

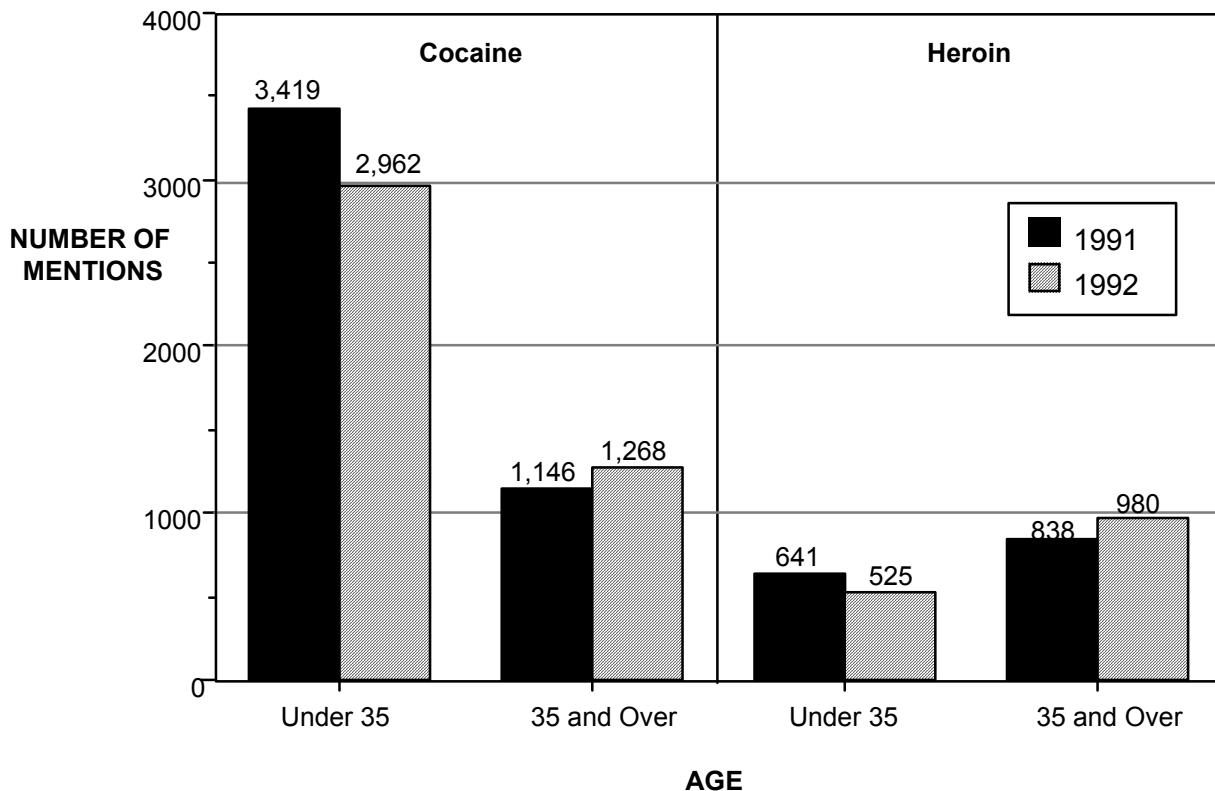
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Washington, D.C. Cocaine and Heroin ER Mentions Rise Among Older Users, Fall Among Younger Users

According to recent data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network, the estimated number of cocaine- and heroin-related emergency room (ER) mentions in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is rising among users 35 and older, and declining among users under 35. Nevertheless, cocaine ER mentions are predominately among users under 35. Heroin mentions are more likely to occur among users 35 or older.

Cocaine and Heroin ER Mentions by Age, 1991-1992



SOURCE: Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), May 1993 Data Files

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