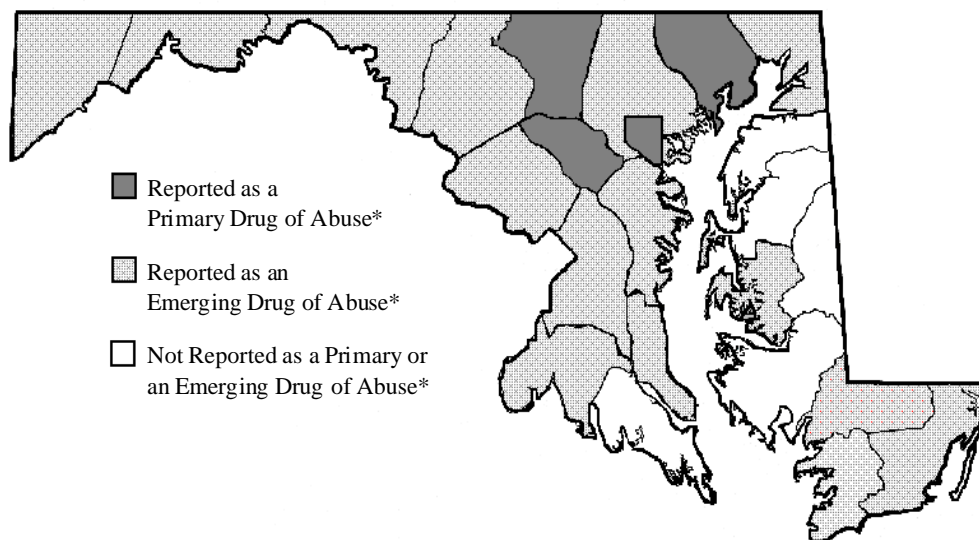


## Drug Scan Reporters in Majority of Maryland Counties Perceive Heroin as a Primary or Emerging Drug of Abuse

Over 100 treatment, education, prevention, enforcement, and emergency medical personnel in 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City were interviewed in September and October as part of the first Maryland Drug Scan. The areas in which heroin was reported to be a primary drug of abuse were Baltimore City and three neighboring counties (Carroll, Harford, and Howard). Reporters in most other areas of the state perceived heroin as an emerging drug of abuse. Reporters' perceptions of heroin use may be influenced by many factors, such as the existence and severity of other drug problems in the area, heightened media attention to local drug problems, and shifts in enforcement or treatment procedures. For more information on the Drug Scan, contact Brook Wright of CESAR at 301-403-8329.

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(Based on 130 Maryland Drug Scan interviews with county treatment, education, prevention, enforcement, and emergency medical personnel)



\*Reporters were asked to choose the substances they felt were either emerging or primary drugs of abuse within their county.

SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research, Maryland Drug Scan, Fall 1998.

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