

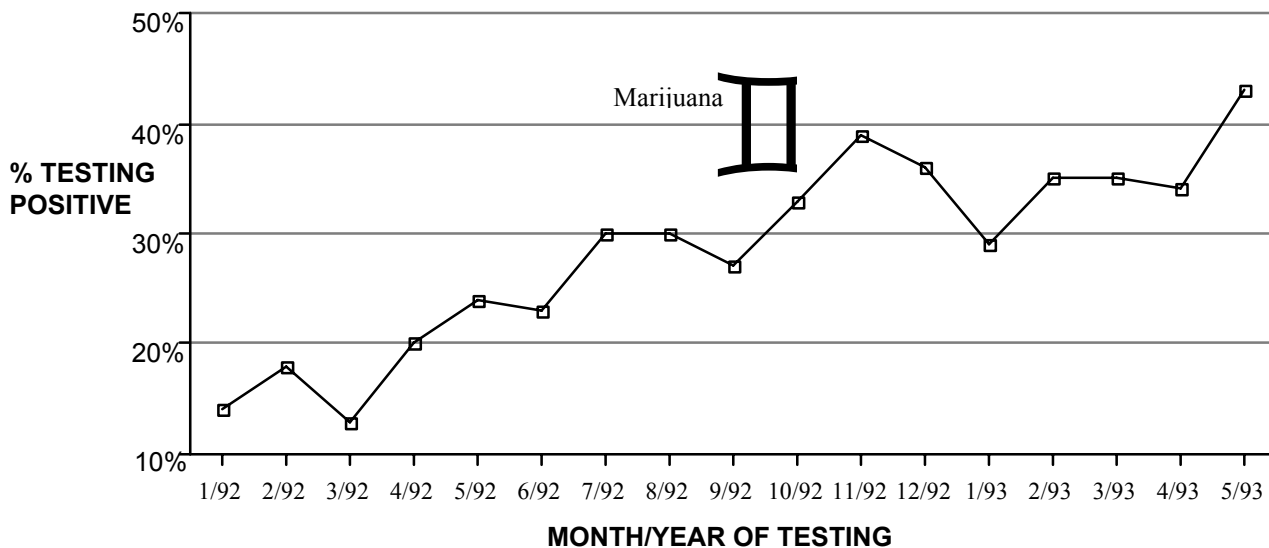
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Marijuana Use Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees Reaches Highest Level Ever

According to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency (PSA), the percentage of juvenile arrestees who tested positive for marijuana in May 1993 reached 43%, its highest level since testing began in 1986. A recent PSA informal survey of juvenile arrestees who admitted using marijuana found that 21 of the 22 youth interviewed reported using marijuana in the "blunt" form (a gutted out Philly Blunt cigar with marijuana inserted), and only one reported using a traditional marijuana cigarette. Using blunts reportedly results in a much stronger, stimulant-like high than using a traditional marijuana cigarette. This high can be attributed to inhalation of the cigar casing's high nicotine content.

**Percentage of Juvenile Arrestees In Washington, D.C.
Who Tested Positive for Marijuana
January 1992 to May 1993**
(N = 4,953 juveniles tested by urinalysis)



SOURCE: District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency.

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