

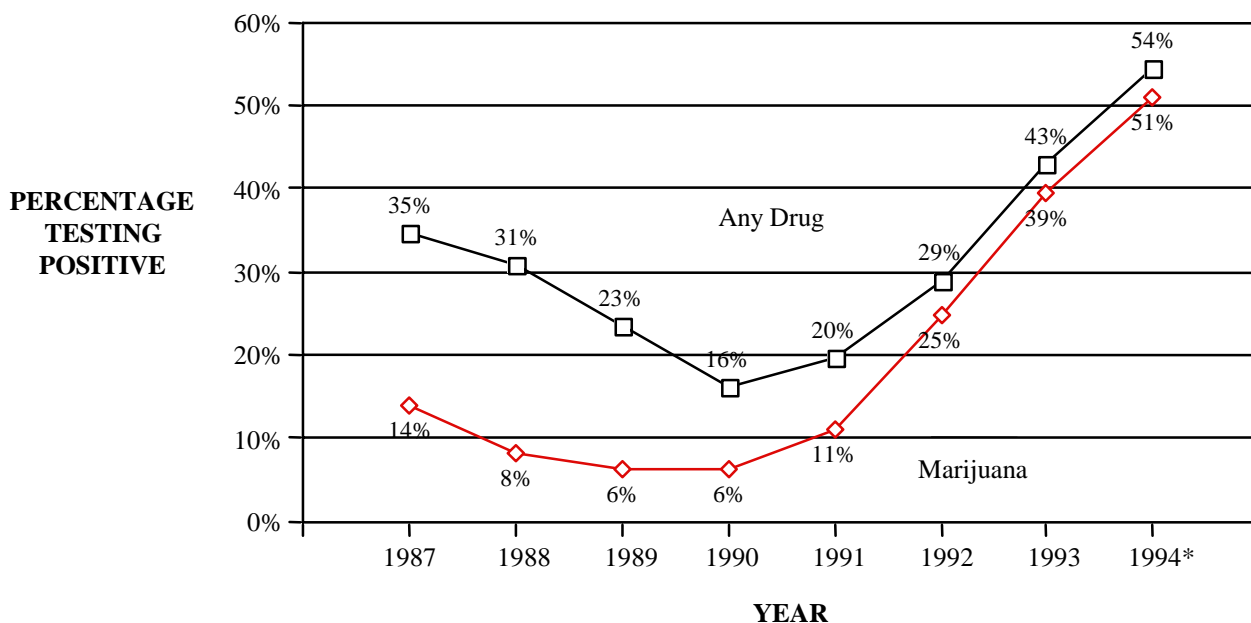
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Marijuana Driving Force Behind Surge in Drug Positives Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees

Data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency for the first eight months of 1994 show that 51% of juvenile arrestees in Washington, D.C. tested positive by urinalysis for marijuana, continuing the rise of marijuana use evident since the early 1990s. Not only is marijuana use increasing, it is also accounting for a larger percentage of all drug positives (93% in August 1994). This is in contrast to the late 1980s, when cocaine was the driving force behind drug positives.

**Percentage of Washington, D.C. Juvenile Arrestees
Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Marijuana, and Any Drug, 1988 - 1994**



*Data from January through August 1994.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency.

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