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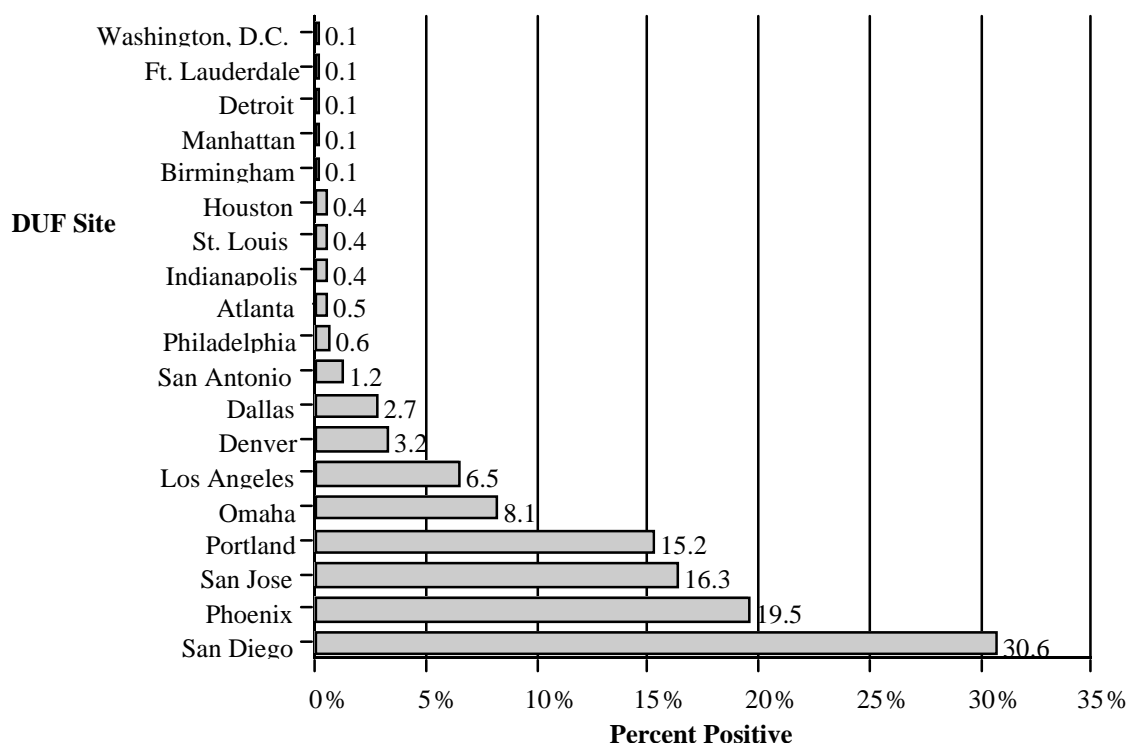
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***Arrestee Methamphetamine Use Concentrated in West Coast DUF Sites***

According to the 1995 Drug Use Forecasting (DUF) Annual Report, methamphetamine use among arrestees varies greatly by region of the country, with the highest drug positive rates found at western DUF sites (see figure). However, "sites such as Denver, Omaha, and St. Louis could experience significant increases if current trends continue" (p. 13). In 1995, methamphetamine rivaled or surpassed use of cocaine and marijuana at four West Coast sites (Phoenix, Portland, San Diego, and San Jose). One possible explanation for these findings is that many of these sites are close to Mexico, thought to be a major source of methamphetamine.

**Percentage of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Methamphetamine, by DUF Site, 1995\***

(N=approximately 1,700 arrestees at each site)



\*Four of the 23 DUF sites (Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, and New Orleans) had no adults test positive for methamphetamine in 1995 and are not shown in the table.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the "1995 Annual Report on Adult and Juvenile Arrestees," Drug Use Forecasting, National Institute of Justice. To obtain a copy of this report, please contact NCJRS at 800-851-3420 or 301-251-5500.

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