

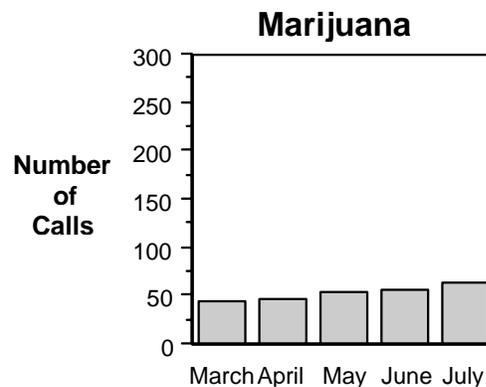
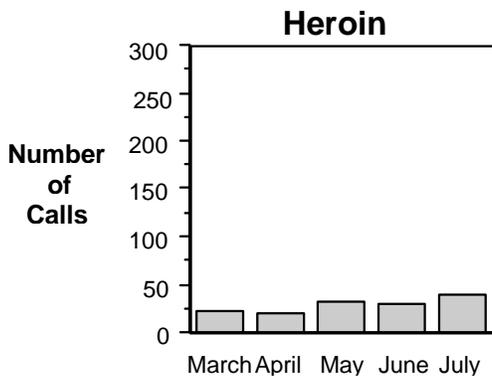
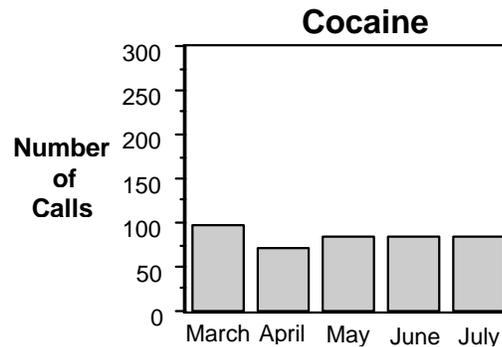
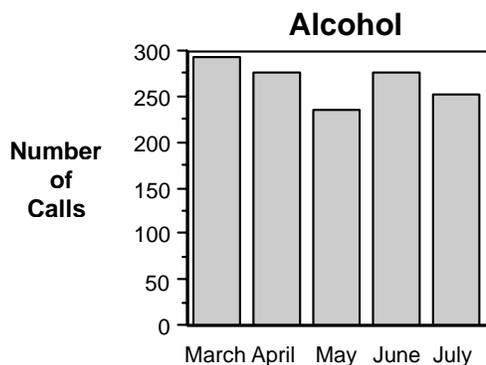
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland at College Park*

Introducing The Maryland Automated Hotline Reporting System (MAHRS)

CESAR, in collaboration with the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, is pleased to introduce a new indicator of substance abuse and the need for treatment in Maryland. Working with staff from six crisis hotlines across Maryland, CESAR produced a scannable data collection form that automates and standardizes information from the over 80,000 calls received annually by these hotlines. Presented below are the number of calls from March through July 1993, in which a problem with alcohol, cocaine, heroin, and/or marijuana was mentioned. Call CESAR for a complimentary copy of the MAHRS report.

Number of Calls per Month, by Type of Drug Mentioned, March 1993 through July 1993



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