

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Over One-Third of Maryland High School Seniors Drive After Consuming Alcohol or Marijuana

According to the 1992 Maryland Adolescent Survey (MAS), a significant number of Maryland seniors are drinking and driving. Thirty-six percent, an estimated 14,553 Maryland seniors, reported driving within one hour of consuming 1 to 4 alcoholic beverages on at least one occasion within the past year. Approximately 19% (7,762 seniors) had driven within an hour of consuming five or more drinks. Approximately 18% (7,317 seniors) had smoked marijuana within an hour of driving a car. Over 60% of seniors had ridden with a driver who had used alcohol or other drugs; nearly 50% of seniors had done so more than once or twice.

Percentage of Maryland High School Seniors Who Reported Driving Within One Hour After Consuming Alcohol or Drugs, 1992

Drove An Auto At Least Once in Past Year After Consuming/Smoking:	Percent	Estimated Number of Seniors **
1-4 Alcoholic Drinks	36.0%	14,553
5+ Alcoholic Drinks	19.2%	7,762
Marijuana	18.1%	7,317

** Estimates based on a total of 40,426 seniors enrolled in Maryland public schools in September 1992.

SOURCE: 1992 Maryland Adolescent Survey (MAS), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). A copy of the MAS maybe obtained by contacting Debbie Somerville at (410) 333-2680.

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