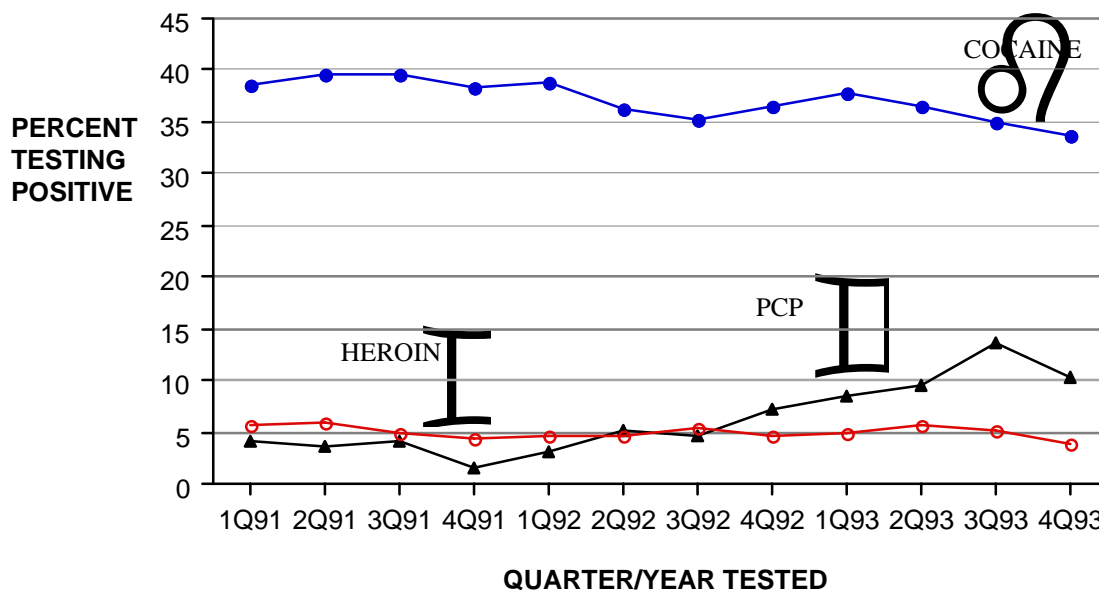


## *PCP Use Among Arrestees in Prince George's County Continued to Rise in 1993; Cocaine Use Declined and Heroin Use Remained Relatively Stable*

Recent data from the Prince George's County Pre-Trial Release Unit indicate that the percentage of arrestees testing positive for PCP remained relatively high -- at between 9% and 14% -- in 1993. These rates reflect a steady increase since the 4th quarter of 1991. While cocaine remains the most prevalent drug detected among arrestees in Prince George's County, the rate of cocaine positives in 1993 decreased steadily, from 39% in the 1st quarter of 1993 to 34% in the 4th quarter. Heroin use has remained relatively stable at low levels of between 4% and 6% since 1991.

### **Percentage of Booked Arrestees in Prince George's County Who Tested Positive for Cocaine, PCP, and/or Heroin, First Quarter 1991 to Fourth Quarter 1993**

(N = 23,570 Male and Female Arrestees Tested Between January 1991 and December 1993)



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Prince George's County Pre-trial Release Unit.

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