

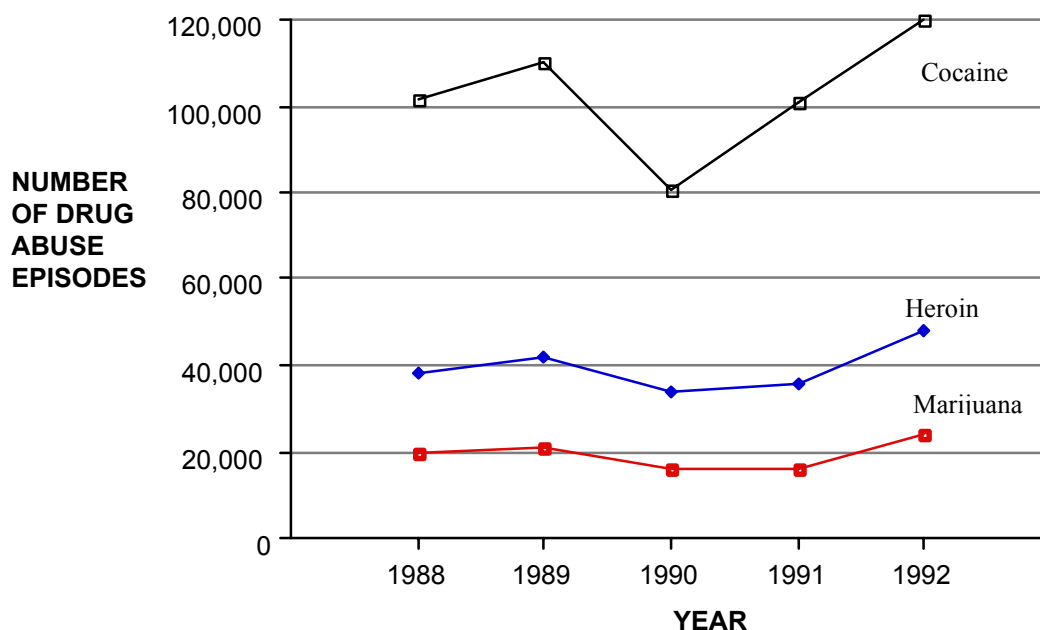
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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1992 National DAWN Data Show Increases in Cocaine-, Heroin-, and Marijuana-Related Emergency Room Visits

The 1992 estimates of drug-related emergency room (ER) visits from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) have just been released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Drug-related ER visits increased from 394,000 visits in 1991 to 433,500 visits in 1992, a 10% increase. From 1991 to 1992 marijuana-related ER visits increased 48%, heroin-related visits increased 34%, and cocaine-related visits increased 18%. A copy of the DAWN report may be downloaded from the CESAR BOARD (see box below).

Estimates of Emergency Room (ER) Drug Abuse Episodes in the U.S., by Major Drug, 1988-1992



SOURCE: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), "Estimates from the Drug Abuse Warning Network," Advance Report Number 4, September, 1993.

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