

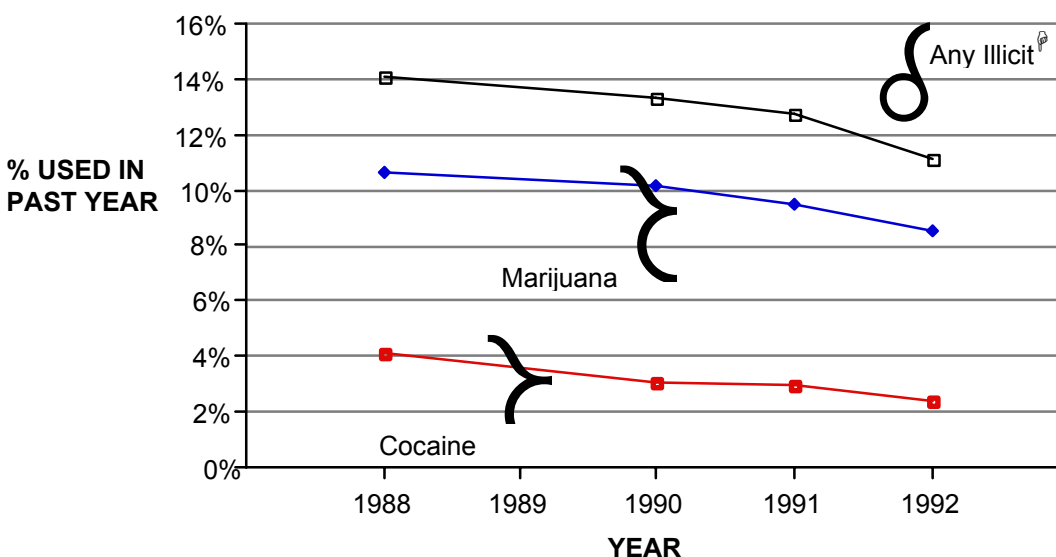
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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## *Preliminary Estimates From the 1992 National Household Survey Show Continued Decline in Illicit Drug Use*

Preliminary data from the 1992 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse has just been released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). These preliminary estimates show that past year use of any illicit drug, and the specific use of marijuana, and cocaine have continued on a downward trend since 1988. Use of any illicit drug by the U.S. population aged 12 years and older in the year prior to the survey dropped from 14.1% in 1988 to 11.1% in 1992. Marijuana fell from 10.6% in 1988 to 8.5% in 1992 and cocaine from 4.1% in 1988 to 2.4% in 1992. A copy of the report may be obtained directly from SAMHSA or by calling CESAR BOARD (see below) and downloading the *HHSTXT.EXE* and *HHSTABLE.EXE* files. The extracted files can only be read from WordPerfect 5.1.

### **Percentage of U.S. Population Aged 12 Years And Older Who Used Illicit Drugs in the Year Prior to Survey, 1988-1992**



<sup>Ⓟ</sup> Nonmedical use of marijuana or hashish, cocaine (including crack), inhalants, hallucinogens (including PCP), heroin or psychotherapeutics at least once.

SOURCE: *Preliminary Estimates From The 1992 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Applied Studies. To obtain a copy of this report from SAMHSA, please contact Joe Gfroerer at (301) 443-7980.

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