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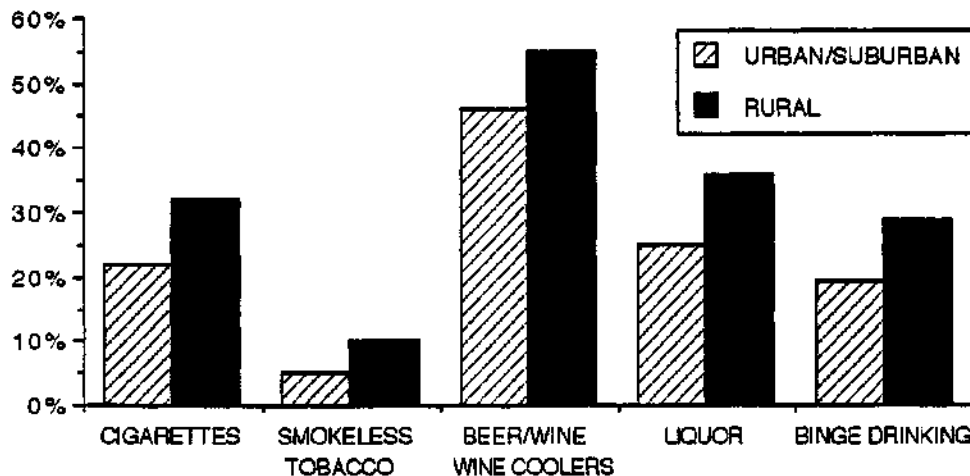
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New Report Compares Rural and Urban/Suburban Drug Use in Public School Students in Maryland

Supplemental analyses conducted by Tracy Myers, M.S. and Raymond Lorion, Ph.D. of the December 1990 Maryland Adolescent Survey (MAS) reveal that students in the rural areas of the State reported higher rates of alcohol and tobacco use in the year prior to the survey than their urban/suburban counterparts. For these analyses, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County were defined as urban/suburban areas; all other areas of the State were defined as rural areas. The analyses of the MAS, which was administered to students in 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade, also indicate higher rates of use by rural youth for most illicit drugs. These and other findings in the report highlight the need to continue to offer drug and alcohol prevention programs for youths living in rural areas of the State. See the box below to find out how to obtain the report.

PERCENTAGE OF MARYLAND STUDENTS WHO USED ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE 1990 SURVEY, BY REGION

(N = 13,654 students surveyed in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades)



SOURCE: Myers, T. and Raymond P. Lorion, Substance Use Patterns in the State of Maryland: Racial and Regional Comparisons July 1992. CESAR, University of Maryland at College Park.

Substance Use Patterns in the State of Maryland: Racial and Regional Comparisons Tracy Myers, M.S. and Raymond P. Lorion, Ph.D.

This report compares drug use in selected segments of the student population in Maryland. Areas examined include comparisons by race, region, urbanicity, and grouped grade levels. To obtain a copy of this report, please call CESAR at (301) 403-8329.

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