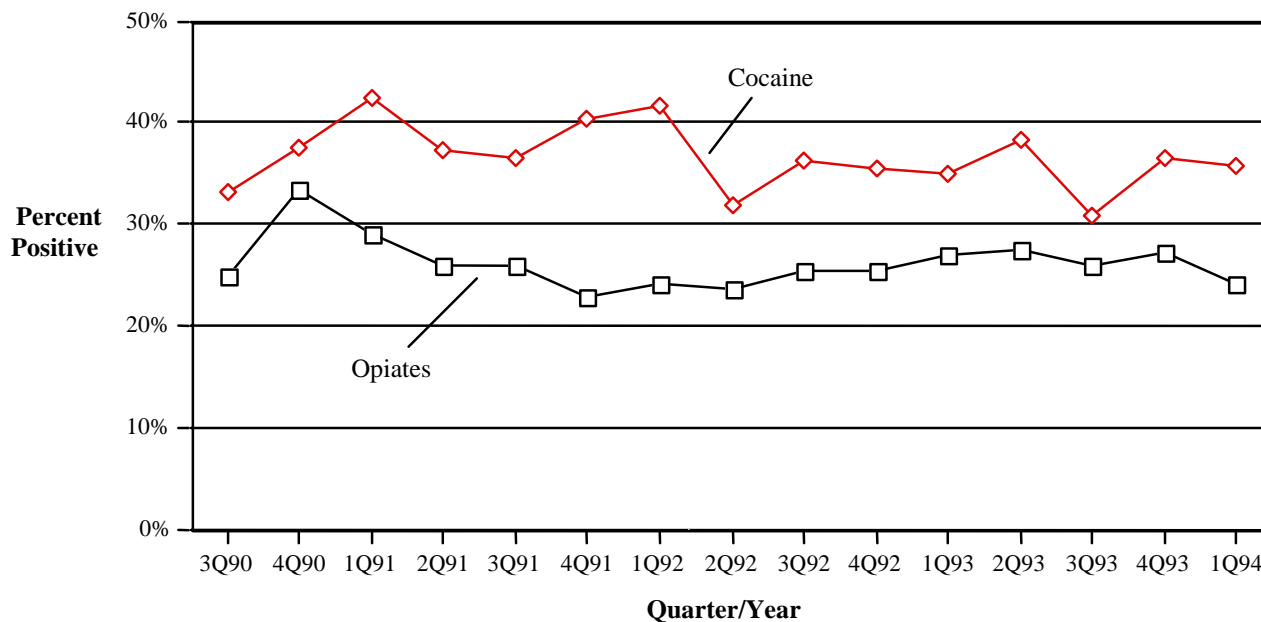


Latest Baltimore City Pretrial Drug Testing Results Show Continuing Cocaine and Heroin Use by Releasees

Recently released data from the Baltimore City Pretrial Release Services Program show that 36% of pretrial releasees have used cocaine in the past 2 to 3 days. About one-quarter (24%) had used an opiate, probably heroin. Heroin and cocaine use persists in this population at levels slightly below the peak levels reached in 1990 and 1991.

Percentage of Baltimore Pretrial Releasees Testing Positive for Opiates or Cocaine, Third Quarter 1990 to Fourth Quarter 1993*



*Results are calculated using each person's first test record in the data file.

SOURCE: Baltimore City Pretrial Release Services Program.

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