

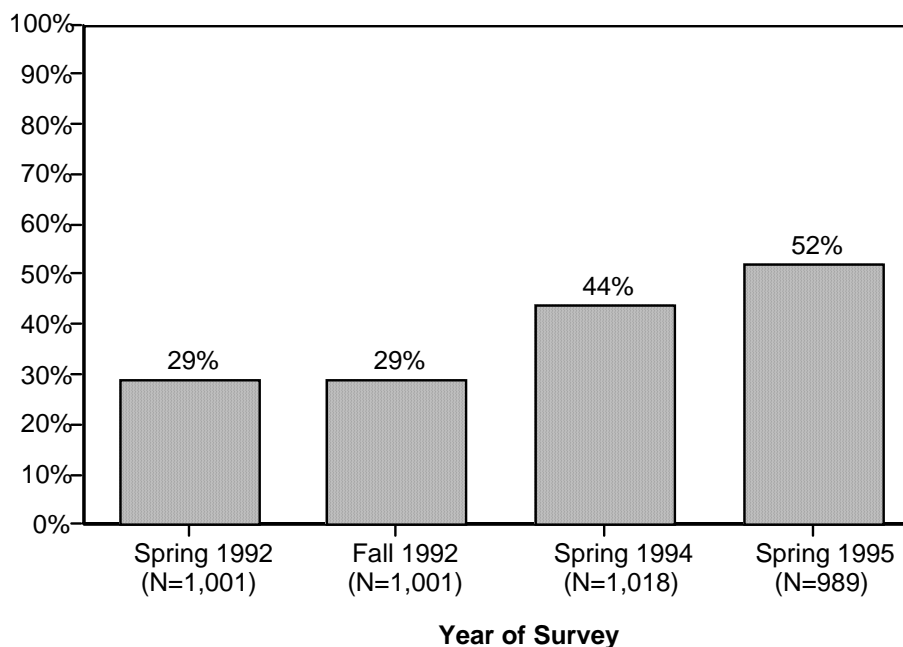
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland at College Park

### *Majority of Marylanders Believe Marijuana Use Is Increasing in Maryland*

Recently, the University of Maryland Survey Research Center conducted its annual telephone survey of Maryland householders aged 18 and over. Among the drug-related questions asked for CESAR was whether marijuana use in Maryland is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same. Over half of the respondents (52%) believe that marijuana use is increasing in Maryland, a rise from 44% in the spring of 1994. Results for cocaine, heroin, and PCP did not increase over the same time period. Marylanders' perception of marijuana use corresponds with an increase in other state wide measures of marijuana use (see CESAR FAX Volume 4, Issues 16 and 17). To receive a complimentary copy of the preliminary results of the survey, which include questions on drug legalization, drug testing of reckless drivers, and the effectiveness of the federal government's drug policies, contact CESAR at 301-403-8329. CESAR's participation in this survey was funded by a grant from the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission.

### Percentage of Respondents Who Think Marijuana Use Is Increasing in Maryland, 1992-1995



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

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