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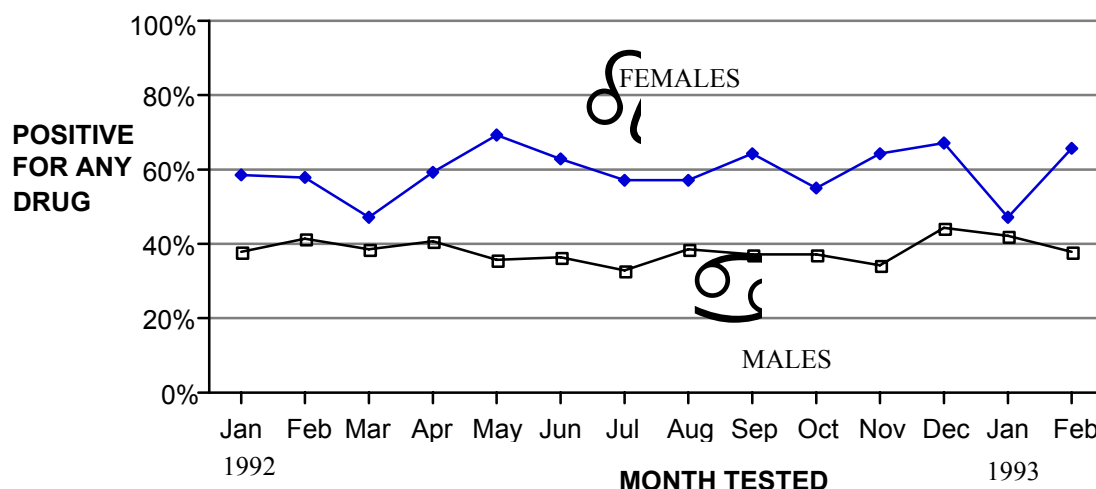
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## *Drug Use Among Female Arrestees in Prince George's County Remains Higher Than Among Male Arrestees*

During the past year, the percentage of female arrestees in Prince George's County testing positive for any drug (47%–69%) was consistently higher than the percentage of drug positives for male arrestees (33%–44%). During this 14 month period, 12% of females tested positive for multiple drugs, compared with 6% of males. While down from the peak levels found in arrestees in 1989, drug use (primarily cocaine) continues to be found in a substantial number of arrestees. The trends in Prince George's County are similar to those found in arrestee testing programs across the United States.

### **Drug Test Results for Booked Arrestees in Prince George's County\*\***

(N = 7,940 Male and 983 Female Arrestees Tested Between January, 1992 and February, 1993)



\*\* Drugs tested for by urinalysis are: cocaine, opiates, and PCP.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Prince George's County Pre-trial Release Unit.

### **CESAR SPEAKER SERIES: DR. MICHAEL SMITH**

**April 27, 1993, Atrium of the Stamp Student Union, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Dr. Michael Smith, Director of Substance Abuse, Lincoln Hospital, will be lecturing on the "Use of Acupuncture and Computers for Improving Drug Abuse Treatment."

For further information about today's topic or to be placed on the distribution list, please call CESAR at 301-403-8329.

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