Chart 1--DAWN
Number of Drug-Related Emergency Department Episodes, by Selected Drug Mentions, Baltimore Metropolitan Area*, 1994--2001

NOTE:
* Baltimore Metropolitan Area includes Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne’s Counties.

Definition of Terms:
Drug Episode: Refers to an ED visit that was induced by or related to the use of an illegal drug(s) or the nonmedical use of a legal drug for patients age 6 to 97 years.
Drug Mention: Refers to a substance that was recorded (“mentioned”) in a DAWN case report. In addition to alcohol-in-combination, up to four substances (mentions) can be reported for each ED episode. Therefore, the total number of drug mentions exceeds the number of drug episodes and ED visits.