## *Maryland 10th and 12th Graders More Likely to Use Marijuana and Inhalants Than Their National Counterparts*

Tenth and 12th grade respondents of the 1992 Maryland State Department of Education's Adolescent Drug Survey (MAS) report higher levels of marijuana and inhalant use than 10th and 12th grade respondents in the 1992 National High School Senior Survey conducted by NIDA. Approximately 27.6% of Maryland 12th graders reported marijuana use in the year prior to the survey compared with 21.9% in the national sample. Nine percent of Maryland 10th graders used inhalants compared with 7.5% of the 10th graders nationwide. While alcohol remains the most widely used substance among Maryland students, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students in Maryland reported lower levels of use than their national counterparts.

### Percentage of National and Maryland Students Who Used
### Selected Substances in the Year Prior to Survey, by Grade Level
### School Year 1991-1992

| Drug | National[1] | | | State[2] | | |
|------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
|      | 8th (%) | 10th (%) | 12th (%) | 8th (%) | 10th (%) | 12th (%) |
| Alcohol | 53.7 | 70.2 | 76.8 | 44.0 | 61.7 | 73.2 |
| Marijuana | 7.2 | 15.2 | 21.9 | 5.9 | 19.5 | 27.6 |
| Inhalants | 9.5 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 7.7 |
| Crack | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 |

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