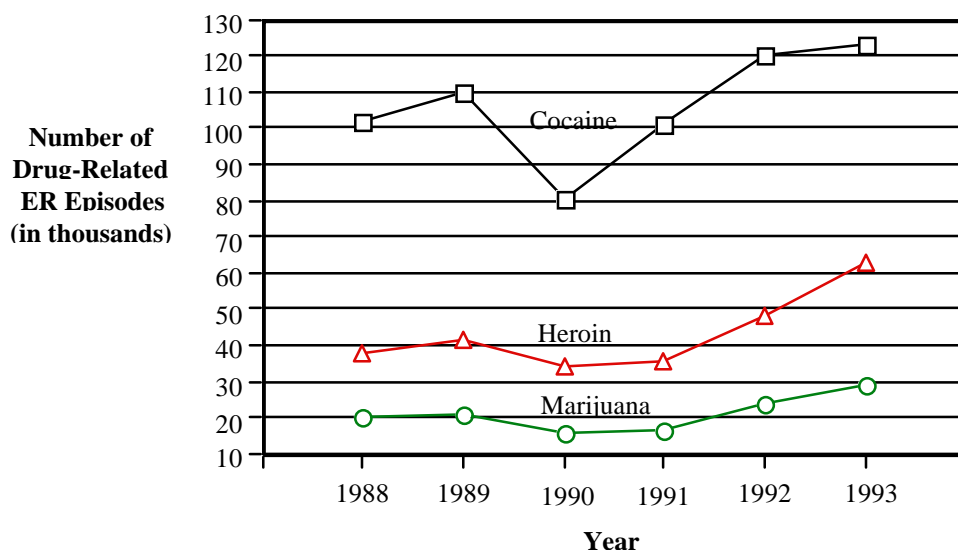


Heroin- and Marijuana-Related Emergency Room Visits Increase Nationally

Data just released from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) indicate that heroin- and marijuana-related emergency room (ER) episodes continue to increase nationally while cocaine-related ER episodes may be stabilizing. Heroin-related ER episodes had a statistically significant increase of 31%, from 48,003 in 1992 to 62,965 in 1993. The number of marijuana-related ER episodes increased 22%, from 23,997 in 1992 to 29,166 in 1993. There was no statistically significant change in the number of cocaine-related ER episodes.

**U.S. Drug-Related Emergency Room Episodes,
By Major Drug, 1988 - 1993**



NOTE: In addition to alcohol-in-combination with other drugs, up to 4 drugs may be associated with each ER episode. Data are based on a nationally representative sample of hospitals.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), "Preliminary Estimates from the Drug Abuse Warning Network," Advance Report Number 8, December 1994. A copy of this report may be viewed or downloaded from the STAT conference of CESAR's electronic bulletin board. Call the CESAR BOARD at 301-403-8343 or 800-84-CESAR (toll-free for Maryland callers only).

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