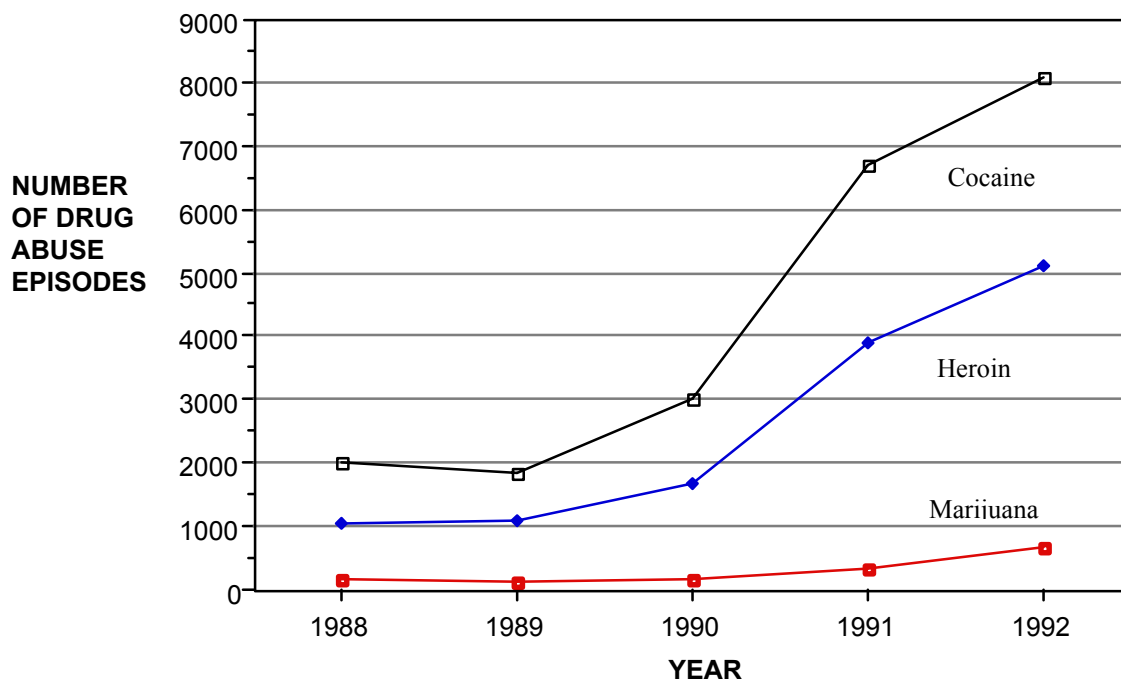


## *1992 Baltimore DAWN Data Show Cocaine-, Heroin-, and Marijuana-Related Emergency Room Visits Rising to Peak Levels*

According to the latest Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) estimates, drug-related emergency room (ER) visits in the Baltimore metropolitan area have more than doubled over the past two years increasing from 6,222 visits in 1990 to 12,946 in 1992. Cocaine-, heroin-, and marijuana-related episodes reached peak levels in 1992 and have increased significantly since 1990. From 1990 to 1992, cocaine-related ER visits more than doubled (from 3,023 to 8,078) and heroin- and marijuana-related episodes more than tripled with heroin-related ER visits increasing from 1,667 visits in 1990 to 5,106 in 1992 and marijuana related ER visits increasing from 186 in 1990 to 672 in 1992.

**Estimates of Emergency Room (ER) Drug Abuse Episodes in Baltimore Metropolitan Area, 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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