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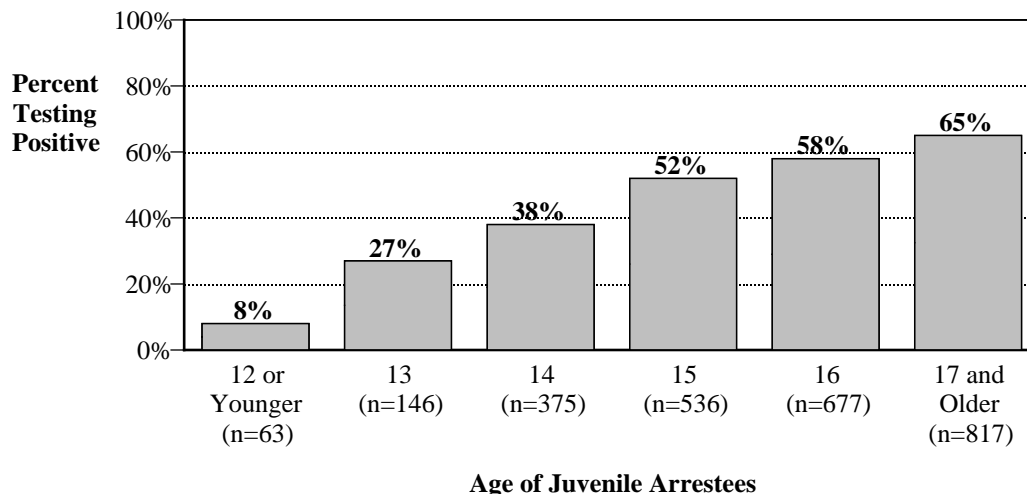
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Drug Positives Increase Consistently with Age Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees

The percentage of Washington, D.C. juvenile arrestees who test positive for illicit drugs increases with age, according to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency. Overall, 53% of all juvenile arrestees tested positive for at least one illicit drug in 2009. Less than 10% of arrestees ages 12 or younger tested positive, compared to more than one-fourth of 13-year-olds and 14-year-olds and more than one-half of those ages 15 and 16. The highest rates of drug positives were found among the oldest arrestees—65% of those ages 17 and older (see figure below). Juvenile arrestees in the District test positive nearly exclusively for marijuana. Less than 1% test positive for cocaine, compared to around one-third of adult arrestees (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 18, Issue 30). These findings suggest an opportunity to provide drug prevention programs for younger arrestees, potentially reducing future drug use.

**Percentage of Washington, D.C. Juvenile Arrestees
Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Any Drug, by Age, 2009**

(N=2,614)



NOTE: DC juvenile arrestees are tested for marijuana, cocaine, PCP, and amphetamines.

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

CESAR Recruiting PI-Level NIH Researcher

CESAR is seeking a PI-level NIH researcher who will relocate to CESAR and CAPER (Center for Addictions, Personality, and Emotion Research) with their existing grants and/or collaborate with CESAR/CAPER staff in obtaining new funding. Multi-year seed funding is possible. If you have a proven funding track record and are interested in working in a supportive and stimulating university-based team environment, please send a letter of interest and a resume to Dr. Eric Wish at CESAR, 4321 Hartwick Rd, Ste 501, College Park, MD 20740; 301-403-8342 (fax); cesar@cesar.umd.edu.