

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland at College Park

An Estimated 12,000 UMCP Students Report Experiencing One to Four Alcohol-Related Problems Within the Past Year

The recently released survey of alcohol and other drug use among students at the University of Maryland at College Park shows that 47%--an estimated 12,000--of UMCP students who used alcohol within the past year experienced one to four alcohol-related problems. The most frequently experienced alcohol-related problems were a hangover (60.9%) and vomiting or nausea (44.6%). Alcohol use affected scholastic performance as well--nearly a quarter (23%) of past-year alcohol users reported they had missed class, and one-third (33%) had missed studying, at least once in the past year because of their alcohol use.

Percentage of UMCP Students Who Experienced Selected Alcohol-Related Problems Within the Past Year, 1994
(N=870 past-year alcohol users)

ALCOHOL-RELATED PROBLEM	PERCENT EXPERIENCED IN PAST YEAR	ESTIMATED NUMBER
Hangover	60.9%	15,613
Vomiting or nausea	44.6	11,434
Missed studying	32.5	8,332
Got in fight/argument	25.4	6,512
Missed class	23.4	5,999
Had a memory loss	22.6	5,794
Had an alcohol-related injury	12.8	3,282
Damaged property	11.5	2,948
Got in some trouble (legal or school)	6.7	1,718
Was taken advantage of sexually	3.9	1,000
Thought about or tried to commit suicide	3.6	923
Experienced at least one problem	67.0	17,177
Experienced one to four problems	46.5	11,921
Experienced five or more problems	20.3	5,204

NOTES: Data are based on self-administered questionnaires distributed to a random sample of undergraduate and graduate classes at the University of Maryland at College Park between September and November 1994. Sample sizes on which percentages are based may vary slightly for each question because of missing values. Estimated numbers are based on the 1994 UMCP population of 32,493 undergraduate and graduate students.

SOURCE: M. Hsu et al., *1994 UMCP Student Drug Survey*, October 1995. Cosponsored by CESAR and the University Health Center, University of Maryland at College Park. Complimentary copies of the report are available from CESAR at 301-403-8329.

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