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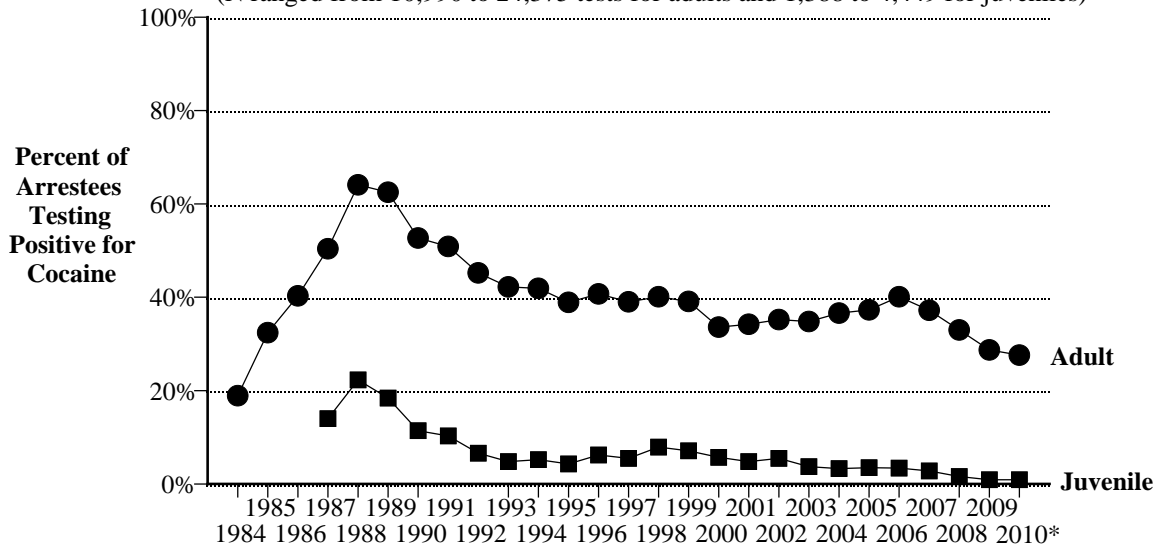
University of Maryland, College Park

Percentage of D.C. Arrestees Testing Positive for Cocaine Reaches Lowest Level in More Than 20 Years

Cocaine use among D.C. arrestees continues to decline, according to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency. The percentage of both adult and juvenile arrestees testing positive for cocaine peaked in 1988, at 64% and 22%, respectively. Since then, cocaine positive rates among arrestees have declined significantly. In the first nine months of 2010, only 28% of adult arrestees tested positive for cocaine—the lowest level since 1985. While juvenile arrestees tested positive for cocaine at much lower rates than adults, similar decreases were also seen over the past 20 years. Less than 1% of juvenile arrestees tested positive for cocaine in both 2009 and the first nine months of 2010, the lowest level ever recorded since juvenile testing began in 1987.

Percentage of Washington, D.C., Adult and Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive for Cocaine, 1984 to 2010*

(N ranged from 10,990 to 24,375 tests for adults and 1,388 to 4,449 for juveniles)



*Data for 2010 are from the first eight months.

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 at the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency at jerome.robinson@csosa.gov.

Technology, Crime & Terrorism: A One-Day Symposium at the University of Maryland

The University of Maryland's College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is sponsoring a one-day symposium, "Technology, Crime & Terrorism," on Wednesday, October 6th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Faculty experts and other specialists nationwide will offer a clear picture on the current challenges—and successes—associated with the intersection of technology, crime and terrorism, with a larger goal of stimulating further dialogue, ideas and partnerships that will lead to new research essential to safety and security. **CESAR is hosting the afternoon panel, "Research and Policy Applications of Drug Testing Technology," with Dr. Robert DuPont.** The symposium is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. For more information, or to RSVP, please go to <http://www.umd.edu/tctsymposium>.