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## ***Baltimore Leads the Nation in Cocaine, Heroin, and Alcohol-in-Combination Related Emergency Room Episodes***

Data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) show that the Baltimore metropolitan area's rates (per 100,000 population) of cocaine, heroin, and alcohol-in-combination related emergency room (ER) episodes are the highest in the country. In addition, Baltimore ranks third in PCP-related ER episodes behind New York and Washington, D.C. and fourth in marijuana-related episodes.

### **Metropolitan Areas with Highest Rates of Drug-Related Emergency Room Episodes, Third Quarter 1992**

Cocaine (Rate <sup>Ⓟ</sup> )	Heroin	Alcohol-In-Combination	Marijuana	PCP
<b>Baltimore (101.8)</b>	<b>Baltimore (67.2)</b>	<b>Baltimore (56.0)</b>	New Orleans (11.5)	New York (4.9)
New York (70.1)	San Francisco (56.8)	Newark (54.7)	Philadelphia (10.2)	Washington, DC (4.4)
Newark (62.1)	Newark (52.3)	Atlanta (54.2)	Washington, DC (8.8)	<b>Baltimore (4.2)</b>
Philadelphia (61.9)	New York (27.7)	New Orleans (51.9)	<b>Baltimore (8.7)</b>	San Francisco (3.8)
New Orleans (55.7)	Seattle (20.5)	Philadelphia (47.1)	Detroit (8.6)	Los Angeles (3.1)

<sup>Ⓟ</sup> Rate per 100,000 population.

SOURCE: Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

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