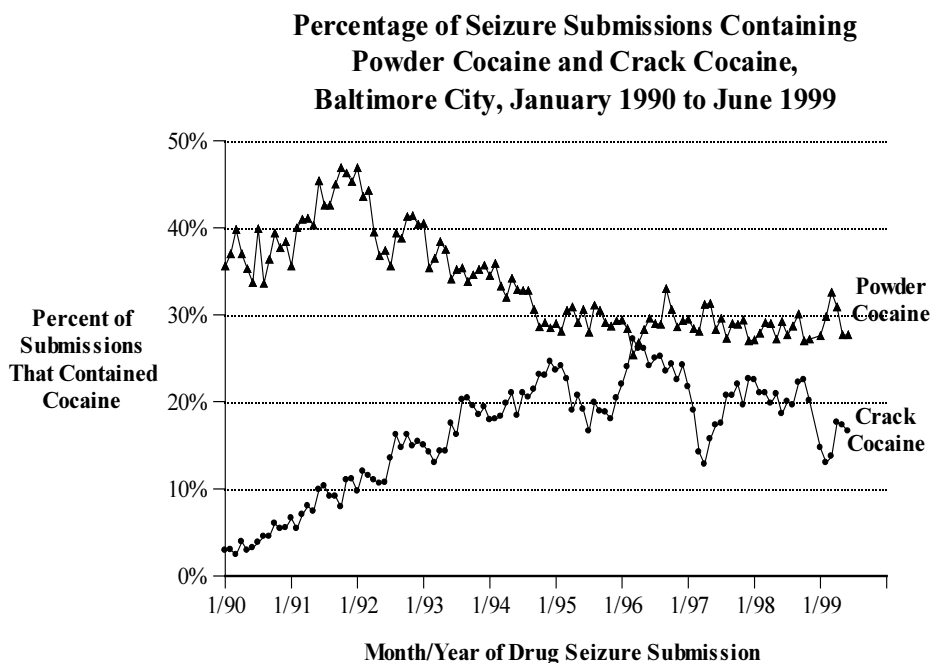


## Cocaine Accounts for Nearly One-Half of All Drug Seizures in Baltimore City

The percentage of drug seizures submitted for testing by Baltimore City police that contained powder cocaine steadily declined from a high of 47% in early 1992 to a stable rate of approximately 30% since 1995. Conversely, crack cocaine submissions increased from a very small percentage in early 1990 to a high of 27% in early 1996. Since 1996, however, the crack cocaine percentage has declined to approximately 15% of all drug seizures submitted to the laboratory. For more information, contact Dr. Shiv K. Soni, Supervisor of the Baltimore City Police Department Drug Analysis Unit, at 410-396-2384.



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