



## **Citizenship Status and Drug Use:**

Approximately 14 percent (n=84) of the total sample of adult arrestees (n=602) reported they were currently not United States citizens. Overall, drug and alcohol use is similar among citizens and non-citizens, although a higher percentage of United States citizens tested positive for all five drug types. Alcohol and cocaine use is most similar for citizens and noncitizens with about 11 percent of United States citizens and 8 percent of non-citizens testing positive for alcohol, and almost 22 percent of United States Citizens and 17 percent of non-citizens testing positive for cocaine. Although not significantly higher, nearly 31 percent of US citizens tested positive for methamphetamine, compared to less than 21 percent of non-citizens.

The most significant differences in drug use between citizens and non-citizens are seen in marijuana and opiate use. In both cases, a higher percentage of United States citizens tested positive than non-citizens. For example, 40 percent of United States citizens tested positive for marijuana, more than double the less than 20 percent of non-citizens who tested positive. In addition, approximately 6 percent of United States citizens tested positive for opiates while no non-citizens tested positive for the drug.

