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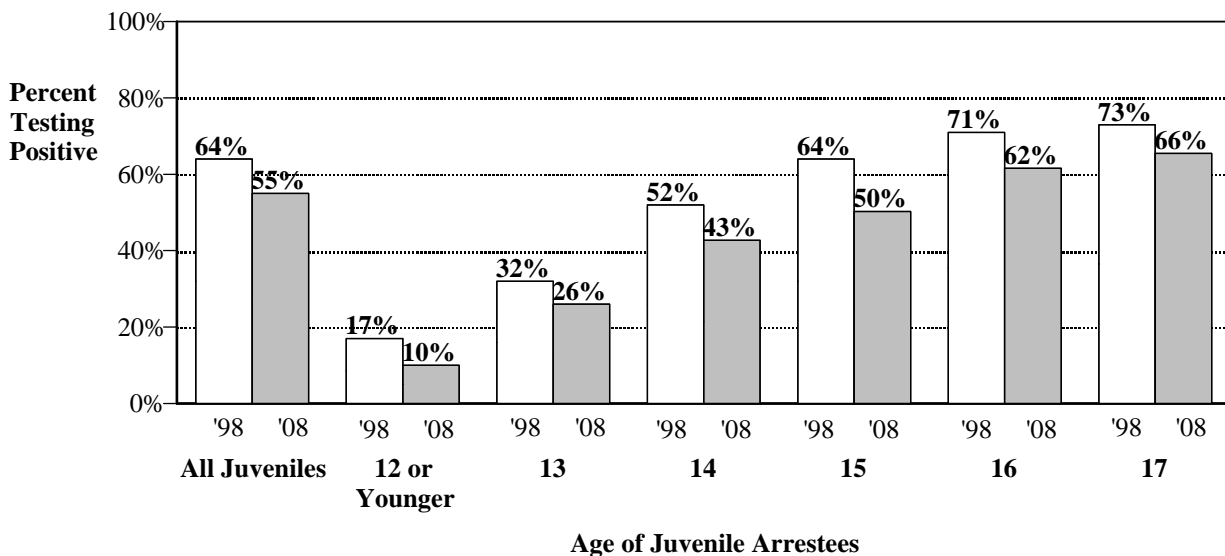
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***Percentage of D.C. Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs Decreased Over Last Decade;  
Greatest Decreases Occurred Among Youth 12 or Younger***

The percentage of juvenile arrestees in Washington, D.C. testing positive for illicit drugs has decreased over the past decade, according to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency. From January to October 2008, 55% of juvenile arrestees tested positive for at least one illicit drug (primarily marijuana), compared to 64% in 1998. While these decreases occurred among arrestees of all ages, the greatest decreases were among those 12 or younger. The percentage of arrestees 12 or younger testing positive for illicit drugs decreased 41% from 1998 to 2008 (from 17% to 10%). In contrast, the percentage of 17-year-old arrestees testing positive decreased 10% over the same period (from 73% to 66%).

**Percentage of Washington, D.C. Juvenile Arrestees  
Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Any Drug, by Age, 1998 and 2008\***

(n=2,394 in 1998; 2,157 from Jan-Oct 2008)



\*2008 data are from January to October 2008.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency, Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics. Data for 2008 available online at <http://www.dcpsa.gov/foia/foiaERRpsa.htm>.