

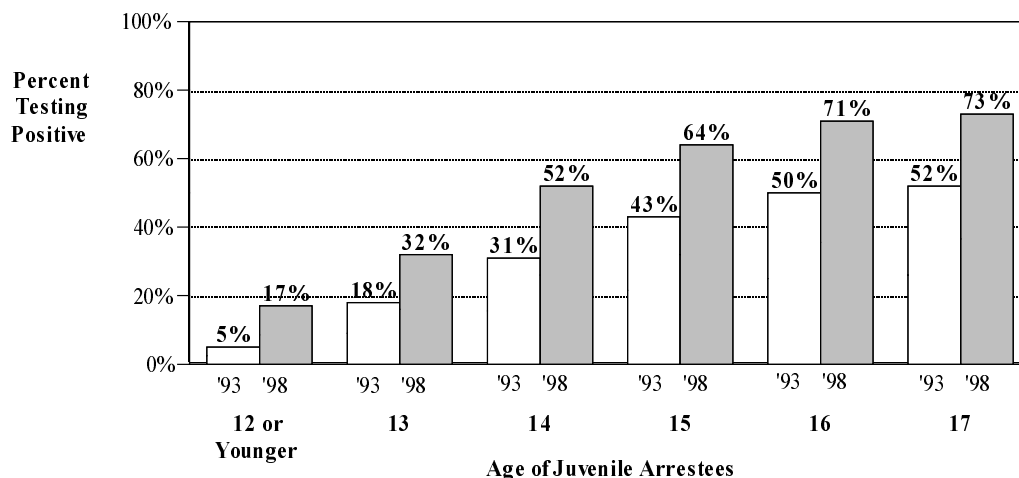
Greatest Increases in D.C. Juvenile Pretrial Arrestee Drug Positives Have Occurred Among Youth 12 or Younger

The percentage of D.C. juvenile arrestees testing positive for illicit drugs (primarily marijuana) has increased dramatically over the past several years. An analysis of age-specific data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency reveals that this increase has occurred among arrestees of all ages. However, the greatest increases have occurred among the youngest age groups. For example, the percentage of arrestees 12 years old or younger testing positive for any drug increased from 5% in 1993 to 17% in 1998--a 240% increase. In contrast, the percentage of 17-year-old arrestees testing positive for any drug increased 40% over the same period (from 52% to 73%). This trend is consistent with national reports of increased marijuana use among youth.

Legend
□ 1993
■ 1998

Percentage of Washington, D.C. Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Any Drug, by Age, 1993 and 1998

(n=3,126 in 1993; 2,394 in 1998)



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.

Washington, D.C. Pretrial Drug Test Data Available at CESAR's Web Site

D.C. pretrial drug test data for both adult and juvenile arrestees are available at CESAR's world wide web site. Go to **www.cesar.umd.edu**, select CESAR BOARD, then Criminal Justice.

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