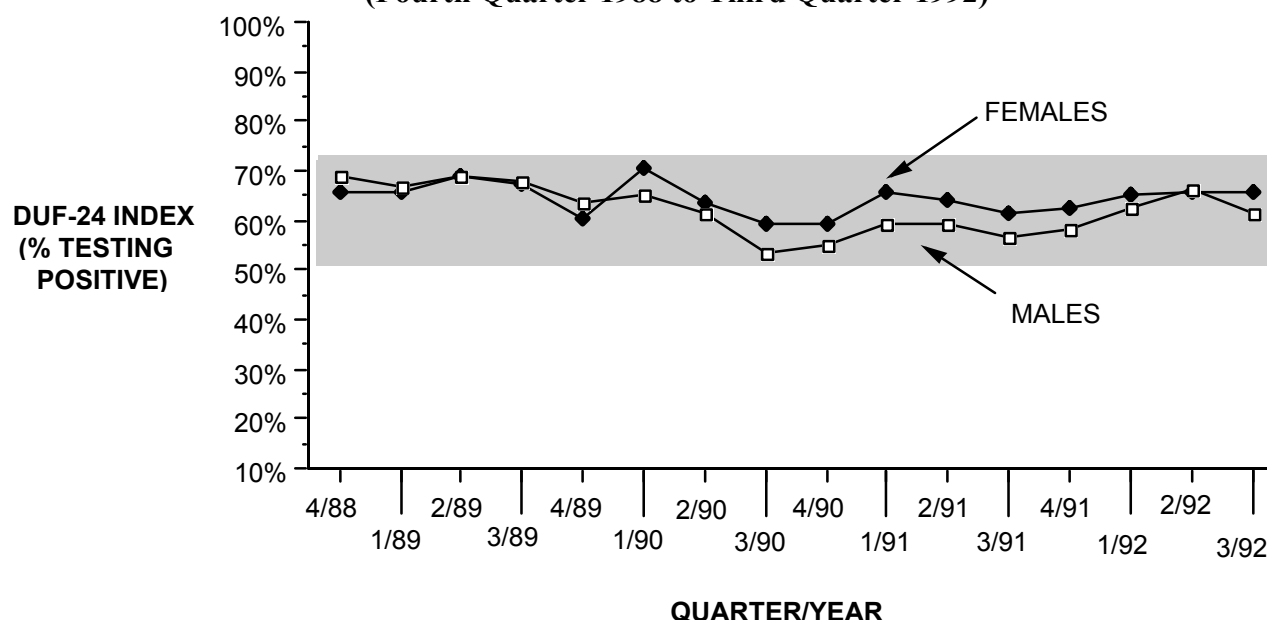


Criminal Population in U.S. Continues to be Plagued by Drug Abuse

To summarize urinalysis results for adult arrestees tested in the 24 sites participating in the national Drug Use Forecasting (DUF) program, CESAR has developed the DUF-24 Index.* The DUF-24 Index computes the average of individual site percentages for arrestees testing positive for drugs across all participating DUF sites. This simple, unweighted index demonstrates that the prevalence of recent drug use among booked arrestees in large cities has remained relatively stable and does not show the dramatic declines in illicit drug use found in surveys of household and student populations in the 1980s.

**DUF-24 Site Index
(Fourth Quarter 1988 to Third Quarter 1992)**



NOTE: During the time period covered, the DUF program was being established. The number of sites reporting data for adult males ranged from 16 to 24 and for adult females from 13 to 21. The drugs tested for are cocaine, marijuana, opiates, PCP, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, methaqualone, methadone and propoxyphene.

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