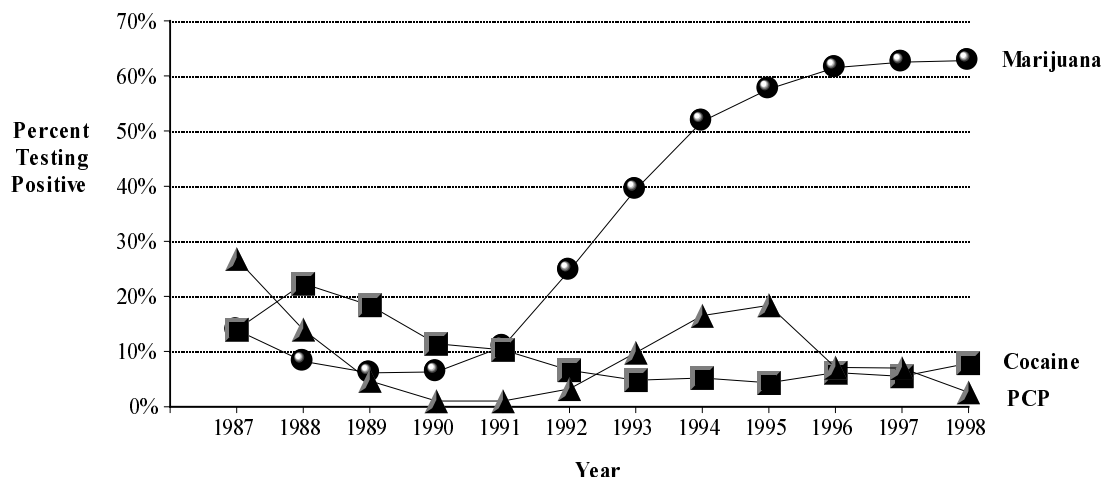


Marijuana Use Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees May Be Leveling Off

Since 1994, the majority of D.C. juvenile arrestees have tested positive for marijuana. Recently released data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency indicate that marijuana use among this population may be finally leveling off. For the past three years, the percentage of juvenile arrestees testing positive for marijuana has remained around 63%. Cocaine positives have remained at less than 10% since 1992 and PCP positives have dropped significantly over the past several years (from 18% in 1995 to 3% in 1998). D.C. pretrial drug test results for both adults and juveniles are available on CESAR's web site (www.cesar.umd.edu). Go to CESAR BOARD, then Criminal Justice.

Percentage of Washington, D.C. Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Cocaine, Marijuana, and PCP, 1987-1998



NOTE: D.C. juvenile arrestees were also tested for opiates from 1/87 to 6/94. Less than 1% tested positive for opiates each year.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency. For more information on D.C. pretrial drug testing, contact Susan Shaffer, Director, D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, at 202-727-2911.

CESAR Welcomes New Addition to Staff

CESAR is pleased to announce that Amelia M. Arria, Ph.D., has joined our staff as Deputy Director for Research. Dr. Arria is also an Assistant Scientist at The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, Md. Her strong background in community health and treatment needs assessment makes her an invaluable addition to our staff.

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