

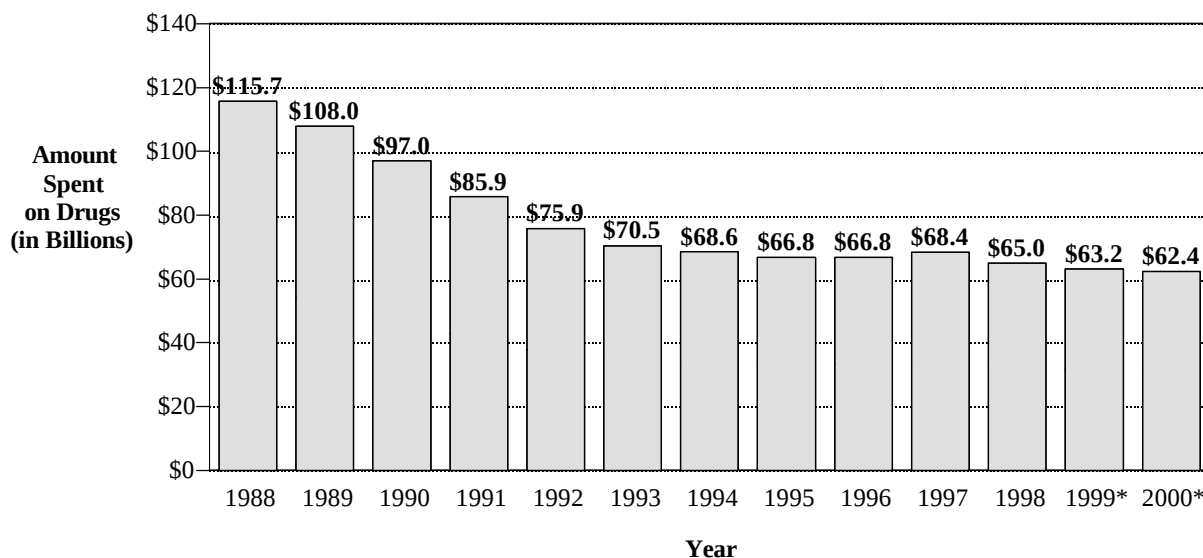
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U.S. Illicit Drug Expenditures Stable at About \$65 Billion

U.S. residents spent an estimated \$62.4 billion on illicit drugs in 2000, according to the recently released *National Drug Control Strategy: 2001 Annual Report*. Following a sharp decrease from \$115.7 billion in 1988 to \$70.5 billion in 1993, illicit drug expenditures in the U.S. have remained relatively stable at around \$65 billion. It is estimated that the majority of this money was spent on the purchase of cocaine (\$36.1 billion), followed by heroin (\$11.9 billion) and marijuana (\$10.4 billion) in 2000. A full copy of the report is available online at <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/policy/ndcs01/strategy2001.pdf>.

Total U.S. Expenditures on Illicit Drugs, 1988-2000



*Estimates for 1999 and 2000 are projections.

NOTE: Amounts are in constant 1998 dollars.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), *The National Drug Control Strategy: 2001 Annual Report*, January 2001. Available online at www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/policy/ndcs01/strategy2001.pdf.