

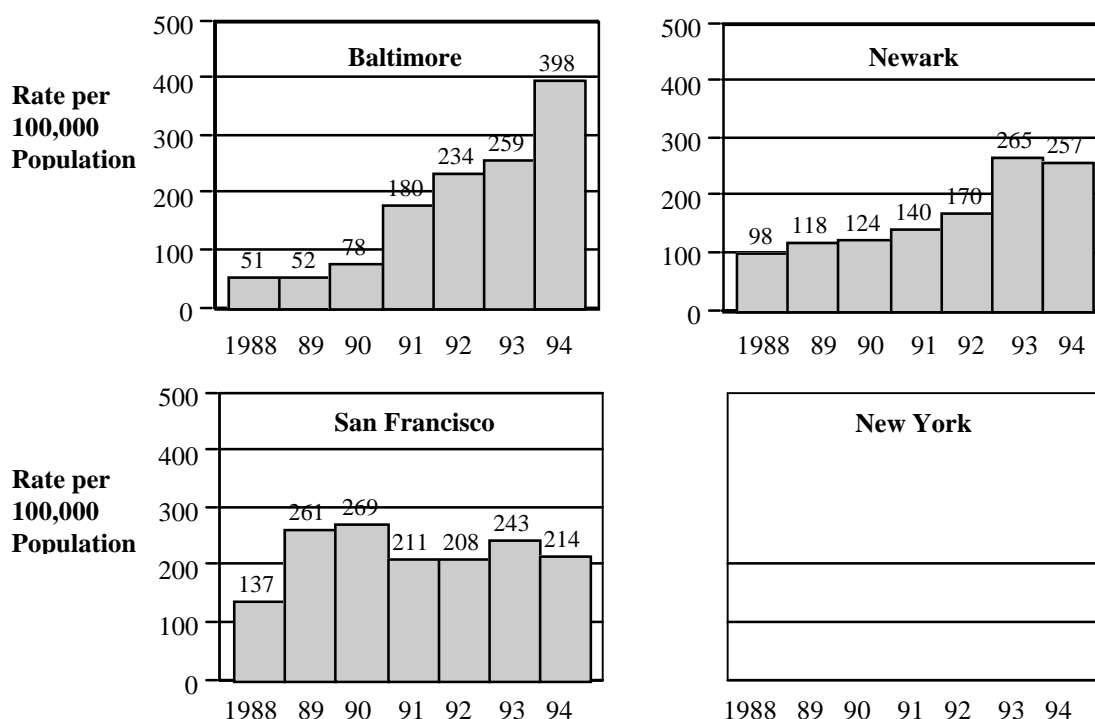
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Heroin-Related ER Visits in Baltimore Metro Area Highest Among Cities in DAWN System

Recently released data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) show that the Baltimore metropolitan area has experienced a greater increase in heroin-related ER visits than any other metropolitan area in the DAWN system. Since metropolitan area data collection began in 1988, the rate of heroin-related ER visits in Baltimore has increased from 51 to 398 per 100,000 population in 1994. Baltimore's 1994 rate is the highest among the 21 metropolitan areas sampled by the DAWN system. Only three other metropolitan areas in the DAWN system had heroin-related ER rates greater than 100 per 100,000 population in 1994--Newark (257), San Francisco (214), and New York (136).

Heroin-Related Emergency Room Visit Rates, Baltimore, Newark, San Francisco, and New York Metropolitan Areas, 1988 - 1994



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 11, November 1995. For more information, contact SAMHSA at 301-443-7980.

..ERRATUM..

Last week's issue of the CESAR FAX (Issue 47) incorrectly listed the estimated number of UMCP students who "thought about or tried to commit suicide" as 9,229. The correct estimated number is **923**. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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