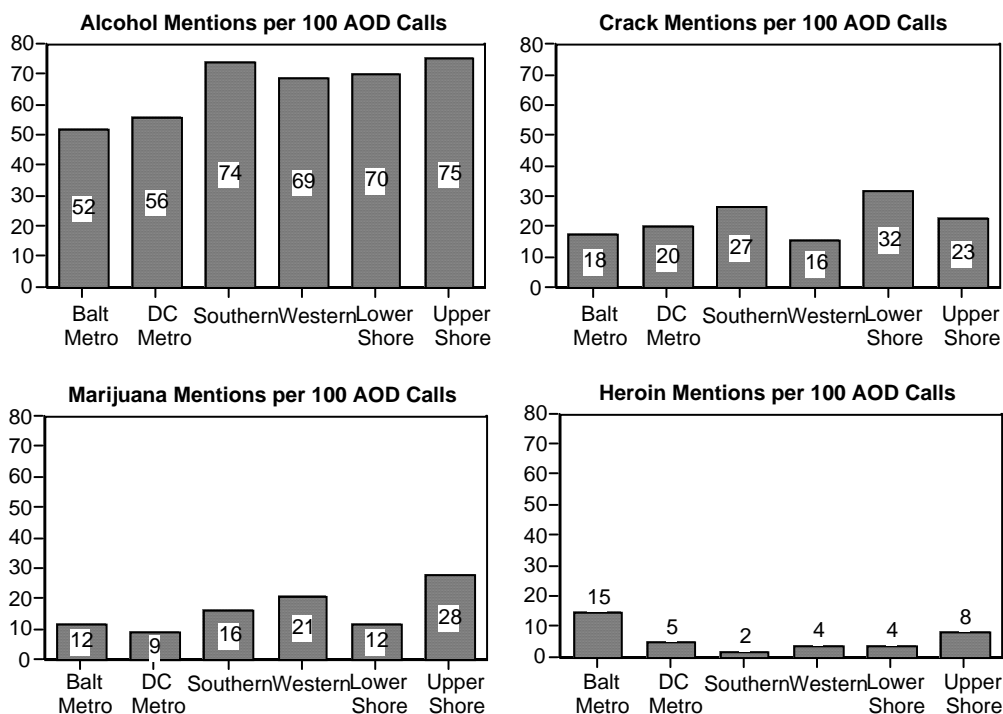


## *Types of Drugs Mentioned By Maryland Hotline Callers Vary by Region*

Recent data from the Maryland Automated Hotline Reporting System (MAHRS) show that there continue to be regional variations in mentions of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) by callers to six Maryland crisis hotlines. The highest rate of alcohol mentions was from callers residing in the Southern region of the state, while the lowest rate was from callers from the Baltimore Metro area. Conversely, the Baltimore Metro area had the highest rate of heroin mentions, while the Southern region had the lowest rate. Similar regional variations appear for mentions of crack and marijuana. It is unclear the extent to which these variations are due to regional differences in drug use or to the specialized functions of each hotline.

### **Alcohol, Crack, Marijuana, and Heroin Mentions, by Residence of Caller,<sup>1</sup> 1994 (Rates per 100 AOD Calls)**



<sup>1</sup>Baltimore Metro: Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

DC Metro: Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

Western Maryland: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties.

Southern Maryland: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

Lower Shore: Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Upper Shore: Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties and out-of-state.

SOURCE: Maryland Automated Hotline Reporting System (MAHRS), Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), College Park, Maryland.

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