

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***New 1995 Annual Drug Use Forecasting Results:
Cocaine Positives Down, Marijuana Positives Up Among Adult Male Arrestees***

According to the 1995 Annual Drug Use Forecasting (DUF) Report, released last week by the National Institute of Justice, cocaine use has declined among adult male arrestees while marijuana use continues to increase. Seventeen of the 23 national DUF sites reported lower rates of cocaine positives in 1995 than in 1994. In contrast, 17 sites reported higher marijuana rates over the same time period. The largest increases in marijuana positives were reported among adult male arrestees 15 to 20 years old. Marijuana use among juvenile male arrestees has been increasing dramatically for several years.

**Percentage of Adult Male Booked Arrestees Testing Positive
for Cocaine or Marijuana, by DUF Site, 1995**

DUF Site	Percent Positive Cocaine	Change From 1994	Percent Positive Marijuana	Change From 1994
Atlanta	57%	-	32%	+
Birmingham	49	-	36	+
Chicago	51	-	41	+
Cleveland	42	-	29	+
Dallas	31	-	37	+
Denver	44	+	33	-
Detroit	30	-	42	+
Ft. Lauderdale	39	-	33	+
Houston	40	+	29	+
Indianapolis	39	-	38	-
Los Angeles	44	-	23	+
Manhattan	68	=	28	+
Miami	42	-	29	+
New Orleans	47	=	32	+
Omaha	19	-	42	-
Philadelphia	51	-	34	+
Phoenix	27	-	29	=
Portland	30	-	29	+
St. Louis	51	+	39	+
San Antonio	24	-	34	+
San Diego	28	-	35	-
San Jose	18	-	27	-
Washington, D.C.	35	-	32	+

NOTE: The cocaine and marijuana percentages do not total 100% at each site because more than one drug may be present in a specimen. The drugs tested for are cocaine, opiates, marijuana, PCP, methadone, benzodiazepines, methaqualone, propoxyphene, barbiturates, and amphetamines.

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