

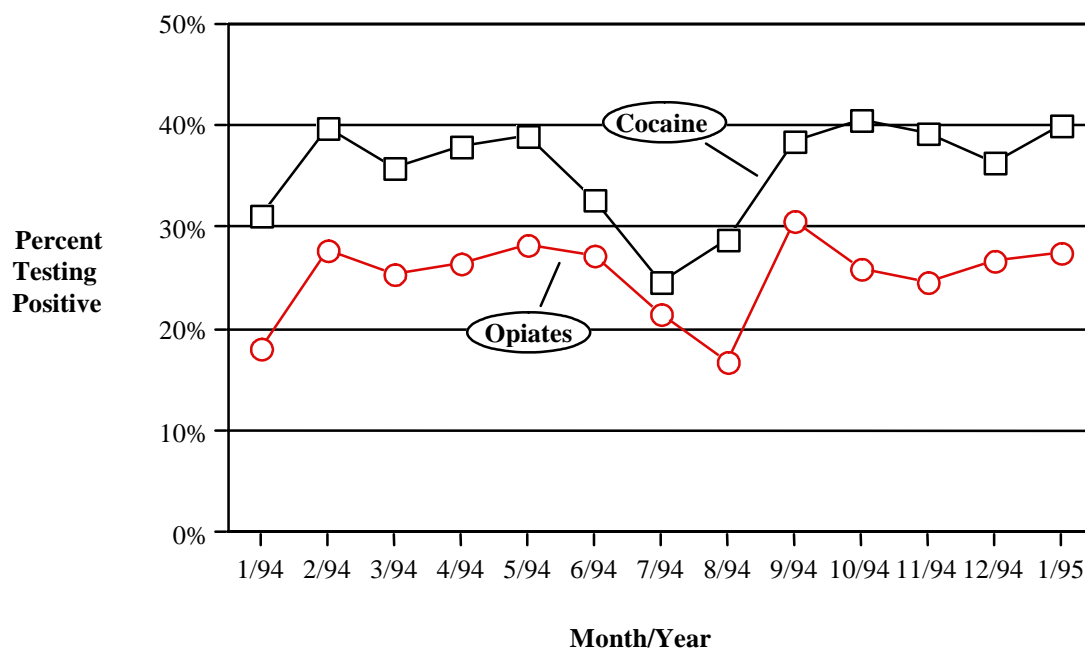
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *Cocaine and Opiate Use Persists Among Baltimore City Pretrial Releasees*

Data from the Baltimore City Pretrial Services Program show that use of cocaine and opiates (most likely heroin) among pretrial releasees remains at relatively high levels. In January 1995, 40% of releasees tested positive for cocaine while 28% tested positive for some type of opiate. Cocaine has been the most frequently detected drug among Baltimore City pretrial releasees since data collection began in 1990.

**Percentage of Baltimore City Pretrial Releasees  
Testing Positive for Cocaine or Opiates,  
January 1994 to January 1995\***



\*Results are calculated using each person's first urinalysis test during their entire pretrial monitoring period.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Baltimore City Pretrial Release Services Program.

### STATE PROFILES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AVAILABLE FROM DRUG STRATEGIES

Drug Strategies has developed profiles of three states (California, Massachusetts, and Ohio) that describe the dimensions of substance abuse problems as well as prevention, treatment, and law enforcement efforts to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug use within the state. These profiles are designed to increase public understanding of local substance abuse problems and to generate broad support for more effective policies. For more information on these state profiles, contact Drug Strategies at 202-663-6090.

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