

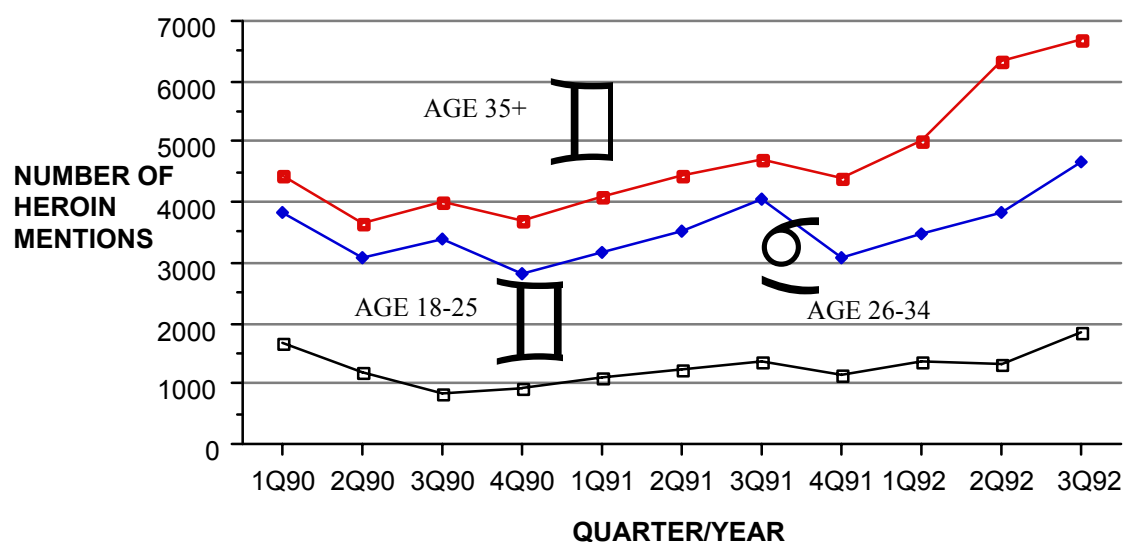
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Heroin-Related Emergency Room Mentions Remain Highest Among Older Age Groups

National data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) show that heroin-related emergency room mentions (ER) increased to 13,387 in the third quarter of 1992. Since 2nd quarter 1989, ER mentions for heroin have been highest among those aged 35 or more. Heroin-related ER mentions for this age group increased 42% over the past year, from 4,724 in 3rd quarter 1991 to 6,693 in 3rd quarter 1992.

**National Estimates of Heroin Related
Emergency Room (ER) Mentions, By Age Category**
(First Quarter, 1990 to Third Quarter, 1992)



Estimates for 1992 are preliminary.

SOURCE: Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

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