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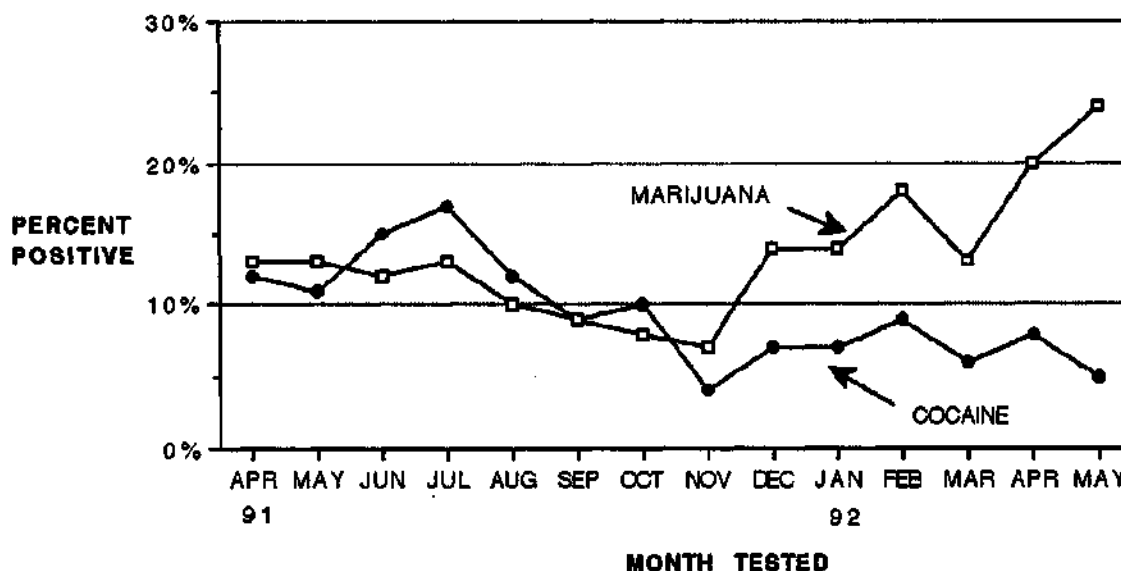
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## ***Marijuana Surpasses Cocaine Among Juvenile Arrestees in Washington, D.C.***

Since November, 1991 juvenile arrestees have consistently been more likely to test positive for marijuana than cocaine. Cocaine has stabilized at low levels (below 10%) while marijuana use has increased. The 25% of juveniles who tested positive for marijuana in May 1992 was the highest since the summer of 1987 when both PCP and marijuana were at high levels (PCP is rarely detected these days). While a reduction of cocaine use in the population is a welcome event, we should not forget that these youths remain at high risk for the use of other drugs.

### **Drug Test Results for Marijuana and Cocaine from Juvenile Arrestees in Washington, D.C.**

(N = 4,490 juveniles tested by urinalysis between April 1991 and May 1992)



SOURCE: D.C. Pretrial Services Agency.

#### **NOTICE: MDR-TB CASE REPORTED IN MARYLAND**

Maryland has now had a case of Multi-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) reported in a prison inmate. This problem seems to have spread from its original focus in New York and Florida. Jails, prisons, and drug treatment programs should be reviewing their TB screening and follow-up protocols to be sure they are in compliance. If unsure of these protocols check with your local Health Department. Thanks to Alan Trachtenberg at NIDA for this information.

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