Marijuana remains the drug most commonly detected among Washington, D.C. juvenile arrestees, 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 49.0% in 2004 to 54.4% in 2007, then decreased slightly to 52.2% in 2009. In contrast, the percentage testing positive for cocaine has been gradually decreasing over the past decade, reaching a record low of 0.9% in 2009. PCP-positive rates, which have fluctuated greatly in the past, declined to 1.5% in 2009—the lowest rate since 1991.

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; and 0.9% in 2009.