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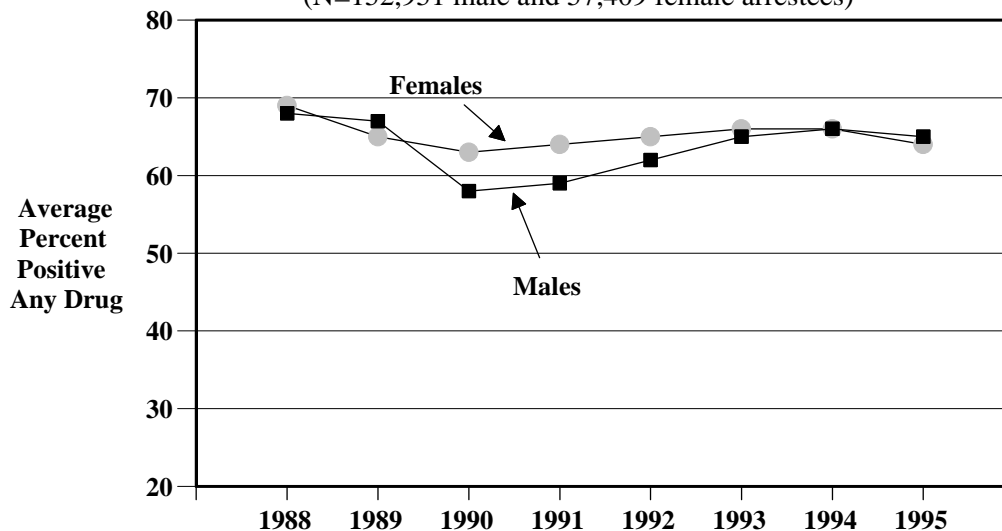
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DUF 24 Site Index Shows No End to High Levels of Recent Drug Use Among Arrestees

According to data from CESAR's DUF 24 Site Index[□], the level of recent drug use among booked arrestees has remained relatively stable over the past seven years. Since consistent data collection began in 1988, the average percentage of arrestees testing positive for any drug has ranged from 58% to 68% among males and from 63% to 69% among females. These data illustrate the fact that drug use among the arrestee population does not correlate with the trends found among the U.S. household and student populations, which have shown declining drug use over much of this period.

**DUF 24 Site Index:
Average Percentage of Booked Adult Arrestees
Testing Positive for Any Drug in DUF Sites, 1988 - 1995**

(N=152,951 male and 57,409 female arrestees)



Number of	Males	20	21	23	24	24	23	23	23
Sites Reporting:	Females	14	17	21	21	21	20	21	21

[□]The DUF 24 Site Index is an unweighted average of the percentage of arrestees testing positive for drugs at participating DUF sites.

SOURCES: Adapted by CESAR from data from the Drug Use Forecasting (DUF) Program, National Institute of Justice.

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