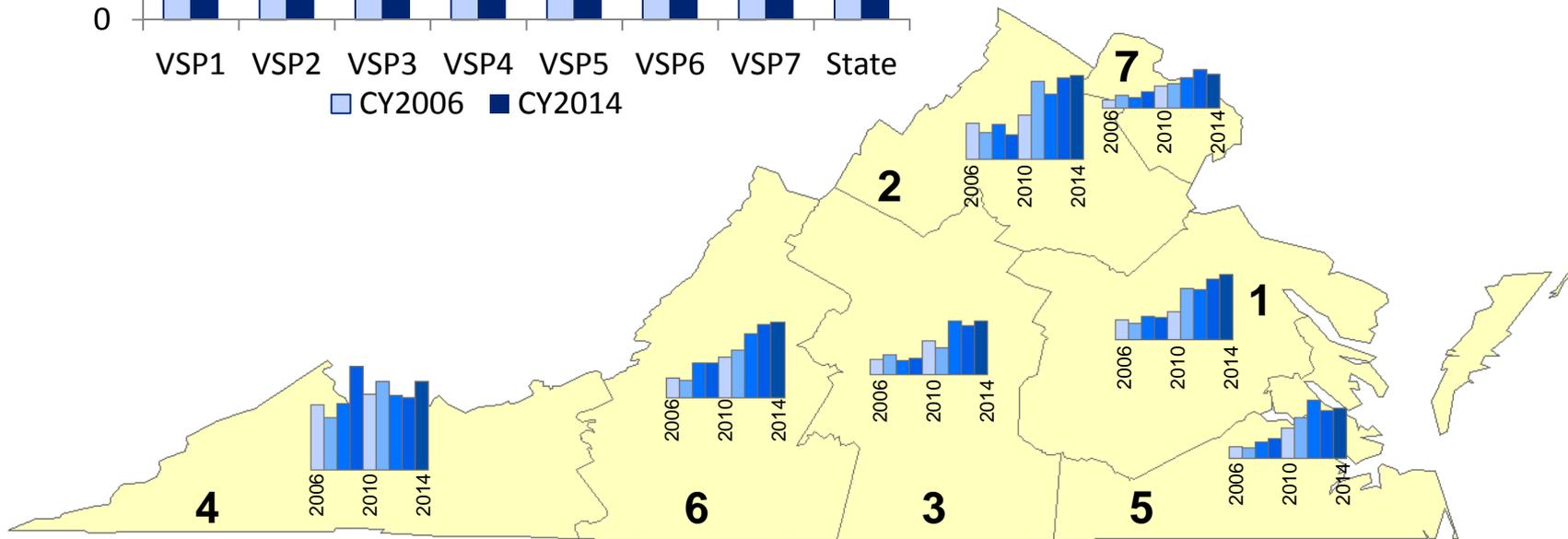
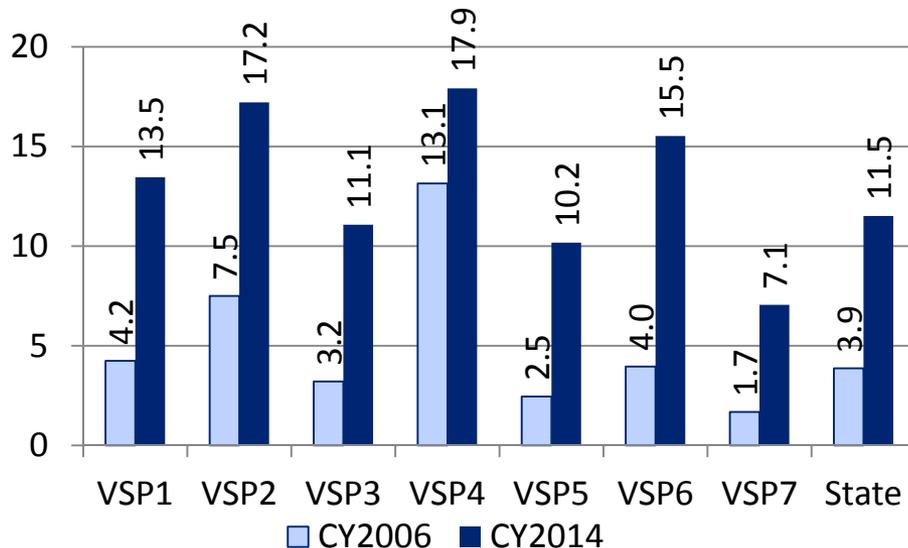
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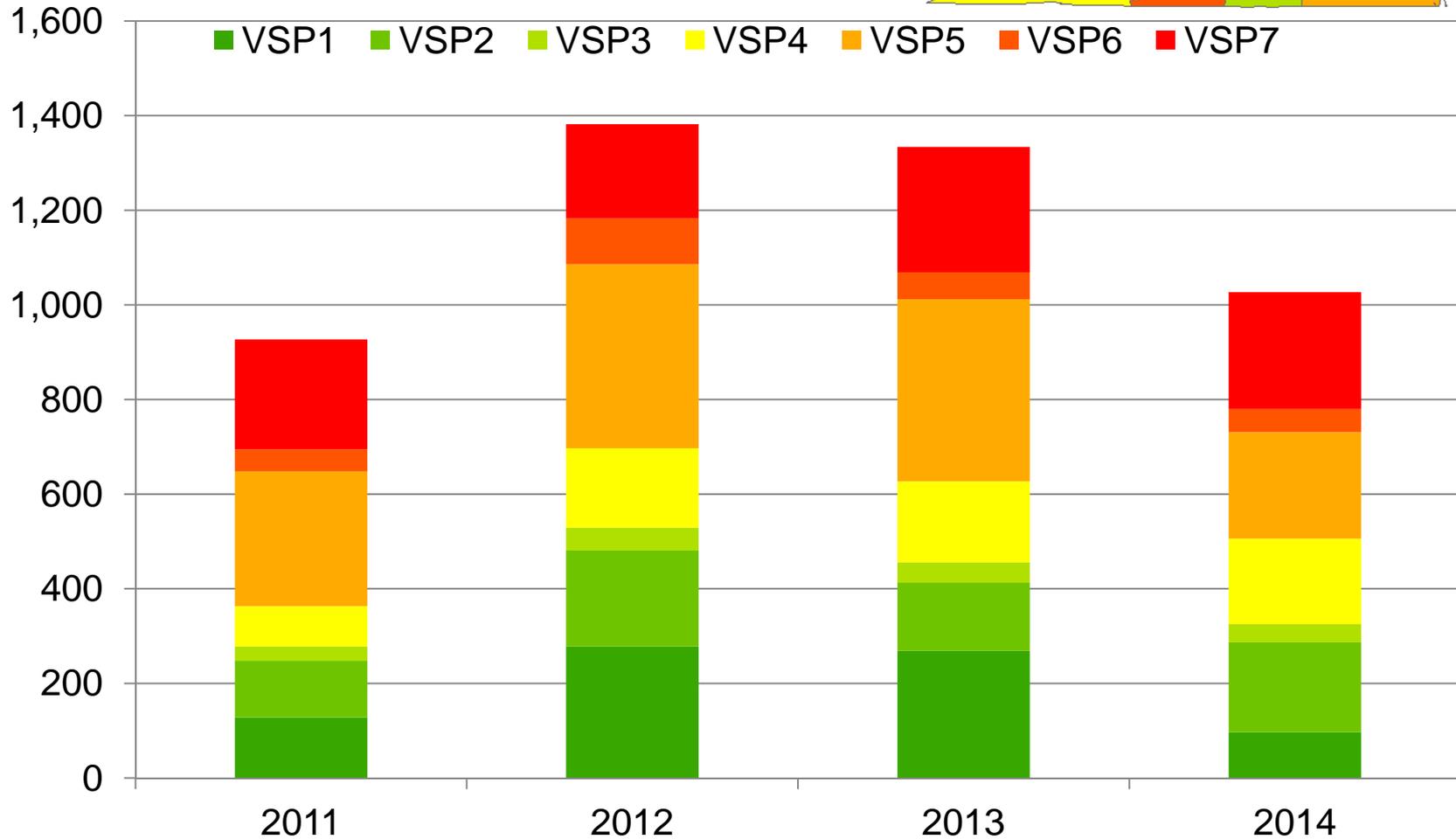
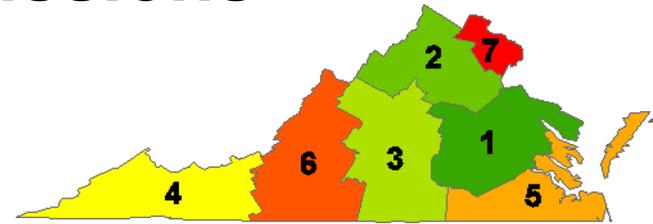
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# Cannabimimetic Agent\* Submissions

