Citizenship Status and Drug Use:

Approximately 14% (n=81) of adult arrestees (n=597) reported they were not U.S. citizens. While alcohol use was similar among U.S. citizens and non-citizens, some illicit drug use patterns were significantly different. For example, significantly more U.S. citizens tested positive for marijuana and methamphetamine. Specifically, U.S. citizens were twice as likely to test positive for marijuana, and more than four times as likely to test positive for meth when compared to non-citizens. Opiate use was higher among U.S. citizens than non-citizens (6.8% and 2.5% respectively), although not significantly higher. When compared to citizens, a higher percentage of non-citizens tested positive for cocaine, although this difference was also not significant.