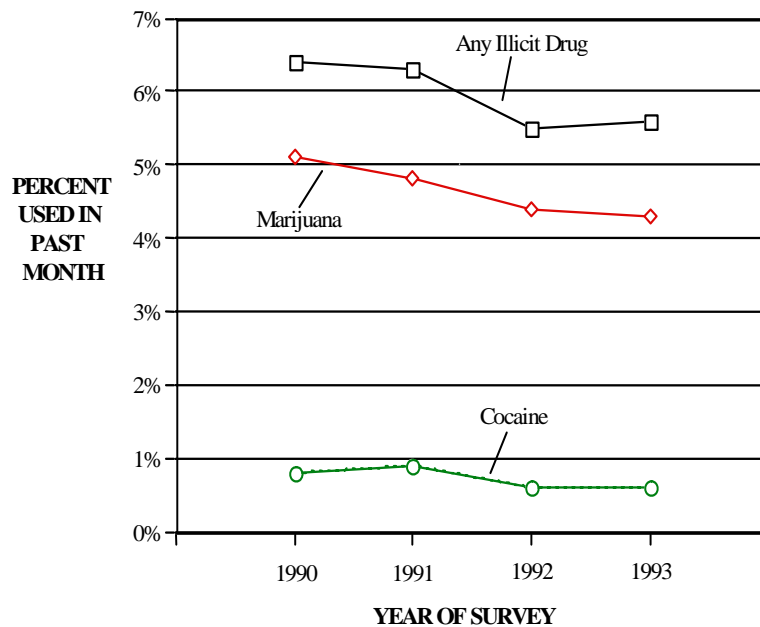


Preliminary Estimates from the 1993 National Household Survey Show Illicit Drug Use Remains Stable at Low Levels

Recently released preliminary data from the 1993 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse¹ indicate that current² illicit drug use by the U.S. household population aged 12 years and older has remained stable at between 5% and 6%, down from 12% in 1985. Hard-core drug use, however, continues to occur at much higher levels in such high-risk segments of the population as the homeless and persons arrested or incarcerated. (See CESAR FAX Volume I, Issue 9 and Volume III, Issue 13 for examples.)

Percentage of U.S. Population Aged 12 and Older Reporting Use of Illicit Drugs in the Month Prior to Survey, 1990 - 1993



¹Survey of the civilian, non-institutionalized household population of the United States.

²"Current" is defined as within the month prior to the survey.

SOURCE: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of Applied Studies, National Household Survey on Drug Abuse.

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