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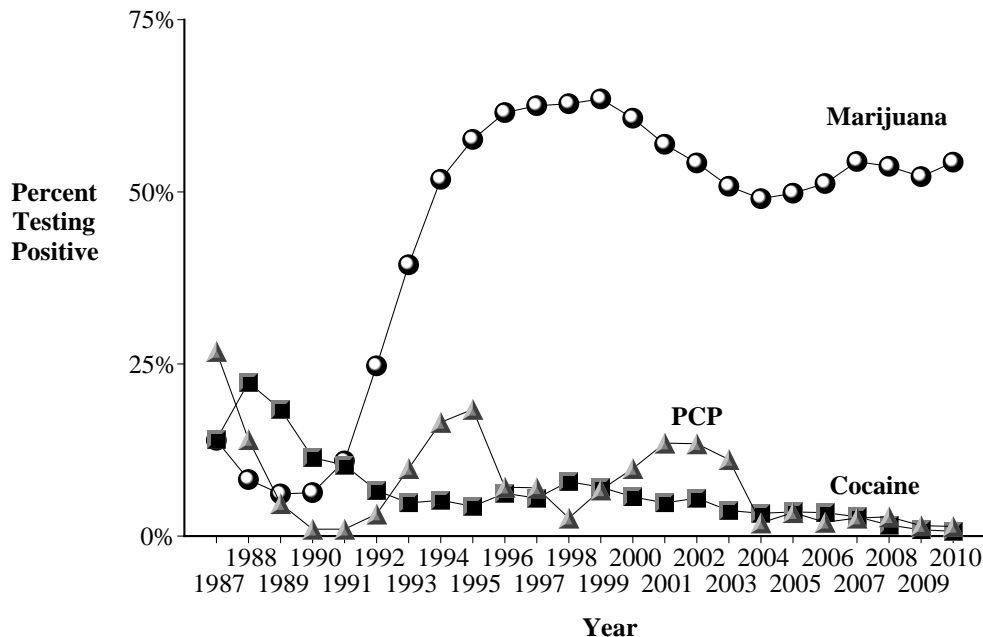
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## *Marijuana Remains Drug Most Commonly Detected Among D.C. Juvenile Arrestees; Recent Decreases in Marijuana Use May Have Stalled*

While marijuana continues to be the drug most commonly detected among Washington, D.C. juvenile arrestees, the recent decreases in use appear to have stalled. According to data from the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, the percentage of juvenile arrestees testing positive for marijuana increased from the most recent low of 49.6% in 2004 to 54.4% in 2007. From 2007 to 2009, the percent testing positive decreased to 52.2%, followed by a slight increase in marijuana positive rates in 2010 to 54.3%. In contrast, less than 2% of D.C. juvenile arrestees tested positive for either cocaine or PCP in 2010.

### **Percentage of Washington, D.C., Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Marijuana, Cocaine, and PCP, 1987 to 2010**

(N ranged from 1,896 tested specimens in 2002 to 4,449 in 1988; N=2,103 in 2010)



NOTE: Since August, 2006, D.C. juvenile arrestees have also been tested for amphetamines. The percentage testing positive for amphetamines was 0.6% in 2006; 2.7% in 2007; 1.8% in 2008; 0.9% in 2009; and 0.4% in 2010.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency. For more information, contact Jerome Robinson, Director of Forensic Research, D.C. Pretrial Services Agency, at [jerome.robinson@csosa.gov](mailto:jerome.robinson@csosa.gov).