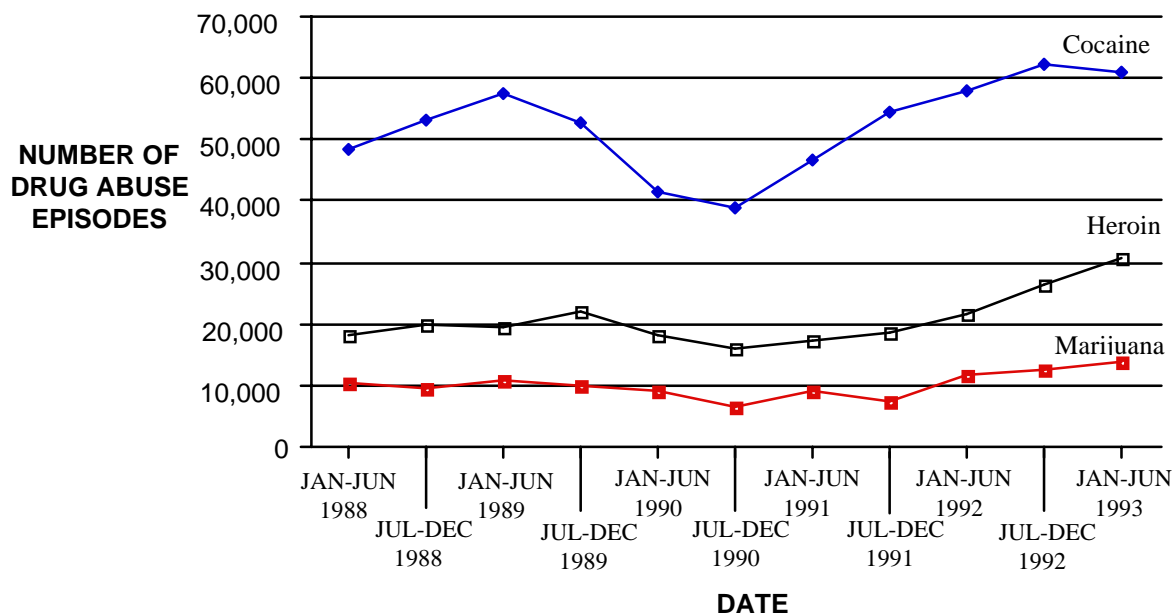


## *DAWN Data for the First Half of 1993 Show National Increase in Heroin- and Marijuana-Related Emergency Room Visits*

Semiannual data from SAMHSA's Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) show that, nationally, heroin- and marijuana-related emergency room (ER) episodes increased between the first half of 1992 and the first half of 1993, while cocaine mentions remained stable. Heroin-related ER episodes increased 44%, from 21,438 episodes in the first half of 1992 to 30,766 episodes in the first half of 1993. Marijuana-related ER episodes increased 19%, from 11,511 to 13,727 episodes. There was no statistically significant change in the number of cocaine-related ER episodes (57,723 in first half 1992 and 61,051 in 1st half of 1993).

### **Estimates of Emergency Room Drug Abuse Episodes in the U.S., By Major Drug, First Half 1988 through First Half 1993**



SOURCE: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), "Preliminary Estimates from the Drug Abuse Warning Network," Advance Report Number 6, March 1994. A copy of this report may be viewed or downloaded from the STAT conference of the CESAR BOARD. Call CESAR BOARD at (301) 403-8343 or 1-800-84-CESAR (toll-free for Maryland callers only).

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