

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Maryland Householders' Greatest Concerns About Drug Use: Violent Crime and Use Among Youth

According to the Spring 1995 Maryland Household Opinion Poll, Maryland householders' greatest concerns about drug use are violent crime associated with drug trafficking and increased drug use among young people. Violent crime is the greatest concern for nearly one third (31%) of Maryland householders while drug use among youth is the greatest concern for 24%. Similar results were found in a national household poll conducted by Peter D. Hart and Associates in February 1995. To receive a complimentary copy of the advance results of the Maryland poll, contact CESAR at 301-403-8329.

Maryland Householders' Concerns About Drug Use, 1995

Concern	Maryland Poll (N=989)
Violent Crime Associated with Drug Trafficking	31%
Increased Drug Use Among Young People	24
Thefts and Burglaries by Drug Users	9
The Spread of AIDS Through Contaminated Needles	8
Higher Health Care Costs from Treating Drug Users	3
Accidents Resulting from Drug Use in the Workplace	2
All of the Above Concerns	11
Combination of the Above Concerns	11
None/Don't Know	2
Total	100% ♦

♦ Percentages do not add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: Statewide household telephone poll of adults 18 and older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park. CESAR's participation in this survey was funded by a grant from the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission.

WHAT DO MARYLANDERS THINK ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE?

The views of Marylanders on such topics as the extent of drug use in Maryland and drug legalization are presented in "Marylanders' Views on Substance Abuse: Advance Results from the 1995 Maryland Household Opinion Poll." To receive a complimentary copy, contact CESAR by phone (301-403-8329), fax (301-403-8342), or e-mail (CESAR@cesar.umd.edu).

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