

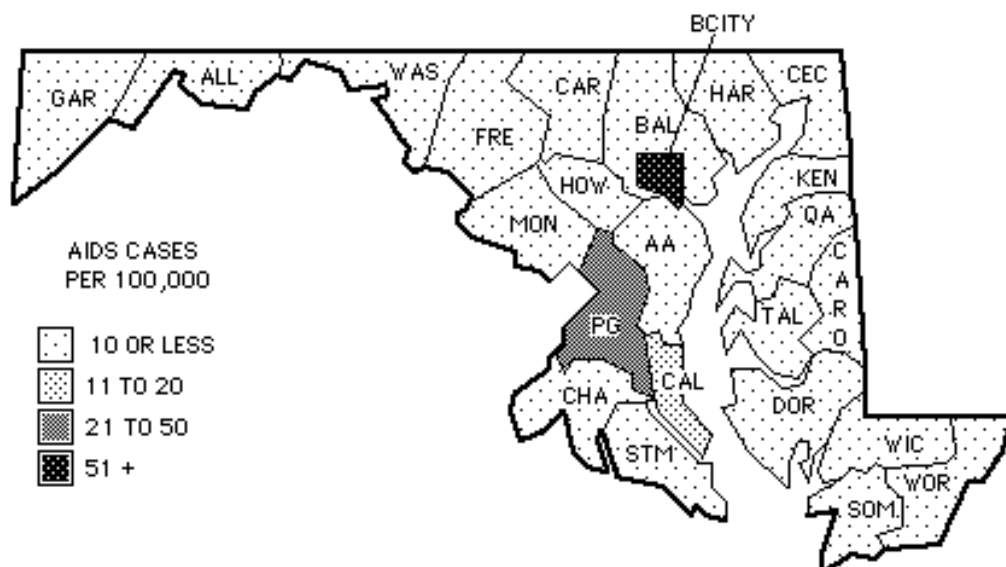
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Maryland AIDS Cases Concentrated in Baltimore City and Prince George's County

In 1992, a total of 804 AIDS cases were reported to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The AIDS cases are concentrated in Baltimore City and Prince George's County with rates of 52 and 26 cases, respectively, per 100,000 population. Twenty-one Maryland counties have 10 or fewer AIDS cases per 100,000 population. In contrast, some neighborhoods of New York City have rates in excess of 1,500 per 100,000*. A recent National Research Council report entitled, "The Social Impact of AIDS," found that the AIDS epidemic has been "settling into spatially and socially isolated groups," and that "many geographic areas and strata of the population are virtually untouched by the epidemic." A *New York Times* article* has discussed a new and controversial approach that some AIDS experts are now advocating to combat the AIDS epidemic. Advocates of this new approach argue that by targeting AIDS prevention efforts in a few epicenters across the country (25-30 neighborhoods), rather than throughout the population, the AIDS epidemic could be "all but stamped out."

Calendar Year 1992 AIDS Cases, By County (Rate Per 100,000 Population)



ALL=Allegany
AA=Anne Arundel
BAL=Baltimore County
BCITY=Baltimore City
CAL=Calvert
CAR=Carroll
CARO=Caroline
CEC=Cecil

CHA=Charles
DOR=Dorchester
FRE=Frederick
GAR=Garrett
HAR=Harford
HOW=Howard
KEN=Kent
MON=Montgomery

PG=Prince George's
QA=Queen Anne's
SOM=Somerset
STM=St. Mary's
TAL=Talbot
WAS=Washington
WIC=Wicomico
WOR=Worcester

Rates were calculated using 1990 population estimates from the Bureau of the Census and published AIDS statistics as of December 31, 1992.

* Kolata, Gina. "Targeting Urged in Attack on AIDS" *The New York Times*, March 7, 1993.

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