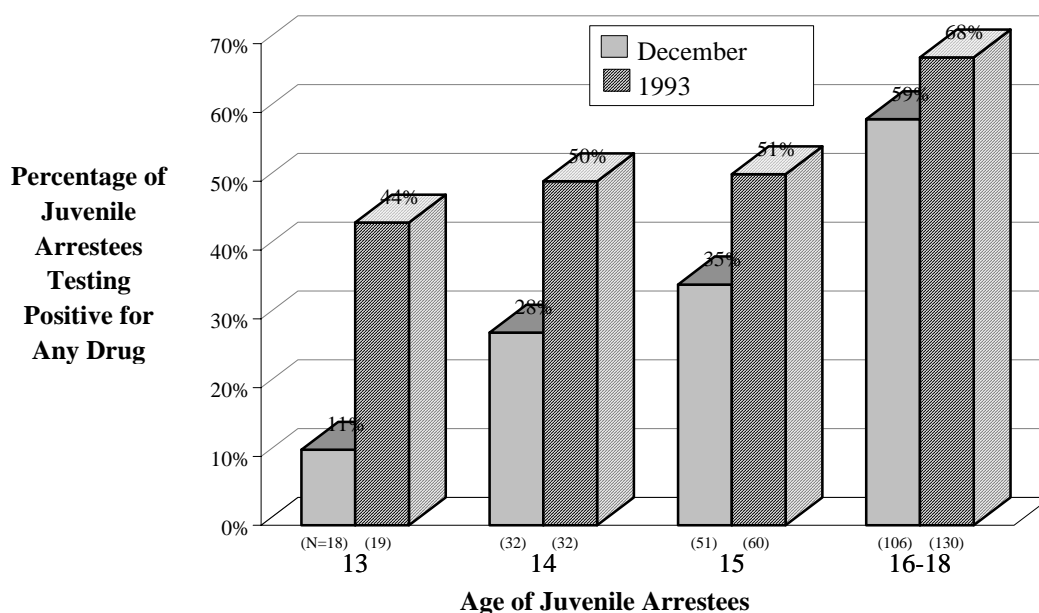


A Growing Number of Young Arrestees Are Using Drugs in D.C.

Data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency show that in December 1994, 59% of all juvenile arrestees tested positive for drug use, an increase over the 43% positive rate of December 1993. The majority of this increase is due to increased drug use among younger arrestees. Arrestees aged 13 to 15 had greater increases in positive rates over this time period than arrestees aged 16 to 18. A total of 3,136 juvenile arrestees were tested by urinalysis for cocaine, marijuana, opiates, and PCP during 1994.

**Percentage of Washington, D.C. Juvenile Arrestees
Testing Positive for Any Drug, by Age,
December 1993 versus December 1994**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency.

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