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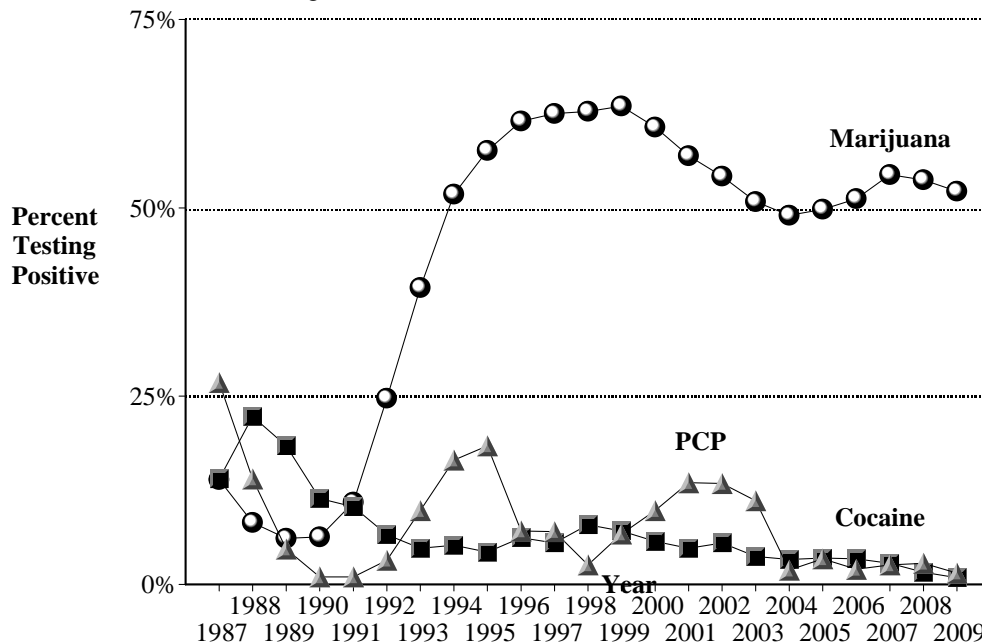
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***Marijuana Remains Drug Most Commonly Detected Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees;
Cocaine Rates Reach Record Low***

Marijuana remains the drug most commonly detected among Washington, D.C. juvenile arrestees, according to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency. The percentage of juvenile arrestees testing positive for marijuana increased from the most recent low of 49.0% in 2004 to 54.4% in 2007, then decreased slightly to 52.2% in 2009. In contrast, the percentage testing positive for cocaine has been gradually decreasing over the past decade, reaching a record low of 0.9% in 2009. PCP-positive rates, which have fluctuated greatly in the past, declined to 1.5% in 2009—the lowest rate since 1991.

**Percentage of Washington, D.C., Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive
by Urinalysis for Cocaine, Marijuana, and PCP, 1987 to 2009**

(N ranged from 1,896 in 2002 to 4,449 in 1988; N=2,614 in 2009)



NOTE: Since August, 2006, D.C. juvenile arrestees have also been tested for amphetamines. The percentage testing positive for amphetamines was 0.6% in 2006; 2.7% in 2007; 1.8% in 2008; and 0.9% in 2009.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency. Available online at <http://www.dcpsa.gov/foia/foiaERRpsa.htm>. For more information, contact Jerome Robinson, Director of Forensic Research, D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, at jerome.robinson@csosa.gov.