Differences in Drug Use by Children in Household

The present analysis examines the relationship between current drug use and whether the respondent reported living with children in the past 30 days. Specifically, we compared arrestees testing positive for alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, opiates, and methamphetamine on whether they reported living with adopted, step-, or biological children in the past 30 days. The percentage of arrestees who tested positive for alcohol and illicit drugs was consistently lower among respondents who lived with children. However, it is important to note that arrestees living with children in their household still tested positive for illicit drug use at high rates. For example, among arrestees with children in the home 18.6% tested positive for cocaine, 22.8% tested positive for methamphetamine, and 34.5% tested positive for marijuana.