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Majority of Baltimore Area Residents Think Cocaine and Heroin Use is Increasing in Maryland

Eighty-one percent of Baltimore City residents and 73% of Baltimore County residents think that cocaine use is increasing in Maryland. Residents of these two jurisdictions are also most likely to perceive an increase in heroin use. A minority of Maryland residents think that marijuana and PCP use is increasing.

Percentage of Maryland Residents from Selected Counties, Who Think Drug Use is Increasing in Maryland

(Includes counties with more than 50 respondents)

Drug	Anne Arundel (N = 53)	Baltimore County (N =162)	Baltimore City (N = 134)	Montgomery County (N = 177)	Prince George's (N = 123)	All Other Counties (N = 352)
Cocaine (including crack)	61%	73%	81%	47%	61%	61%
Heroin	40%	55%	59%	25%	32%	30%
Marijuana	28%	32%	32%	16%	32%	30%
PCP/Angel Dust	35%	29%	31%	18%	19%	23%

SOURCE: Statewide telephone poll of 1,001 adults age 18 or older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park. between November and December, 1992.

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