

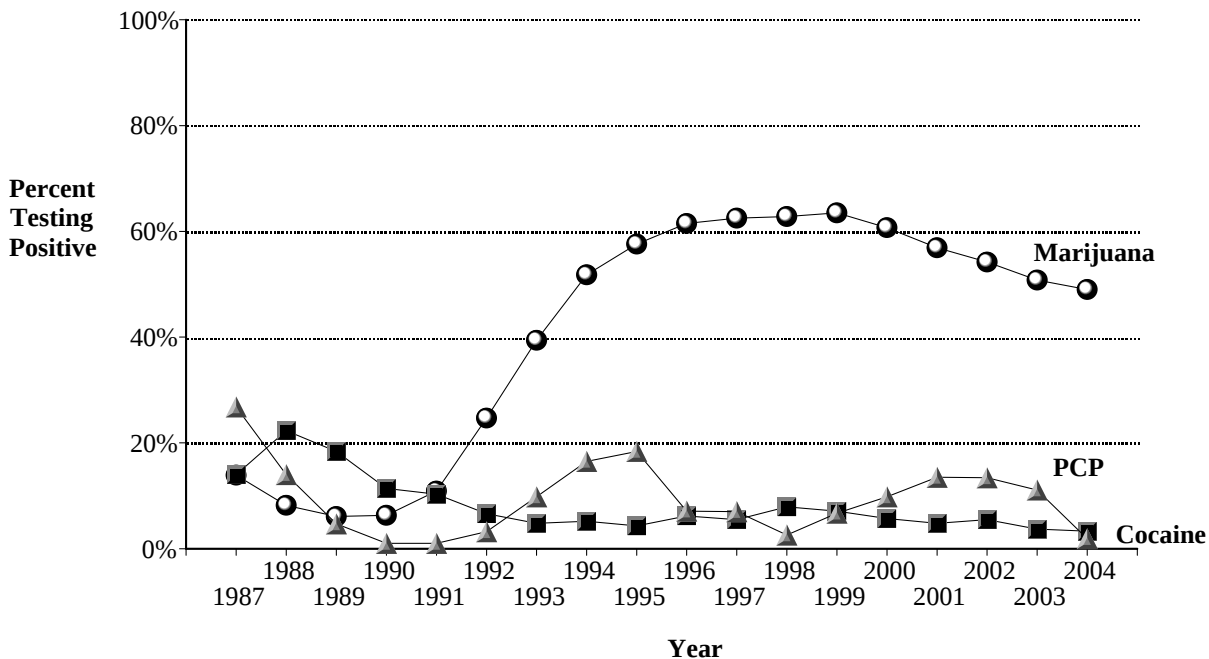
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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***Marijuana Use Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees Continues to Decline***

While marijuana continues to be the drug most commonly detected among D.C. juvenile arrestees, the percentage of juveniles testing positive for marijuana has been declining since 1999. According to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, 49% of juvenile arrestees tested positive for marijuana in 2004, down from the peak of 64% in 1999. Cocaine positives have also declined slightly (from 8% in 1988 to 3% in 2004). While the rate of PCP positives has fluctuated between 1% and 27%, it is currently at a relatively low level (2% in 2004). Data from the national Monitoring the Future school survey have shown similar declines in marijuana and cocaine use in recent years.

**Percentage of Washington, D.C., Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive  
by Urinalysis for Cocaine, Marijuana, and PCP, 1987-2004**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency. Available online at <http://www.dcpsa.gov/foia/foiaERRpsa.cfm>. For more information, contact the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency at 202-220-5500.

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