

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**University of Maryland, College Park*****U.S. Drug Users Spent Nearly \$64 Billion on Illicit Drugs in 2000***

An estimated \$63.7 billion was spent on illicit drugs in 2000, according to a report from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The majority of these expenditures were spent on cocaine (\$35.3 billion), followed by marijuana (\$10.5 billion) and heroin (\$10.0 billion). The amounts spent on drug abuse have decreased dramatically since 1988, when total drug expenditures were \$154.3 billion. In spite of this reduction in illicit drug expenditures the costs to society from illegal drug abuse remain large--estimated at \$160.7 billion in 2000 (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 11, Issue 7).

Estimated U.S. Expenditures on Illicit Drugs, in Billions, 1988 and 2000

Drug	1988	2000
Cocaine	\$107.0	\$35.3
Marijuana	\$12.1	\$10.5
Heroin	\$26.1	\$10.0
Methamphetamine	\$5.9	\$5.4
Other Drugs	\$3.3	\$2.4
Total	\$154.3	\$63.7

NOTE: Expenditures for 2000 are linear projections based on data from previous years.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Office of National Drug Control Policy, What America's Users Spend on Illegal Drugs, December 2001. Available online at http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/american_users_spend_2002.pdf

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