

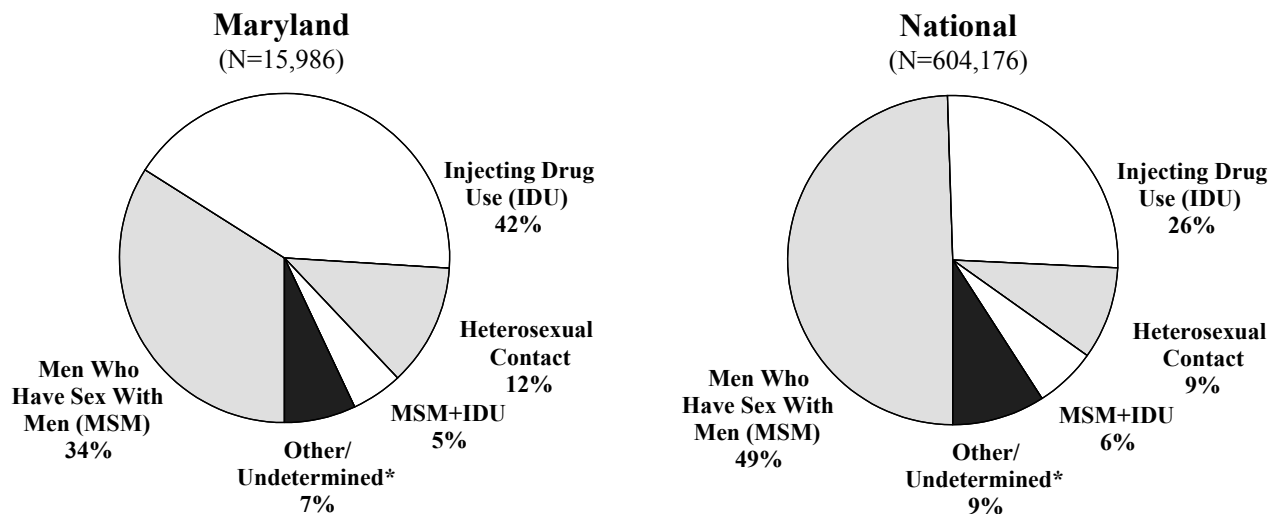
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Injecting Drug Use Associated with More AIDS Cases in Maryland than Nationally

The most recent data from the Maryland AIDS Administration show that of the nearly 16,000 AIDS cases diagnosed since 1981, 42% were associated with injecting drug use (IDU). This differs dramatically from the national trend; injecting drug use accounts for 26% of AIDS cases nationally. It is possible that the high rate of IDU-related AIDS cases in Maryland is due to the considerable degree of heroin use in Baltimore (see CSAT by Fax, Volume 2, Issue 17). The majority (52%) of Maryland AIDS cases are from Baltimore City.

Percentage of Cumulative Adult/Adolescent AIDS Cases Through June 30, 1997, by Exposure Category



*The category "Other/Undetermined" includes hemophilia/coagulation disorder and blood transfusion recipient.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the "Maryland HIV/AIDS Update," AIDS Administration, State of Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, August 1997; and the "HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report," 9(1), WWW document (Adobe Acrobat); URL http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/hiv_aids/stats/haslink.htm (downloaded 9/25/97). For Maryland AIDS information, contact Carol Christmyer at 410-767-5198. For national AIDS information, contact the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse at 800-458-5231.

CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse Offers HIV/AIDS Information and Materials

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National AIDS Clearinghouse provides information and materials on HIV and AIDS from databases maintained by the Clearinghouse, as well as from information sources maintained by other organizations, both public and private. The Clearinghouse services can be accessed by calling 1-800-458-5231.

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