

Majority of Maryland Treatment Admissions Cite Alcohol as a Substance of Abuse

Data from the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration's (ADAA) recently released report *FY1993 Trends and Patterns* indicate that in FY1993 alcohol was mentioned as a substance of abuse by the majority of Maryland admissions to substance abuse treatment.^p With the exception of Baltimore City, in each of the 23 counties, between 71% and 94% of treatment admissions cited alcohol as a substance of abuse. In Baltimore City only 49% of admissions cited alcohol compared to 60% citing cocaine and 53% citing heroin as a substance of abuse. Statewide, 71% of admissions mentioned alcohol, 41% cocaine, 26% marijuana, 21% heroin, and 4% PCP as a substance of abuse.

Percentage of Treatment Admissions Mentioning Selected Substances of Abuse, by County of Residence, Fiscal Year 1993

| County of Residence (N of Admissions ^{pp}) | Alcohol (%) | Cocaine (%) | Marijuana (%) | Heroin(%) | PCP (%) |
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| Allegany (750) | 94 | 11 | 38 | 2 | 1 |
| Anne Arundel (4,910) | 81 | 35 | 31 | 9 | 9 |
| Baltimore City (17,738) | 49 | 60 | 19 | 53 | 1 |
| Baltimore County (7,373) | 71 | 35 | 24 | 18 | 4 |
| Calvert (1,100) | 91 | 23 | 23 | 3 | 9 |
| Caroline (499) | 88 | 22 | 39 | 2 | 1 |
| Carroll (1,094) | 89 | 20 | 37 | 6 | 3 |
| Cecil (1,212) | 89 | 24 | 43 | 3 | <1 |
| Charles (1,385) | 87 | 24 | 25 | 2 | 9 |
| Dorchester (491) | 91 | 39 | 43 | 1 | <1 |
| Frederick (1,787) | 88 | 33 | 34 | 3 | 5 |
| Garrett (317) | 85 | 5 | 28 | <1 | <1 |
| Harford (1,650) | 82 | 24 | 38 | 7 | 1 |
| Howard (1,229) | 83 | 32 | 33 | 6 | 6 |
| Kent (321) | 79 | 41 | 32 | 3 | <1 |
| Montgomery (6,213) | 77 | 38 | 21 | 9 | 5 |
| Prince George's (5,111) | 76 | 45 | 25 | 9 | 12 |
| Queen Anne's (549) | 85 | 30 | 36 | 2 | 3 |
| St. Mary's (1,037) | 82 | 29 | 28 | 3 | 3 |
| Somerset (417) | 77 | 25 | 33 | 1 | 0 |
| Talbot (570) | 87 | 34 | 43 | 1 | <1 |
| Washington (1,631) | 85 | 24 | 35 | 2 | 1 |
| Wicomico (1,453) | 81 | 32 | 31 | 3 | <1 |
| Worcester (582) | 91 | 20 | 27 | 2 | <1 |
| State Total ^{ppp} (62,692) | 71 | 41 | 26 | 21 | 4 |

^p All certified public and private drug and alcohol treatment programs in Maryland are required to report to ADAA.

^{pp} Each client may report up to 3 substances of abuse at time of admission to a treatment facility.

^{ppp} County totals do not add to state totals. State totals include "Other" (i.e., "no fixed address" or "out-of-state").

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