

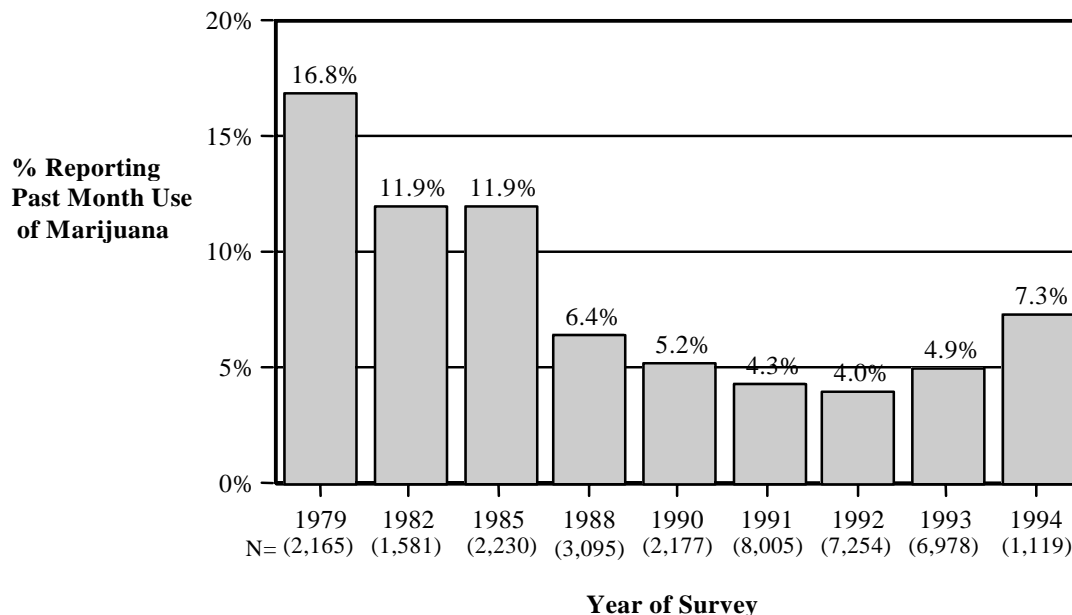
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *1.6 Million U. S. Youth Have Used Marijuana in the Past Month*

Recently released data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) show that marijuana use among youth aged 12 to 17 has almost doubled since 1992. The rate of current use of marijuana among youth rose from a low of 4% in 1992 to 7.3% (an estimated 1.6 million youth) in 1994. Similar increases in marijuana use among youth have also been reported in two national student surveys (see CESAR Fax Volume 3, Issue 49 and Volume 4, Issue 9).

**Percentage of U.S. Population Aged 12 to 17  
Reporting Use of Marijuana in the Month Prior to Survey, 1979 - 1994**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, "Preliminary Estimates from the 1994 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse," Advance Report Number 10, September 1995. To receive a copy of the Advance Report, contact the Office of Applied Studies at 301-443-7980.

#### **WESTERN MARYLAND EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD**

CESAR and the Washington County Drug Epidemiology Network (DEN), will be co-hosting a Western Maryland Epidemiology Work Group meeting on Thursday, September 28, 1995, in Hagerstown, Maryland.

The purpose of this meeting is to examine data on substance use in the Western Maryland counties and to discuss the benefits of forming additional Drug Epidemiology Networks in Western Maryland.

If you would like to share your knowledge of local drug abuse trends and patterns with other professionals from Western Maryland counties, contact Wanda Lauer at CESAR (301-403-8329).

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