

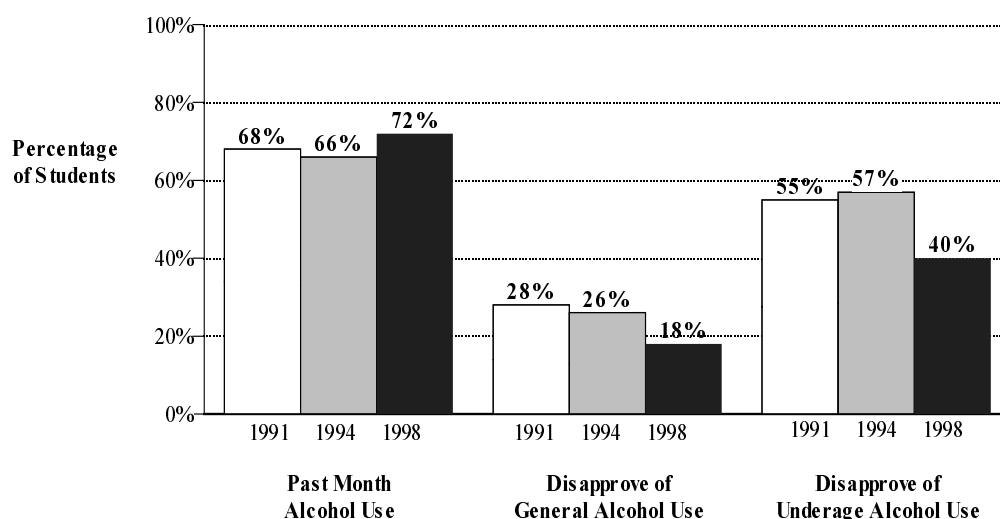
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland, College Park

***Alcohol Use Increases Among University of Maryland College Students;
Disapproval of Use Decreases***

Alcohol use has increased among students at the University of Maryland College Park, according to the results of a 1998 student drug survey. In 1998, nearly three-quarters of students reported that they had used alcohol in the month prior to the survey, compared to 68% in 1991. This increase may be fueled, in part, by students' attitudes towards alcohol use. Disapproval of alcohol use decreased from 28% in 1991 to 18% in 1998 and disapproval of underage drinking fell from 55% in 1991 to 40% in 1998. Similar relationships have been found for marijuana use among youth (see CESAR FAX, Volume 8, Issue 21).

**Percentage of UMCP Students Reporting
Past Month Alcohol Use and Disapproval of Alcohol Use**



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April Is Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol Awareness Month 2000 focuses on underage drinking and is sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. For more information, visit the Alcohol Awareness Month website at <http://www.ncadd.org/aamnth00.html>.

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