

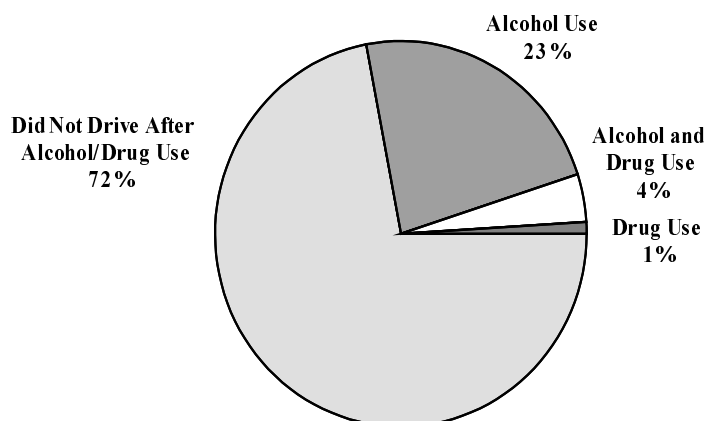
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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An Estimated 46.8 Million U.S. Drivers Each Year Drive After Using Alcohol and/or Drugs

An analysis of data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse has found that over one-fourth of U.S. drivers--an estimated 46.8 million drivers--have driven within two hours of drug and/or alcohol use in the past year. Twenty-three percent of drivers reported driving after alcohol use and 5% after drug use (either alone or in combination with alcohol). The most distinct difference between alcohol- and drug-involved drivers is age--the prevalence of driving after alcohol use was highest among drivers aged 21-34, while driving after drug use was highest among younger drivers (aged 16-20). The age disparity can be explained, in part, by the fact that marijuana was the most commonly used drug by drugged drivers. The highest rates of marijuana use are typically found among youth.

Percentage of Drivers Aged 16 and Older Driving Within Two Hours of Alcohol and/or Drug Use in the Past Year



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Department of Transportation, "Driving After Drug or Alcohol Use: Findings from the 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse," Analytic Series: A-8, December 1998. Copies of the report are available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at www.health.org or 800-729-6686.

CESAR Seeking Manager for Treatment Outcome Project

CESAR is currently seeking a project manager for a three-year substance abuse treatment outcome assessment. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a relevant discipline and experience in generating grant/contract income. Please contact CESAR at 301-403-8329 or cesar@cesar.umd.edu for a complete job description.

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