

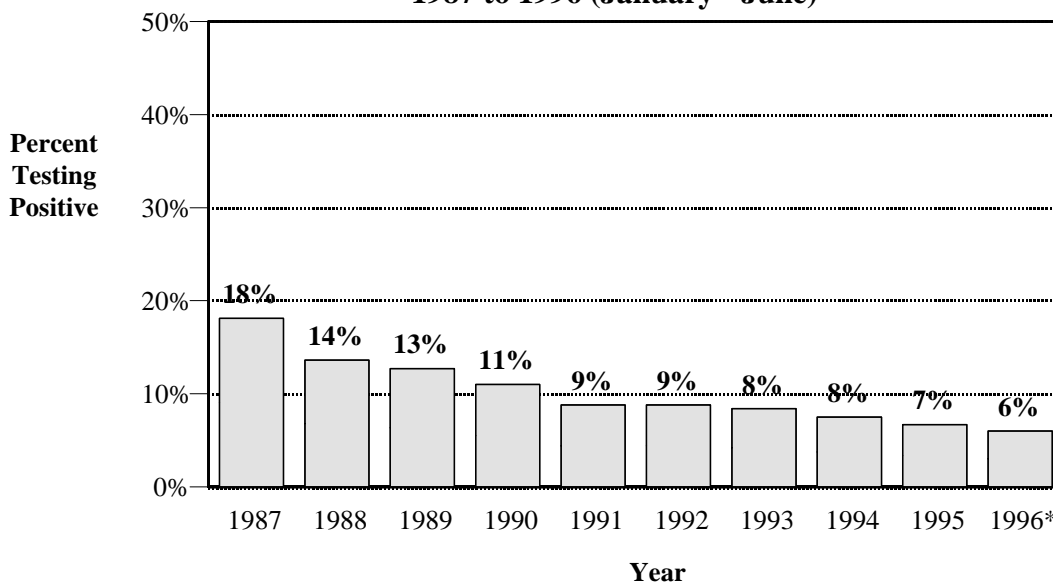
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland at College Park

Drug Positives Continue to Decline Among Tested U.S. Workforce

Since 1987, SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories has conducted drug tests on nearly 22 million urine samples[□] from U.S. workers. Their most recent drug testing index shows that the percentage of positive drug tests in the workplace continues to decline. In the first six months of 1996, 6% of the tests were positive for at least one illicit drug, down from 18% in 1987. Marijuana continues to be the most widely detected drug (3.6% tested positive for marijuana in the first half of 1996) followed by cocaine (1.0%). Similar declines in self-reported use have been found among U.S. workers studied by the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (see CESAR FAX, Volume 5, Issue 23).

**Percentage Testing Positive for at Least One Illicit Drug,
Among U.S. Workforce Tested by SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories,
1987 to 1996 (January - June)**



*January through June 1996.

□ Drugs tested for included marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, PCP, benzodiazepines, and barbiturates. More than 2 million tests were conducted from January to June of 1996. Reasons for testing include pre-employment, periodic, random, post-accident, for cause, and returned to duty.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from SmithKline Beecham Drug Testing Index, SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, Collegeville, PA, October 1, 1996. For more information, contact Thomas Johnson at 610-454-6202 or 800-877-7478.

CESAR SEEKING FULL-TIME INTERVIEWER/EVALUATOR

Experienced interviewer/evaluator wanted to help evaluate a residential drug treatment program for women. Must have experience conducting in-person interviews with comparable population. Knowledge of SPSS and Lotus 123 preferred. Please fax resume and references to Ms. Midkiff at 301-403-8342. The University of Maryland is an AA/EOE.

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