

## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *Marijuana and Hallucinogen Use Up Among U.S. Junior and Senior High Students*

Recently released data from the 1992-93 National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE) survey on drug and alcohol abuse indicate that among junior and senior high school students (grades 6-12), there have been slight but significant increases in annual use of marijuana and hallucinogens over the previous year. Cigarette use has also increased significantly among senior high students (grades 9-12). While there have been no significant decreases in annual drug use among junior high school students, use of beer, wine coolers, liquor, uppers, and downers has decreased among senior high school students.

#### Percentage of Junior and Senior High School Students Who Used Selected Substances in the Year Prior to Survey, 1991-92 and 1992-93 School Years

Drug Used at Least Once in Prior Year	Junior High (6-8th Grades)		Senior High (9-12th Grades)	
	1991-92 (N = 99,426)	1992-93 (N = 105,335)	1991-92 (N = 113,376)	1992-93 (N = 131,410)
Beer	31.6%	31.2%	56.5%	55.6%**
Wine Coolers	31.0	30.7	53.8	52.2**
Cigarettes	25.2	25.5	37.7	38.4**
Liquor	21.4	21.5	50.0	49.5**
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.8**</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>19.0**</b>
Inhalants	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.6
Uppers	3.0	3.0	8.3	7.9**
Downers	2.2	2.2	4.9	4.6**
<b>Hallucinogens</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9**</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.7**</b>
Cocaine	1.5	1.6	3.3	3.4

\*\* Indicates a significant change over prior year.

SOURCE: 1992-93 PRIDE Survey, National Parents' Resource for Drug Education. The PRIDE survey included 236,745 students from 40 states in grades 6-12.

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