



Citizenship Status and Drug Use:

Approximately 7 percent (n=32) of the total sample of adult arrestees reported they were currently not United States citizens.

As the chart illustrates, drug and alcohol use is similar among citizens and non-citizens, although a higher percentage of United States citizens tested positive for three of the five drug types. Approximately 41 percent of United States citizens tested positive for marijuana, 7 percent tested positive for opiates, and 48 percent tested positive for methamphetamine. Alcohol and cocaine use is similar for citizens and non-citizens with 9 percent of United States citizens and 11 percent of non-citizens testing positive for alcohol and 14 percent of United States Citizens and 17 percent of non-citizens testing positive for cocaine.

The most significant differences in drug use between citizens and non-citizens are marijuana and methamphetamine use. In both cases, a higher percentage of United States citizens tested positive than non-citizens. For example, 41 percent of United States citizens tested positive for marijuana and 31 percent of non-citizens tested positive. In addition, approximately 50 percent of United States citizens tested positive for methamphetamine while only 30 percent of non-citizens tested positive for the drug. Again, approximately 40 percent of United States citizens tested positive for marijuana and only 30 percent of non-citizens tested positive.