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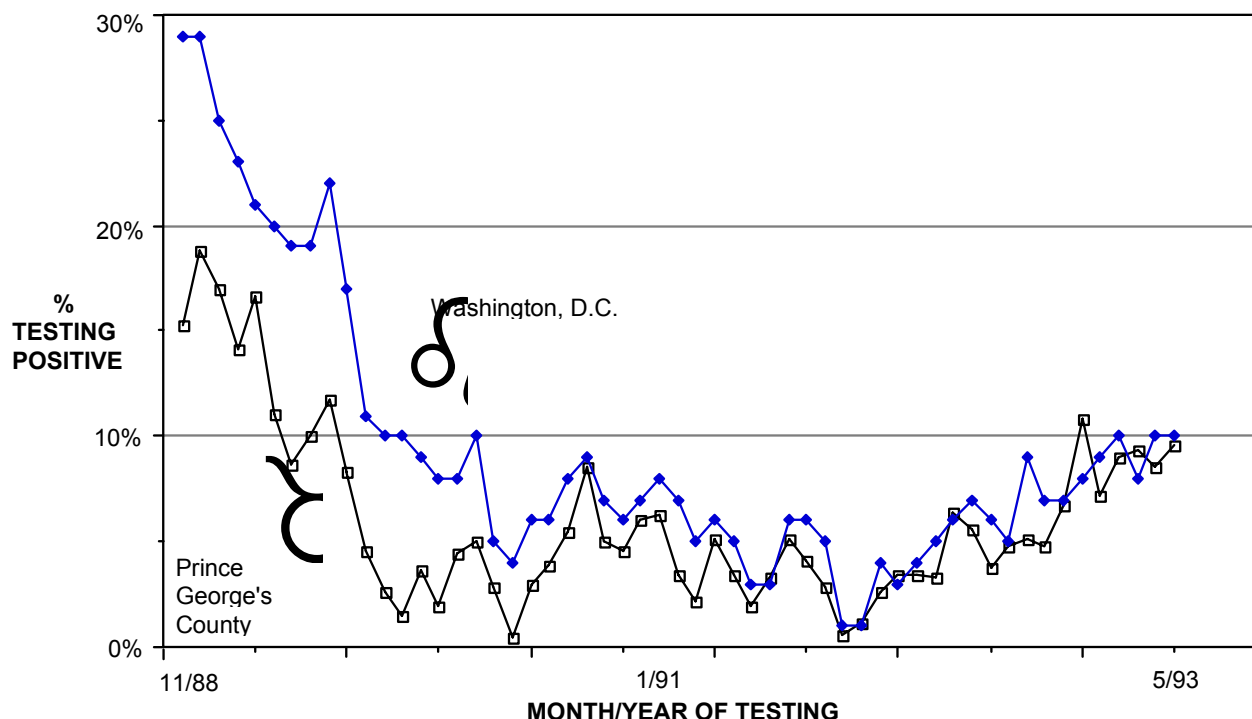
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## ***Rise in PCP Use Detected Among Arrestees in Prince George's County and Washington, D.C.***

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Data from the pretrial testing programs in Prince George's County and Washington, D.C. show a parallel and dramatic rise in the percentage of adult arrestees testing positive for PCP. After reaching a low of 1 percent positive for PCP in both jurisdictions in November 1991, PCP positives have risen to 10 percent in May 1993. Data from Washington, D.C. show a similar rise in PCP use among juvenile arrestees (from 0 percent in November 1991 to 9 percent in May 1993). Although use of PCP by arrestees is significantly lower than that reported in the mid-1980's, the fact that arrestee urine test results have served as a leading indicator of previous epidemics, suggests that it may be prudent for prevention, treatment, and law enforcement planners to take action.

### **Percentage of Booked Adult Arrestees in Prince George's County and Washington, D.C. Who Tested Positive for PCP**



SOURCE: Prince George's County Pre-Trial Release Unit and District of Columbia Pre-Trial Services Agency

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