



## Has workforce drug use reached a tipping point?

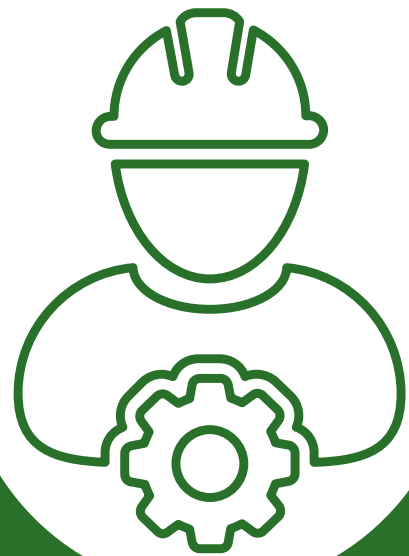
Workforce drug use is rising sharply in the manufacturing industry while employers are hiring rapidly in the wake of COVID-19. That combination increases risk—and pressure—on your company. To address both points, you must adapt your drug testing and recruitment strategies. Are you ready?

### US workforce drug use:

2021 positivity rates hit 20-year peak

**30%** year-over-year increase  
in drug test positivity

(combined US workforce since 2012)



### Manufacturing workforce drug use:

Big spikes generate big worries



**28.6%**

increase in general  
workforce drug  
test positivity  
(vs 2017)



**37.5%**

increase in  
pre-employment  
drug test positivity  
(vs 2017)



**29%**

increase in  
marijuana  
positivity rates  
(vs 2020)



**19%**

increase in  
cocaine  
positivity rates  
(vs 2020)



## Danger ahead:

Rising drug use runs into accelerating workforce growth



**2,000,000** projected jobs gap for skilled manufacturing workers by 2030<sup>1</sup>

## Get ready to meet the emerging demands of America's manufacturing industry

In times like these, you can't afford to compromise on workforce drug testing. Quest delivers accurate, accessible solutions across a full range of testing types and backed by real-world expertise. Our programs reduce workplace risk while optimizing your candidate experience—so you can keep pace with today's speed of hiring.

**Find more insights at**  
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Drug use data and trends pulled from the Quest Diagnostics Drug Testing Index®, an annual report examining drug positivity rates of specimens tested on behalf of US employers.

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