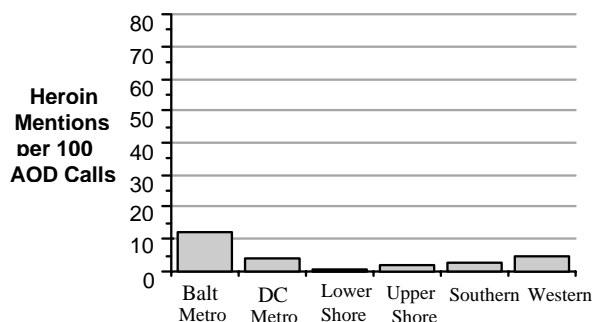
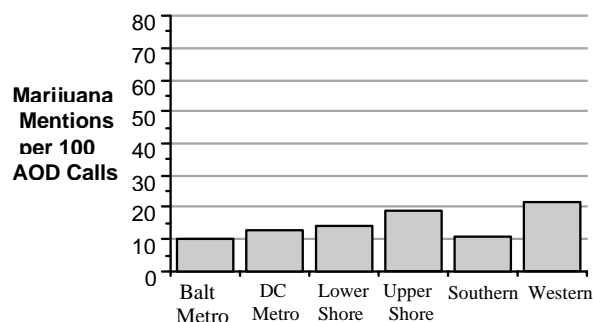
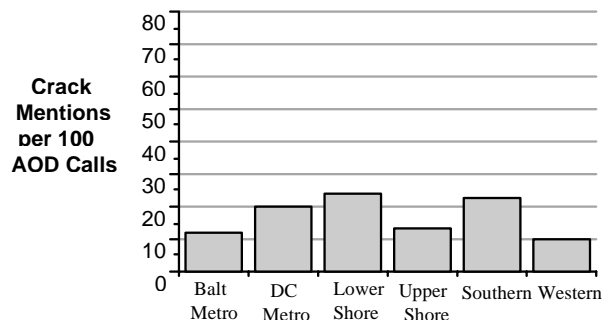
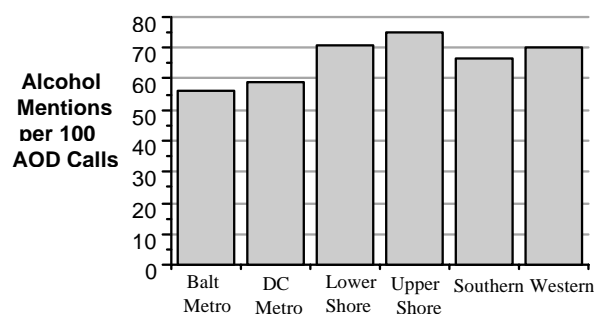


MAHRS Data Show Regional Patterns of AOD-Related Calls

Data from the Maryland Automated Hotline Reporting System (MAHRS)* show regional differences in drug mentions among Maryland hotline callers. Of the six regions, Baltimore metro had the lowest rate of alcohol mentions -- 56 alcohol mentions per 100 alcohol and other drug (AOD) calls compared to a high of 75 alcohol mentions for the Upper Shore. Baltimore metro, however, had the highest rate of heroin mentions -- 12 versus a low of 1 heroin mention per 100 AOD calls for the Lower Shore. Alcohol was mentioned more often than other drugs by hotline callers in each of the six regions. The Upper and Lower Shore had the two highest rates of alcohol mentions (75 and 71 mentions, respectively) and the two lowest rates of heroin mentions (2 and 1 mentions, respectively). In addition, the Lower Shore had the highest rate of crack mentions (24 per 100 AOD calls).

Alcohol, Crack, Marijuana, and Heroin Mentions, By Region,** March 1993 through July 1993 (Rates per 100 AOD calls)



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** Baltimore Metro = Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties; DC Metro = Montgomery and Prince George's counties; Lower Shore = Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; Upper Shore = Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties; Western Maryland = Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties; and Southern Maryland = Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

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