





Has workforce drug use reached a tipping point?

Workforce drug use is rising sharply in the transportation 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)



Transportation workforce drug use:

Big spikes yield big worries



57%

increase in general workforce drug test positivity (vs 2017)



48%

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



42%

increase in marijuana positivity rates (vs 2020)



20%

increase in cocaine positivity rates (vs 2020)



Collision ahead:

Rising drug use runs into accelerating workforce growth



Get ready to meet the emerging demands of America's transportation 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

drugtest.questdiagnostics.com/transportation

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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