

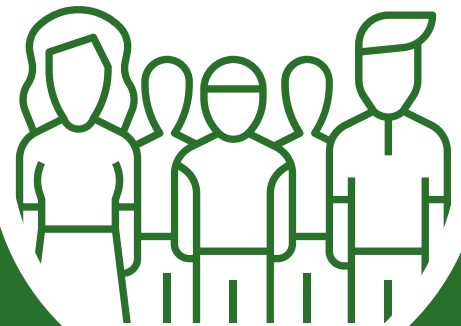


## Has workforce drug use reached a tipping point?

Workforce drug use is rising sharply in professional industries 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)



### Professional workforce drug use: Big spikes create big worries



**13.9%**

increase in general  
workforce drug  
test positivity  
(vs 2017)



**46.7%**

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



**27.3%**

increase in  
marijuana  
positivity rates  
(vs 2020)



## Trouble ahead:

Rising drug use runs into accelerating workforce growth



**2,000,000** new professional, scientific, and technical workers to be hired through 2030<sup>1</sup>

## Get ready to meet the emerging demands of America's professional industries

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.

1. Bureau of Labor Statistics. US Department of Labor. Employment Projections. Professional and business services. Updated September 8, 2021. Accessed August 3, 2022. <https://bls.gov/emp/tables/employment-by-major-industry-sector.htm>

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