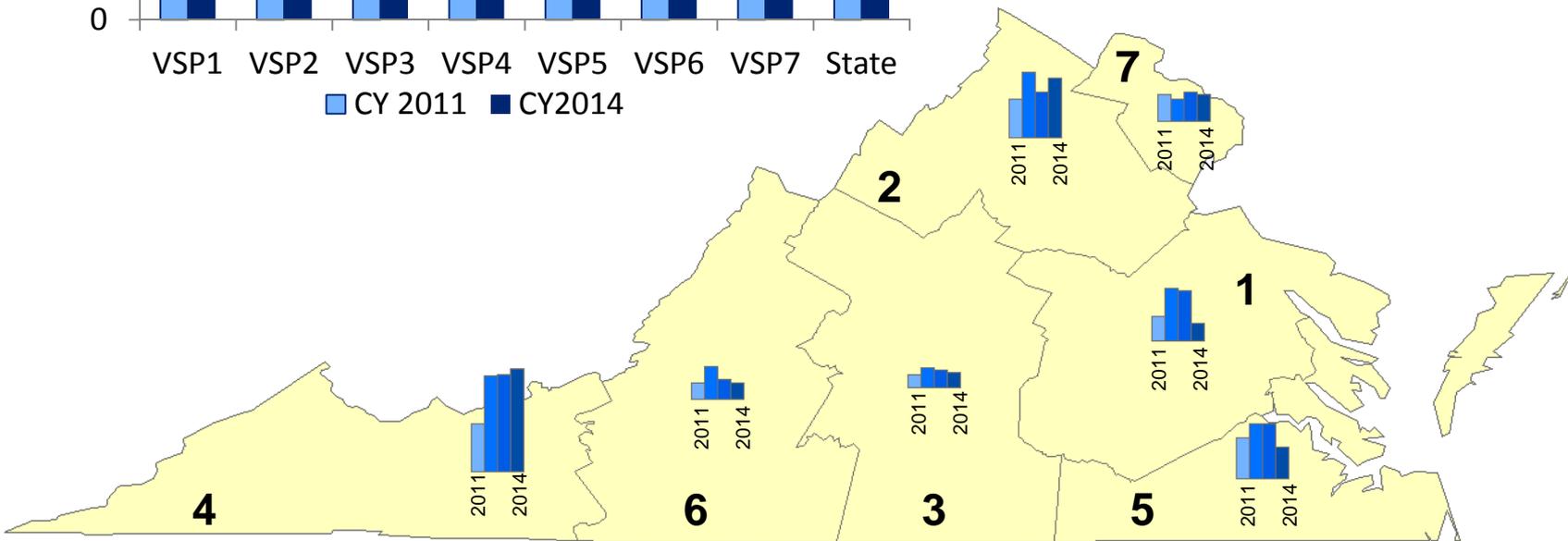
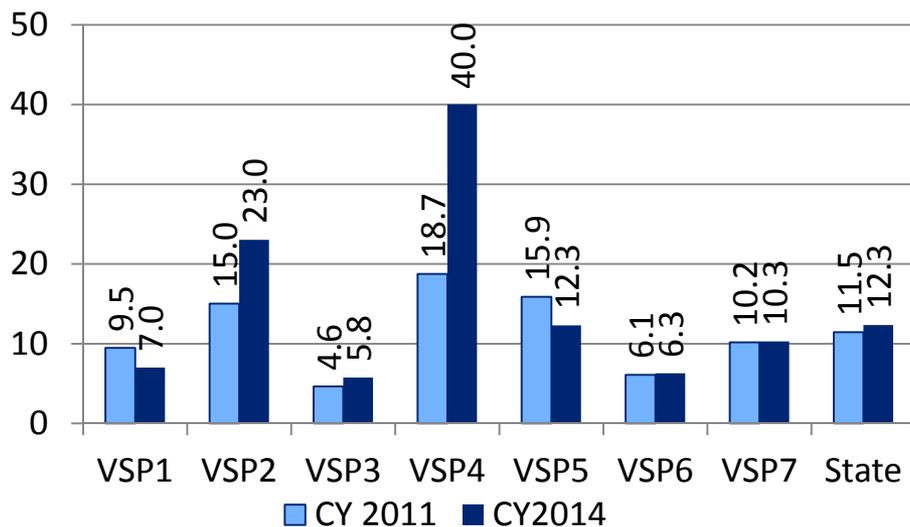
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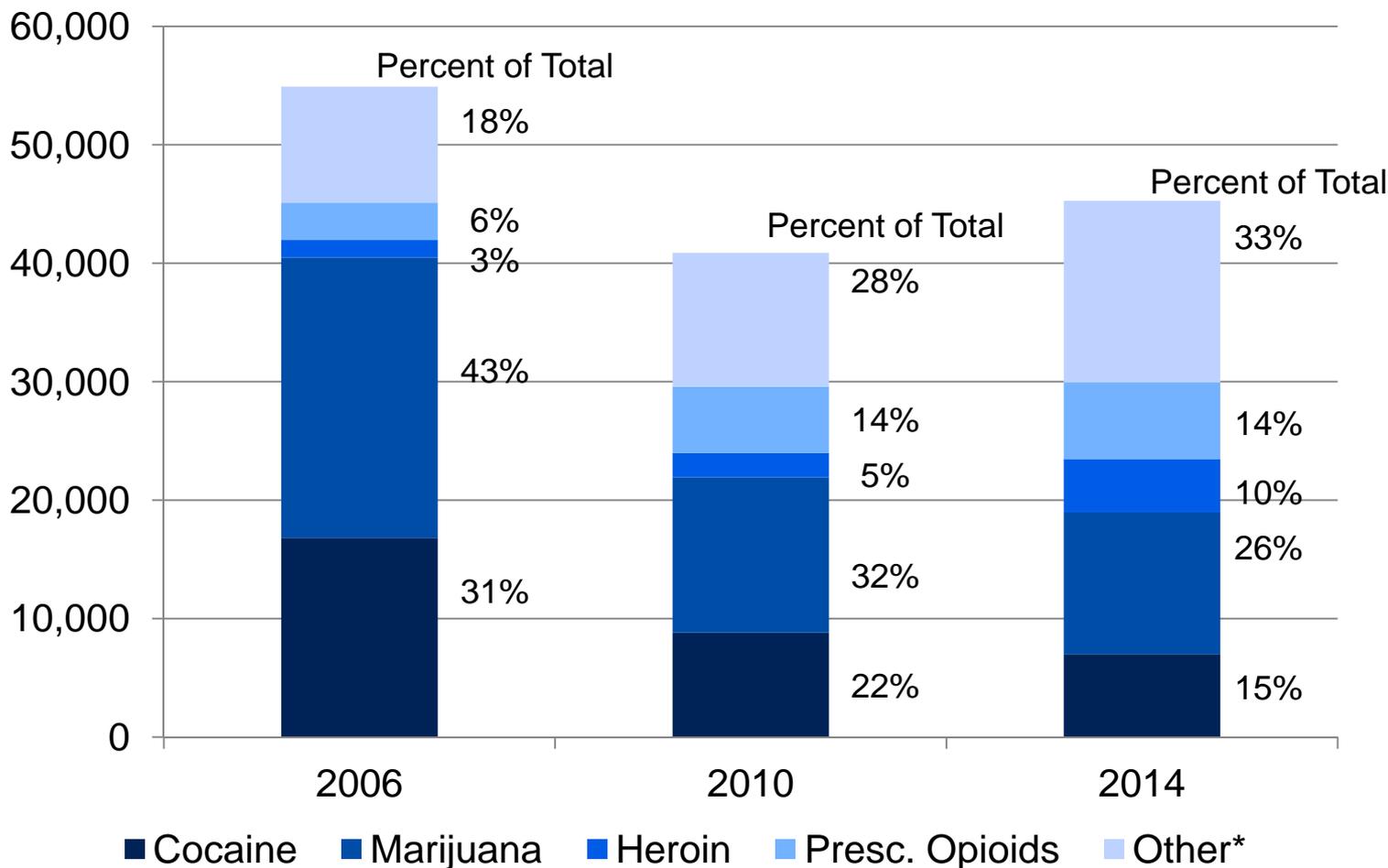
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# Combined Drug Submissions

## Selected Drug Types



\*Includes all substances other than those listed, including those not presented in this report

## Data Sources

Drug submission data for this report were provided by DFS, using information collected for the National Forensic Laboratory Information System. When multiple drug samples of the same type of drug were submitted as part of the same case, they were only counted a single time, as one case. When multiple samples of different drug types were submitted as part of the same case, they were counted as a single case for each included drug type.

Arrest data were taken from the annual *Crime in Virginia* reports prepared by the Virginia State Police (VSP), [http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime\\_in\\_Virginia.shtm](http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm).

Population data used to calculate rates were provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, <http://www.coopercenter.org/demographics>.

Data analysis was provided by the DCJS Criminal Justice Research Center.