

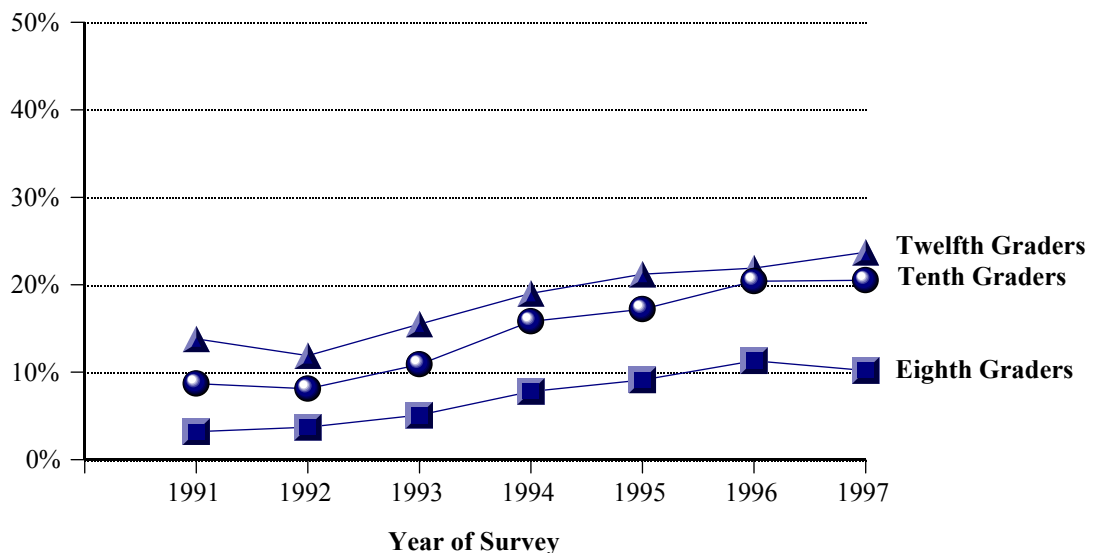
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland, College Park

Marijuana Use Declines Among 8th Graders for the First Time in 6 Years

According to data from the 1997 national Monitoring the Future Survey, current* marijuana use among 8th graders declined for the first time since 1991. Current use among 8th graders decreased from 11.3% in 1996 to 10.2% in 1997. At the same time, the percentage of 8th graders who disapprove of people who smoke marijuana occasionally or regularly increased for the first time since 1991. Previous findings have shown that as disapproval of marijuana use increases, use of the drug decreases (see CESAR FAX Volume 6, Issue 14). Marijuana use among older students remains at or above previous levels, illustrating the need for continued prevention efforts.

Percentage of Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth Grade U.S. Students Reporting Current Use of Marijuana, 1991-1997



*Current use is defined as use at least once during the 30 days prior to the survey.

SOURCE: University of Michigan, Monitoring the Future Study Press Release, "Drug Use Among American Teens Shows Some Signs of Leveling After a Long Rise," December 18, 1997. For more information, contact Lloyd Johnston at 313-763-5043.

CESAR FAX 1997 Bound and Indexed Volume Now Available

A bound volume of the 1997 CESAR FAX issues, indexed by subject area as well as by issue number, is now available for \$10 per copy (including shipping costs). To order, please send the appropriate payment to CESAR, Attention: CESAR FAX 1997, 4321 Road, Suite 501, College Park, MD 20740.

•• 301-403-8329 (voice) •• 301-403-8342 (fax) •• CESAR@cesar.umd.edu •• www.cesar.umd.edu ••

CESAR FAX is supported by a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention.

CESAR FAX may be copied without permission. Please cite CESAR as the source.