

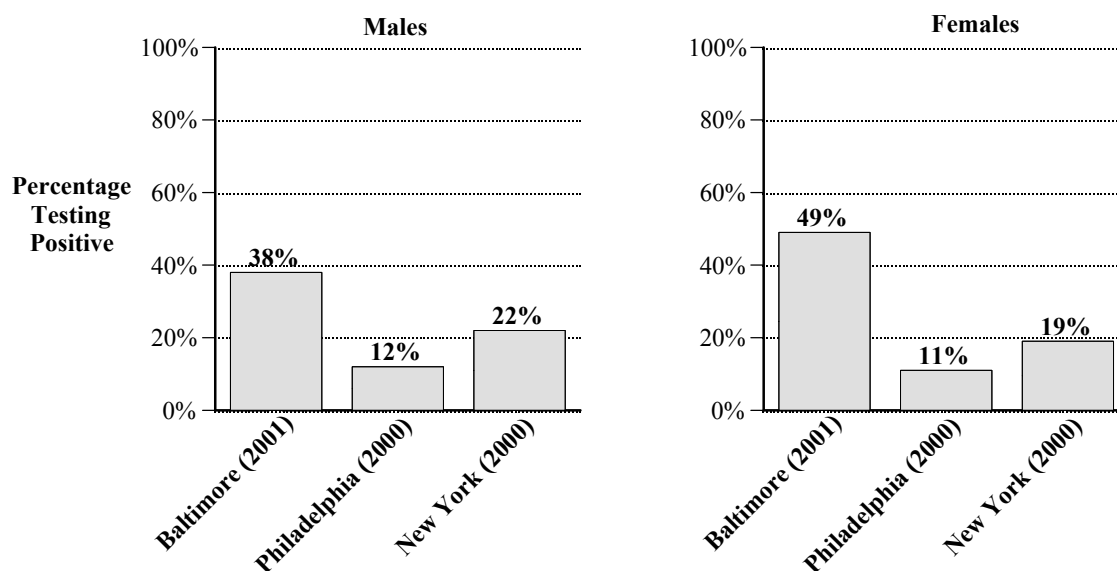
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Baltimore City Arrestees Have Highest Opiate-Positive Rate of All Arrestees Studied in the United States

As part of the Substance Abuse Need for Treatment among Arrestees (SANTA) study, CESAR staff collected urine specimens from a random sample of adult arrestees in Baltimore City between February 26 and March 30, 2001. As found in a 1995 SANTA study, Baltimore City had the highest opiate-positive rate of all U.S. cities studied by the National Institute of Justice's Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) Program. More than one-third of male and nearly one-half of female arrestees in Baltimore City tested positive for opiates in 2001 (see figure below). Furthermore, the majority (70% of males and 86% of females) of the Baltimore City opiate-positive arrestees also tested positive for cocaine. Treatment providers should be aware of the high degree of opiate and cocaine use among this population and be prepared to provide treatment that addresses both drugs.

Percentage of Arrestees Testing Positive for Opiates in Baltimore City (2001) and Neighboring ADAM Sites (2000), by Gender*



*The 2000 data are the most recent ADAM data available.

SOURCES: Wish E.D., Yacoubian G.S. *Findings from the 2001 Baltimore City Substance Abuse Need for Treatment Among Arrestees (SANTA) Project*, 2001. For more information, contact Eric Wish of CESAR at 301-403-8329 or ewish@cesar.umd.edu.

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