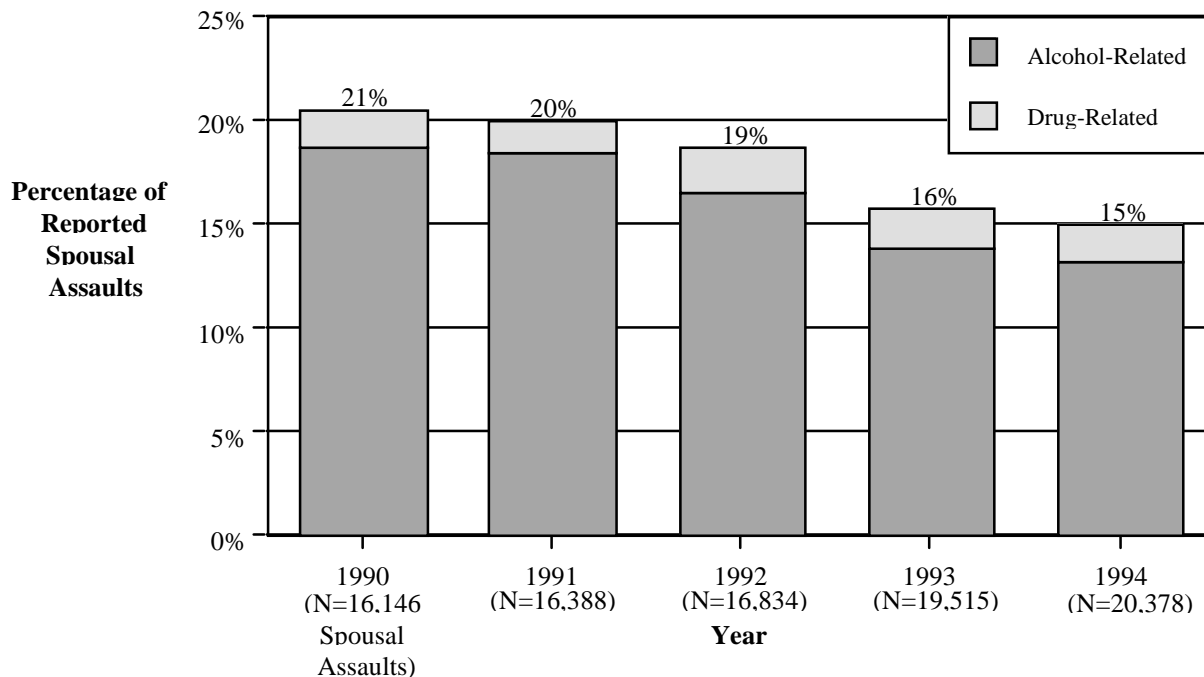


Alcohol- and Drug- Related Spousal Assaults Declining in Maryland

The Maryland State Police maintain information on complaints of domestic assaults, including whether the assault involved drug or alcohol use by either partner. Over the past 5 years, the percentage of reported spousal assaults that were alcohol or drug related has decreased from 21% to 15%. As with other indicators of substance use, it is difficult to determine whether this change reflects an actual decrease in alcohol- and drug-related spousal assaults or other factors, such as police and/or prosecutorial discretion or shifts in enforcement policies.

**Alcohol- and Drug-Related Spousal Assaults
Reported to Maryland State Police, 1990-1994**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the 1994 Maryland State Police Uniform Crime Report.

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