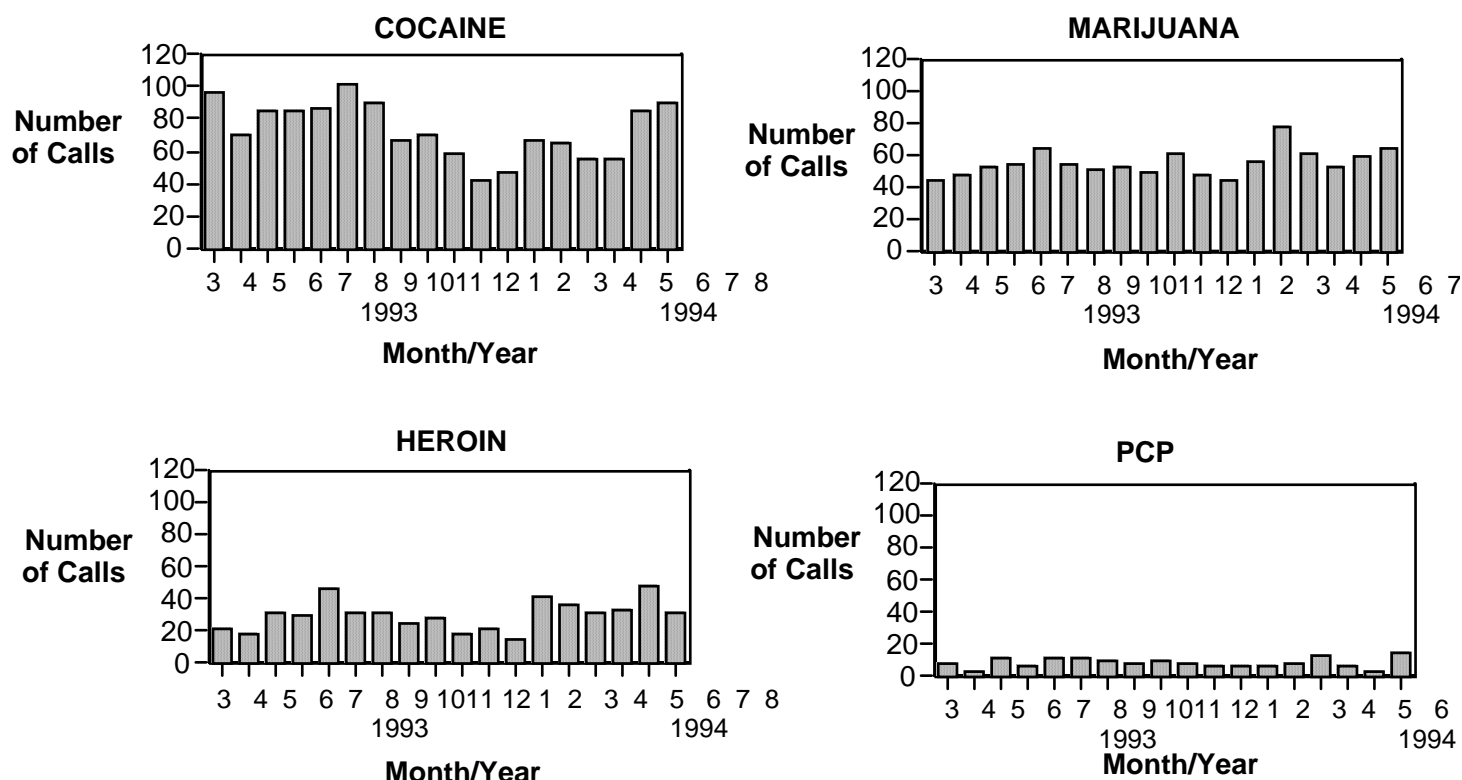


Cocaine and Marijuana Most Frequently Mentioned Illicit Drugs on Maryland Hotlines

Since March 1993, CESAR has been collecting data on drug-related calls from six crisis hotlines across Maryland through the Maryland Automated Hotline Reporting System (MAHRS). Drug-related calls are phone calls in which the caller mentions one or more drugs during the conversation. While there have been no significant changes in the number of calls for each type of drug, the most recent data show that cocaine continues to be the leading illicit drug mentioned by Maryland hotline callers. Marijuana-related hotline calls have also remained high, reaching a peak of 77 calls in April 1994. The number of calls concerning other drugs continues to remain at relatively low levels.

Number of Calls per Month, by Type of Drug Mentioned, March 1993 through August 1994



SOURCE: Maryland Automated Hotline Reporting System (MAHRS), Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), College Park, Md.

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