

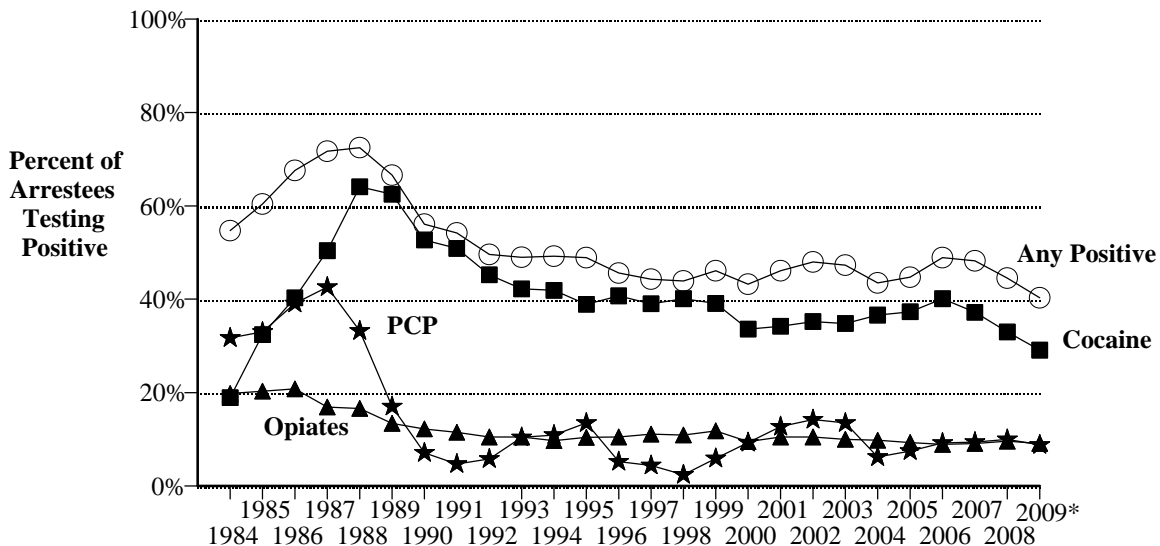
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Percentage of D.C. Adult Arrestees Testing Positive for Cocaine Declining; PCP and Opiate Positives Stable at Low Levels

While cocaine continues to be the drug that adult arrestees in the District of Columbia test positive for most often, cocaine positive rates have decreased in the past few years. According to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, the percentage of arrestees testing positive for cocaine decreased from 40% in 2006 to 29% in the first six months of 2009. These rates are far below the peak of 64% reached in 1988. After peaking in the mid-80s, the percentage of arrestees testing positive for PCP and for opiates has remained between 9% and 10% during much of the past decade. The D.C. Pretrial Services Agency is one of the sites participating in the national Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program II (ADAM II) collection sites (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 18, Issue 28).

Percentage of Washington, D.C., Adult Arrestees Testing Positive, by Drug, 1984 to 2009*
(N ranged from 10,990 to 24,375 tests)



*Data for 2009 are from the first six months. Data are not shown for amphetamines. The D.C. Pretrial Services Agency stopped reporting on amphetamines in 1995 and resumed reporting results for these drugs in August 2006. The percentage of arrestees testing positive for amphetamines was 3.7% in 2007, 2.1% in 2008 and 1.5% for the first six months of 2009.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency. Available online at <http://www.dcpsa.gov/foia/foiaERRpsa.htm>. For more information, contact Jerome Robinson, Director of Forensic Research at the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency at jerome.robinson@csosa.gov.

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