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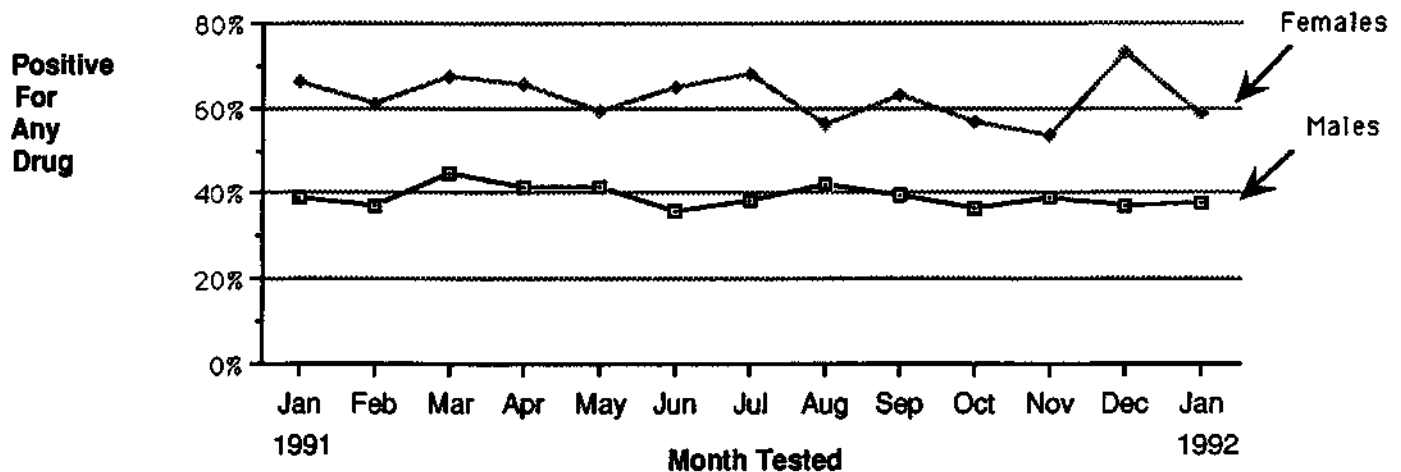
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Drug Problem Continues in Female Arrestees in Prince George's County

The percentage of female arrestees who tested positive for one or more drugs ranged from 53% to 73% in the past 13 months; considerably more than was found for male arrestees. While down from the levels reached in 1989, drugs (mainly cocaine) continue to be found in many male and female arrestees. Continued support is needed for programs to address drug use in all arrestees, and especially in females, who are at considerable risk of contracting and transmitting HIV (AIDS).

Drug Test Results for Booked Arrestees in Prince George's County**

(N = 993 female and 8127 male arrestees tested between January 1991 and January 1992)



** Drugs tested for by urinalysis are: cocaine, opiates, and PCP

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