

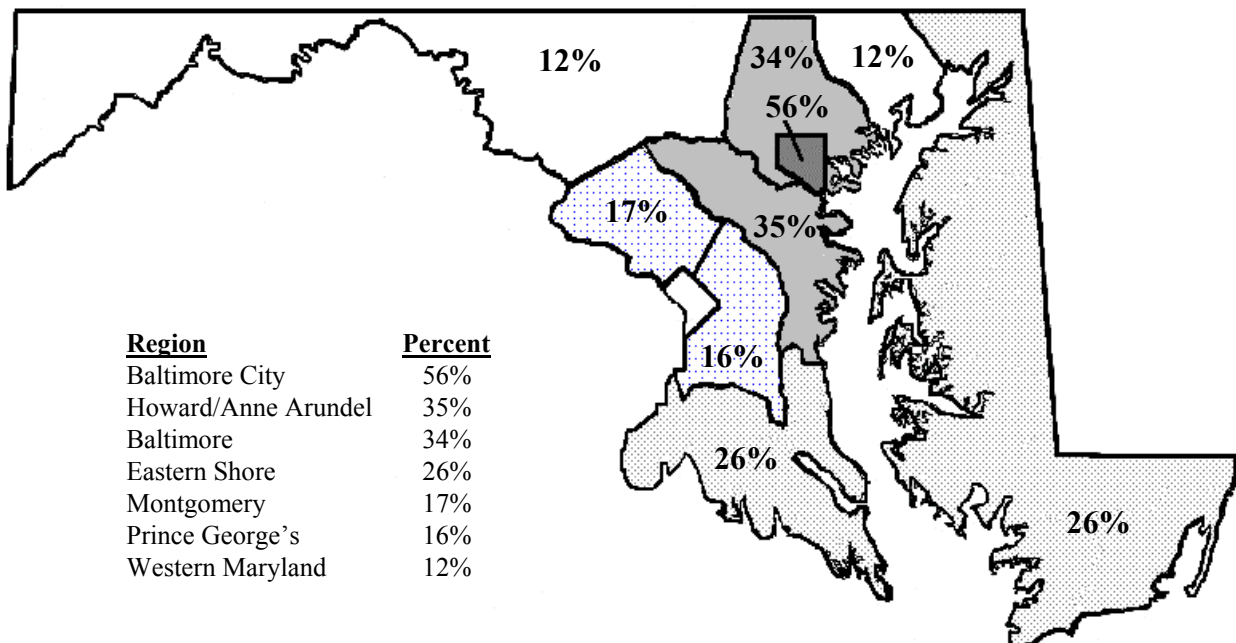
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Residents of Baltimore City and Surrounding Counties Most Likely to Report Heroin Being Sold in Their Neighborhood

A telephone survey conducted in early 1998 found that more than half (56%) of Baltimore City's adult residents believe that heroin is being sold in their neighborhood--the highest rate in Maryland. The residents of counties immediately surrounding Baltimore City also had substantially higher rates of perceived heroin sales than residents of other Maryland regions--34% in Baltimore County and 35% in Howard/Ane Arundel counties. In interpreting these results it is important to keep in mind that residents' perceptions may be influenced by a number of factors, including heightened media attention to local drug problems.

Percentage of Maryland Adult Household Residents Who Think Heroin is Being Sold in Their Neighborhood, by Geographic Region, Winter 1998*



*The region "Eastern Shore" includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; "Western Maryland" includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, and Washington counties. The question asked was, "Do you think heroin is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?"

SOURCE: Winter 1998 statewide household telephone poll of 994 adults aged 18 and older, conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center, College Park, Md. For more information, contact Eric Wish of CESAR at 301-403-8329.