

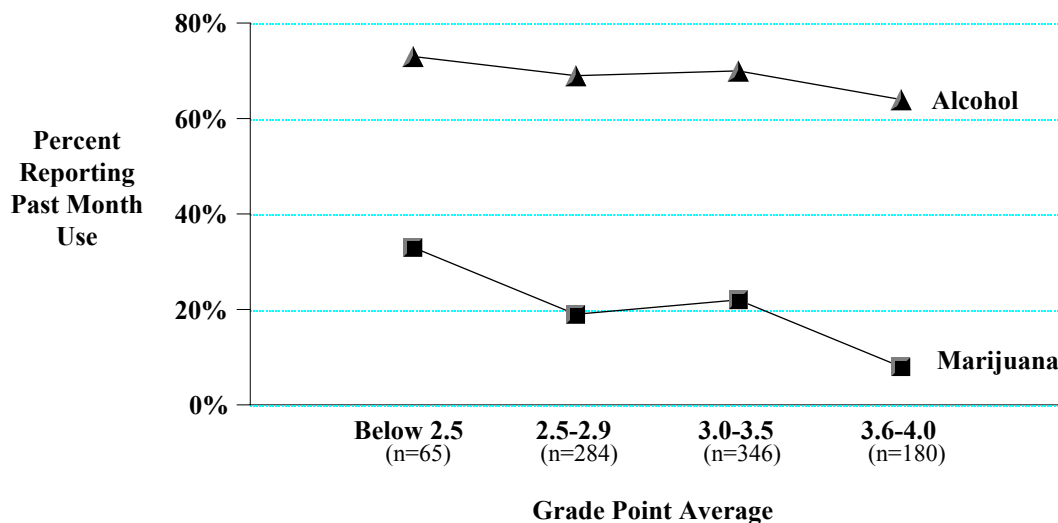
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland at College Park

Marijuana Use, Not Alcohol, Related to College Students' Grades

A 1994 survey of undergraduates enrolled at the University of Maryland at College Park found that those students with the lowest grade point averages (below 2.5) were four times more likely to use marijuana in the past month than those students with the highest grade point averages (33% versus 8% respectively). These findings suggest that marijuana use and lower grades are associated; they do not determine whether one behavior causes the other. No association was found between grades and alcohol use--over 60% of all students reported using alcohol in the past month.

Percentage of UMCP Students Reporting Any Past Month Use of Alcohol and Marijuana, by Grade Point Average



NOTE: These data are for undergraduate students only. Sample sizes on which percentages are based may vary slightly for each substance because of missing values.

SOURCE: M. Hsu et al., *1994 UMCP Student Drug Survey*, October 1995 (Revised). Cosponsored by CESAR and the University Health Center, University of Maryland at College Park. For more information, contact Maggie Hsu at mhsu@cesar.umd.edu.

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