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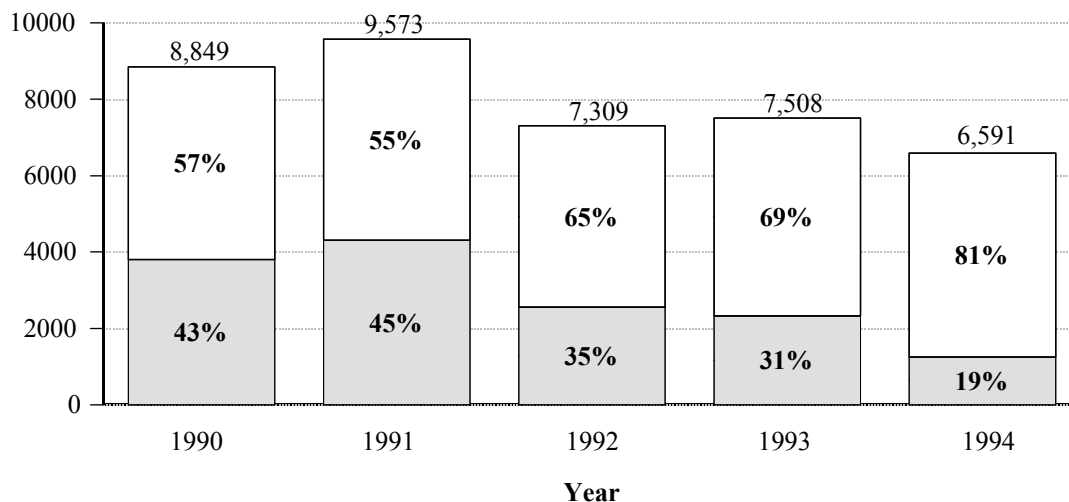
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***Adult Arrests for Drug Sales Decrease in D.C., Possession Arrests Increase***

While adult drug arrests in our nation's capital have reached the lowest point in five years, the percentage of those arrests that are for drug possession has increased dramatically. In 1990, 57% of all adult drug arrests in D.C. were for possession and 43% for sales. In 1994 (the most recent year of available data), 81% of adult drug arrests were for possession and only 19% for sales. It is difficult to determine whether this change is the result of a shift in policing and enforcement practices or an actual shift in the occurrence of drug sales and possession. Nevertheless, this trend in the District appears to contrast with recent efforts in some neighboring jurisdictions to place an emphasis on making arrests for drug sales rather than possession.

**Total Number of Adult Drug Arrests for Sales and Possession,  
Washington, D.C., 1990-1994**

■ Sales    □ Possession



SOURCE: National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Crime and Justice Trends in the District of Columbia, July 1996. Prepared for the District of Columbia Government, Washington, D.C. To request a copy of the report, contact the D.C. Office of Grants Management and Development at 202-727-6537.

**\$1 MILLION AVAILABLE FROM OJJDP FOR YOUTH-LED PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the availability of \$1 million to assist nonprofit, youth-led organizations aimed at preventing alcohol and other drug use among youth. For more information, call the Department of Justice Response Center at 800-421-6770. The application deadline is March 18, 1997.

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