

Distribution of Children Under 18 By Race/Ethnicity

	1960	1970	1980	1990	1995	2000
White	86%	85%	82%	80%	79%	78%
White, Non-Hispanic	--	--	74%	69%	67%	64%
African American	13%	14%	15%	15%	16%	16%
Hispanic	--	--	9%	12%	14%	15%
Asian American	--	--	2%	3%	4%	5%
Native American	--	--	1%	1%	1%	1%

Percentage of High School Seniors Who Rate Selected Life Goals as "Extremely Important":

Having Lots of Money is Up, but so is Making a Contribution to Society

	1976	1981	1986	1994
Being Successful in My Line of Work				
Everyone	53%	57%	61%	63%
African Americans	67%	71%	73%	79%
Having a Good Marriage and Family Life				
Everyone	73%	76%	75%	76%
African Americans	75%	73%	76%	72%
Having Lots of Money				
Everyone	15%	18%	27%	26%
African Americans	33%	32%	38%	47%
Making a Contribution to Society				
Everyone	18%	18%	17%	24%
African Americans	23%	21%	20%	29%
Working to Correct Social and Economic Inequalities				
Everyone	10%	10%	9%	14%
African Americans	20%	21%	19%	25%
Being a Leader in My Community				
Everyone	7%	8%	9%	14%
African Americans	14%	14%	12%	21%

Source: *Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth: 1995*. Report prepared for the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics by Child Trends, Inc., and by Donald J. Hernandez of the US Census Bureau.

Arrest Rates of Youth for Violent Crimes Up Sharply

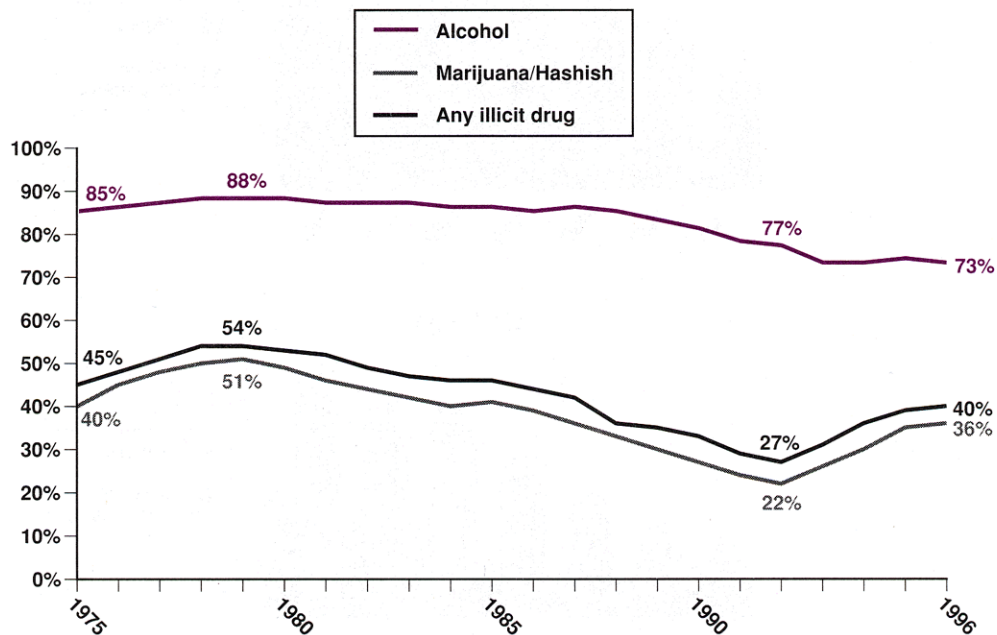
Persons Under Age 18 (arrests per 100,000)

	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995
Everyone	58	101	136	163	139	184	168
Race/Ethnicity							
White	24	42	79	92	77	108	102
Non-white	259	436	431	492	400	488	417

Source: For 1965-1990, *Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth: 1995*. Report prepared for the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics by Child Trends, Inc., and by Donald J. Hernandez of the US Census Bureau; for 1995, US Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reports*, October 13, 1996.

Numbers of High School Seniors Using Alcohol and Illicit Drugs:

Dropped from the Late 1970s to the Early 1990s; Use of Drugs Up in Recent Years



Note: Survey of high school seniors; percentage who used the drug or alcohol in past 12 months.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Monitoring the Future Study*, 1996.