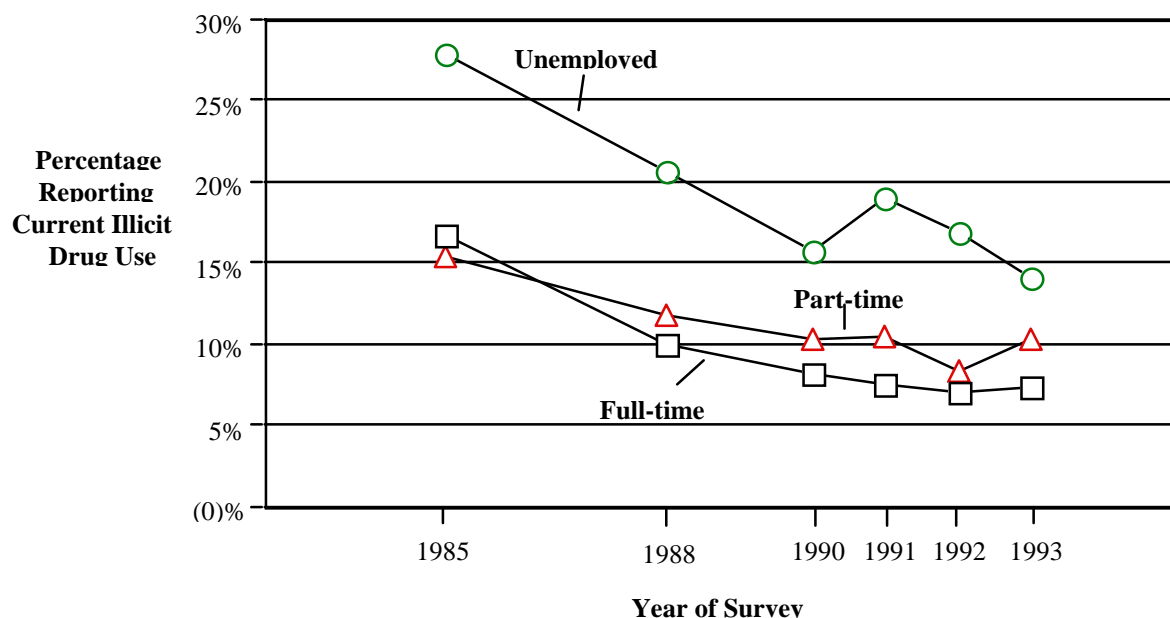


Unemployed U. S. Household Residents Report Higher Rates of Illicit Drug Use Than Employed Residents

A recently released analysis of data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) show that from 1985 to 1993, rates of illicit drug use within the past 30 days were consistently higher among unemployed household residents than among full- and part-time employed residents. In addition, part-time workers reported a higher rate of current drug use than full-time workers. However, drug use decreased significantly among all three groups over this time period. For further information, contact Janet Greenblatt of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at 301-443-7980.

**Percentage of U.S. Household Residents Aged 18-49
Reporting Current Illicit Drug Use, by Employment Status, 1985-1993***



*Residents who were retired, disabled, homemakers, students, or "others" are not included in this graph.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from John P. Hoffman, Cindy Larison, and Angela Brittingham, "Drug Use Among U.S. Workers: Prevalence and Trends by Occupation and Industry Categories," prepared by the National Opinion Research Center for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, April 1996.

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