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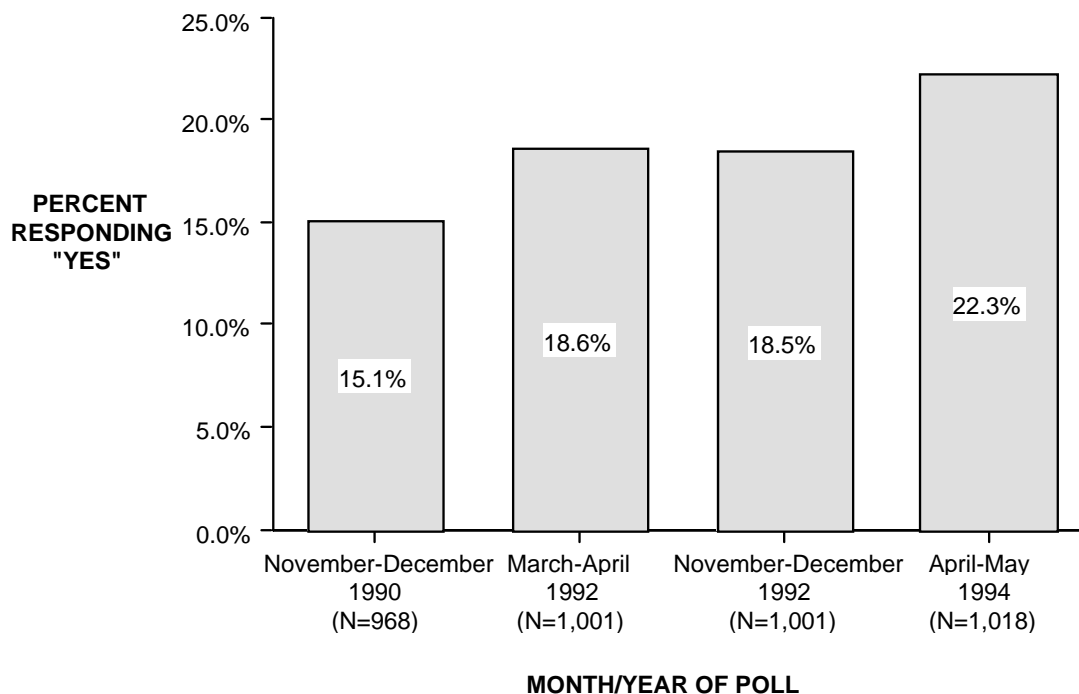
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## *Poll Shows a Growing Minority of Marylanders Support Decriminalization of Marijuana*

Between 1990 and 1994 there has been a 50% increase (from 15.1% to 22.3%) in the proportion of Marylanders who think adults should be able to possess a small amount of marijuana for personal use. Almost three-fourths of Marylanders (73.2%) do not support decriminalization of marijuana.

### **Percent Responding "Yes" to the Question:**

**"Do You Think That Adults 21 or Older Should Be Able to Possess Small Amounts of Marijuana for Their Personal Use Without Legal Penalty?"\***



\* The November-December, 1992 and the April-May, 1994 polls allowed for an additional response category, "It Depends." Two percent selected this answer in 1992; 2.5 percent in 1994. Margin of error:  $\pm 3\%$ .

SOURCE: Statewide telephone polls of adults aged 18 or older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park.

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