

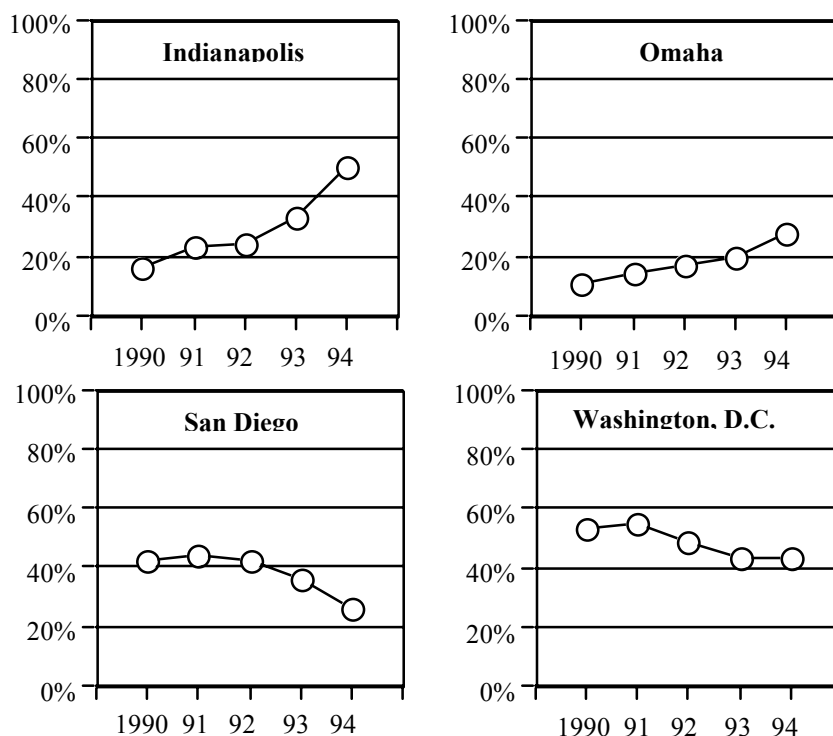
**A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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***Crack/Cocaine Epidemic Continues Among Arrestees in Middle America;  
Declining Among Those in East and West Coast Cities***

Findings presented at the annual Drug Use Forecasting (DUF) director's meeting in June showed that the crack/cocaine epidemic is in decline among arrestees in East and West Coast cities but appears to be continuing as strong as ever among arrestees in Midwest cities. At 15 of the DUF locations nationwide, including San Diego and Washington, D.C., rates of detected crack/cocaine use have gradually decreased. However, at the other 9 DUF sites, mostly located in Midwest cities such as Indianapolis and Omaha, rates of crack/cocaine use have reached a plateau or are expanding. According to the authors, "these findings underscore the need for local drug use statistics, such as provided by the DUF program, because of geographical variation in the prevalence and timing of the popularity for any specific drug" (p. i).

**Percentage of Arrestees Testing Positive for Crack/Cocaine,  
by Selected DUF Site, 1990-1994**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Andrew L. Golub, Farrukh Hakeem, and Bruce D. Johnson, "Monitoring the Decline in the Crack Epidemic with Data from the Drug Use Forecasting Program," presented at the DUF Site Director's Meeting, June 8, 1996. For more information, contact Andrew Lang Golub of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, at 212-237-8093.

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