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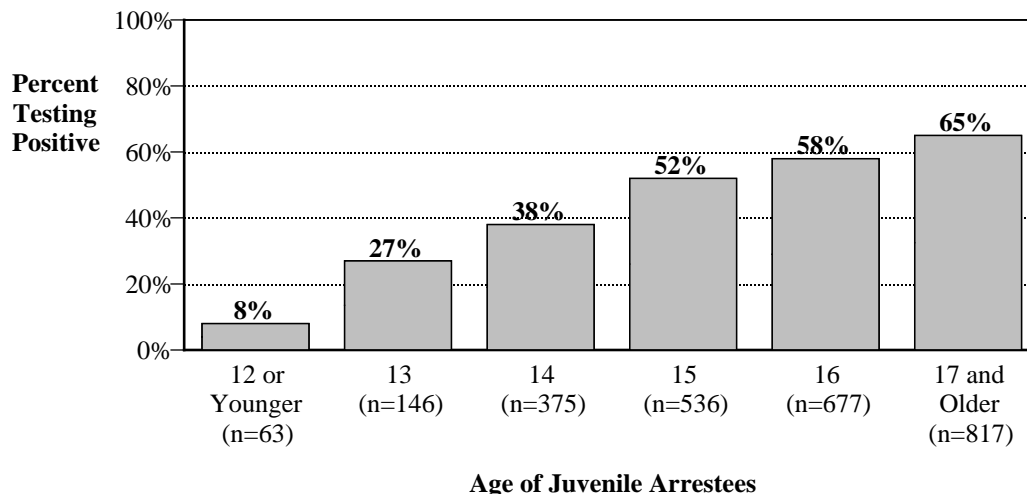
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## *Drug Positives Increase Consistently with Age Among DC Juvenile Arrestees*

The percentage of Washington, DC juvenile arrestees who test positive for illicit drugs increases with age, according to data from the DC Pretrial Services Agency. Overall, 53% of all juvenile arrestees tested positive for at least one illicit drug in 2009. Less than 10% of arrestees ages 12 or younger tested positive, compared to more than one-fourth of 13-year-olds and 14-year-olds and more than one-half of those ages 15 and 16. The highest rates of drug positives were found among the oldest arrestees—65% of those ages 17 and older (see figure below). Juvenile arrestees in the District test positive nearly exclusively for marijuana. Less than 1% test positive for cocaine, compared to around one-third of adult arrestees (see *CESAR FAX*, Volume 18, Issue 30). These findings suggest an opportunity to provide drug prevention programs for younger arrestees, potentially reducing future drug use.

**Percentage of Washington, DC Juvenile Arrestees  
Testing Positive by Urinalysis for Any Drug, by Age, 2009**

(N=2,614)



NOTE: DC juvenile arrestees are tested for marijuana, cocaine, PCP, and amphetamines.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency, Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics. 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](mailto:jerome.robinson@csosa.gov).

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