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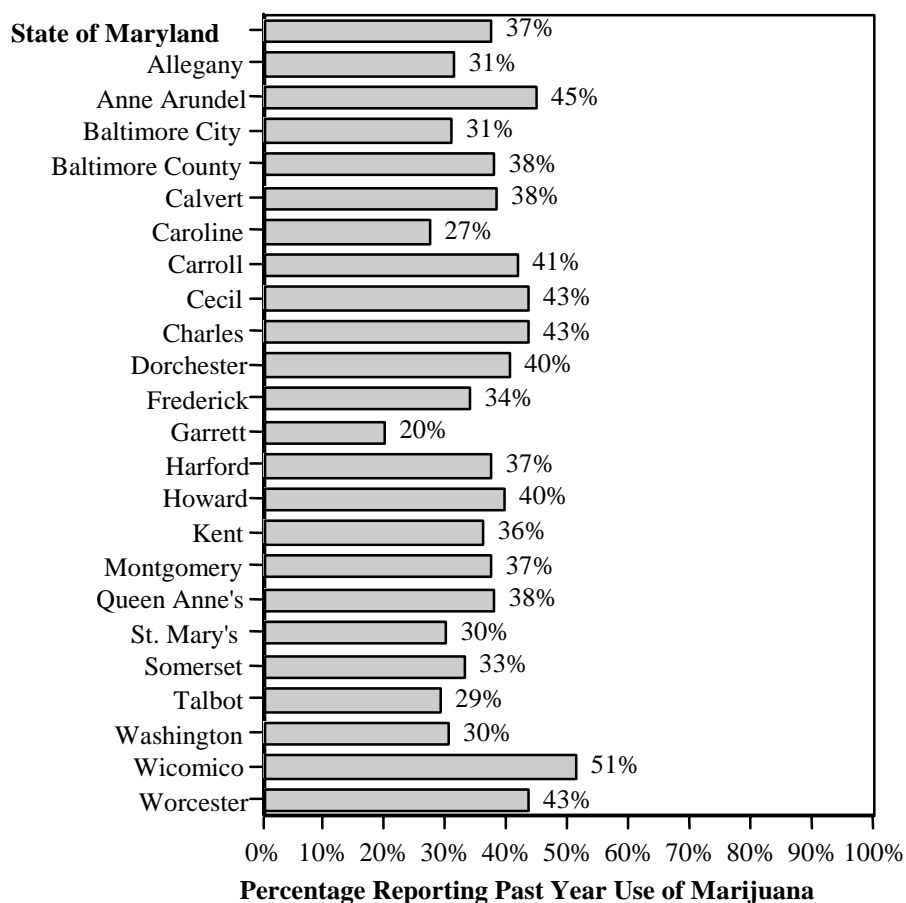
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Survey Shows County Differences in Marijuana Use By Maryland High School Seniors

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) just released the report of its 1994 biennial survey of public school students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. The report shows significant increases in marijuana use among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students, consistent with national trends (see CESAR Fax Vol. 3, Issue 49).

The percentage of seniors reporting any use of marijuana in the past year varied from 20% in Garrett County to 51% in Wicomico County. County differences may reflect true regional differences in marijuana use, as well as differences in dropout rates and students' willingness to self-report drug use. For more information, contact Ms. Lu Morrissey of MSDE at 410-767-0301.

Percentage of Maryland Twelfth Graders Reporting Past Year Use of Marijuana, by County, 1994



*Prince George's County data were not included in the 1994 report due to a low response rate.

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