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Majority of Male Arrestees Test Positive for Illicit Drugs According to 1999 ADAM Data

Between 50 percent and 77 percent of male adult arrestees tested positive for at least one illicit drug in 1999, according to data from 34 cities participating in the national Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program. Marijuana was the drug most frequently detected in 24 sites, followed by cocaine in the remaining 10 sites. A full copy of the report is available online at www.adam-nij.net.

Percentage of Male Arrestees Testing Positive for Illicit Drugs, by ADAM Site, 1999

ADAM Site (N)	Any Drug	Cocaine	Marijuana	Opiates	Meth.
Albuquerque (529)	64%	43%	37%	14%	5%
Anchorage (563)	54	26	38	3	1
Atlanta (1071)	77	51	44	4	0
Birmingham (738)	64	37	39	4	0
Chicago (2291)	74	42	45	20	0
Cleveland (842)	71	40	43	4	0
Dallas (863)	61	34	39	5	3
Denver (931)	67	41	44	3	3
Des Moines (602)	56	16	43	14	1
Detroit (886)	65	27	48	9	0
Ft. Lauderdale (829)	64	41	39	1	0
Houston (883)	60	36	38	6	0
Indianapolis (652)	64	34	48	3	1
Laredo (551)	58	42	33	11	0
Las Vegas (1091)	60	30	28	5	16
Los Angeles (2708)	62	36	32	6	9
Miami (948)	66	49	36	3	0
Minneapolis (841)	60	29	44	4	1
New Orleans (913)	69	44	40	14	0
New York City (2190)	75	44	41	15	0
Oklahoma City (943)	64	26	48	2	9
Omaha (449)	62	22	51	0	8
Philadelphia (486)	70	39	41	15	0
Phoenix (1166)	64	32	36	8	17
Portland (652)	64	23	35	13	20
Sacramento (753)	68	16	44	4	28
Salt Lake City (920)	60	22	35	9	25
San Antonio (985)	50	23	36	10	2
San Diego (630)	64	17	36	9	26
San Jose (725)	55	14	34	4	24
Seattle (782)	66	33	39	14	9
Spokane (745)	62	18	44	7	20
Tucson (946)	68	40	45	9	6
Washington, DC (106)	69	38	35	16	1

NOTES: Any drug includes cocaine, marijuana, opiates, methamphetamine, and PCP. PCP was excluded from the table above because it was detected in ten percent or less of the urine samples at each site; ten sites reported no PCP use.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program, "1999 Annual Report on Drug Use Among Adult and Juvenile Arrestees," June 2000.

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