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CORRECTED TITLE: Two-Thirds of Maryland 12th Graders Report Using Alcohol in the Past Year, Around One-Third Report Marijuana or Cigarette Use

Alcohol was the substance most frequently used by Maryland high school seniors in the past year, followed by marijuana (38%) and cigarettes (32%), according to the results of the recently released 2001 Maryland Adolescent Survey. Designer drug (including ecstasy), amphetamine, and LSD use averaged 11%, 9%, and 9%, respectively, across the state. A full copy of the report, which includes results for 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students by county, is available online at <u>www.msde.state.md.us</u> under Reports & Data/Special Reports.

County	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cigarettes	Designer Drugs	Amphet- amines	LSD
Allegany	78%	46%	48%	14%	15%	16%
Anne Arundel	75	41	34	13	11	10
Baltimore City	50	26	13	4	5	1
Baltimore	73	45	39	18	13	15
Calvert	74	40	41	17	14	16
Caroline	80	44	46	12	7	15
Carroll	68	40	43	12	12	12
Cecil	75	44	36	20	11	16
Charles	69	37	40	13	13	8
Dorchester	63	35	29	5	8	2
Frederick	68	35	39	14	10	10
Garrett	66	30	34	9	10	12
Harford	75	49	43	14	15	15
Howard	68	33	34	12	10	9
Kent	68	41	37	9	8	12
Montgomery	60	35	26	7	7	6
Prince George's	54	35	23	6	5	3
Queen Anne's	77	41	40	16	12	15
St. Mary's	74	42	42	18	10	16
Somerset	60	35	34	4	5	2
Talbot	76	46	36	19	13	11
Washington	71	39	43	15	14	16
Wicomico	75	48	34	11	11	8
Worcester	72	47	29	11	11	9
Statewide	66%	38%	32%	11%	9%	9%

Percentage of Maryland 12th Grade Students Reporting Drug Use in the Past Year, by County, 2001

NOTE: Percentages in bold are those that are greater than the statewide average.

SOURCE: Maryland State Department of Education, 2001 Maryland Adolescent Survey, September 2001. For more information, contact Erin Artigiani of CESAR at 301-403-8329 or erin@cesar.umd.edu.

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