

# What Marylanders Think About Drugs and Crime

Winter 1998

Maryland Household Opinion Poll

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## PREFACE

Since 1990, the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) has arranged for the Survey Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park, to include questions on drug-related issues in its annual telephone poll of Maryland residents. The Winter 1998 Maryland Household Opinion Poll was administered by the Survey Research Center between December 30, 1997, and March 26, 1998.

Beginning this year, CESAR has included in the survey several questions regarding crime. This addition came at the request of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, sponsor of CESAR's participation in the poll. The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention hopes to use the information to inform its HotSpot Communities Initiative, which began in July 1997, and covers 35 communities across Maryland. The Initiative's goal is to create comprehensive local strategies that reduce crime and the fear of crime throughout Maryland.

The first section of this report describes the survey methodology and the characteristics of the respondents to the survey. Section II presents highlights of the drug-related questions asked in the Winter 1998 poll. Section III compares results from the 1998 poll with similar polls conducted in previous years. Section IV presents highlights of the crime-related questions in the Winter 1998 poll. Section V provides some conclusions. The appendix presents the survey responses, broken down by demographic characteristics of the respondents.

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## I. METHODOLOGY

- The telephone survey was conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland, College Park, Survey Research Center between December 1997 and March 1998.
- A random sample was drawn of 1,531 adults aged 18 or older and residing in households in Maryland with a telephone.
- Sixty-five percent, or 994, of the targeted households completed the interview; 21% refused; 10% were not contacted; and 4% involved miscellaneous problems. Table 1 presents the demographic characteristics of the 994 respondents.
- Results have been weighted to correct for differences in sample eligibility and to adjust the sample distribution to approximate that of the Maryland population (based on 1990 Census Bureau data) for the following demographic variables: sex, age, education, and race.
- The estimated margin of error for the survey results is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

Table 1  
 Characteristics of Sample  
 (N = 994)

| Characteristic                   | Percentage (%)* |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sex                              |                 |
| Male                             | 47              |
| Female                           | 53              |
| Race                             |                 |
| White                            | 83              |
| Black                            | 13              |
| Other**                          | 5               |
| Age                              |                 |
| 18-24                            | 12              |
| 25-34                            | 23              |
| 35-44                            | 22              |
| 45-54                            | 16              |
| 55-64                            | 11              |
| ≥ 65                             | 16              |
| Household Income                 |                 |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000               | 16              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000                | 29              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000                | 22              |
| \$75,000+                        | 21              |
| Don't Know/Refused/Missing       | 12              |
| Marital Status                   |                 |
| Married                          | 57              |
| Never Married                    | 24              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed                | 20              |
| Education                        |                 |
| <HS Grad                         | 19              |
| HS Grad                          | 34              |
| Some College                     | 26              |
| College Grad                     | 14              |
| >College Grad                    | 7               |
| Employment                       |                 |
| Employed Full-Time               | 60              |
| Employed Part-Time               | 29              |
| Not Employed                     | 11              |
| Region of Residence              |                 |
| Baltimore City                   | 14              |
| Montgomery County                | 16              |
| Baltimore County                 | 14              |
| Prince George's County           | 15              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard Counties | 14              |
| Western Region***                | 12              |
| Eastern Region****               | 15              |

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\*\*Includes persons who defined themselves as "Asian" or "another race."

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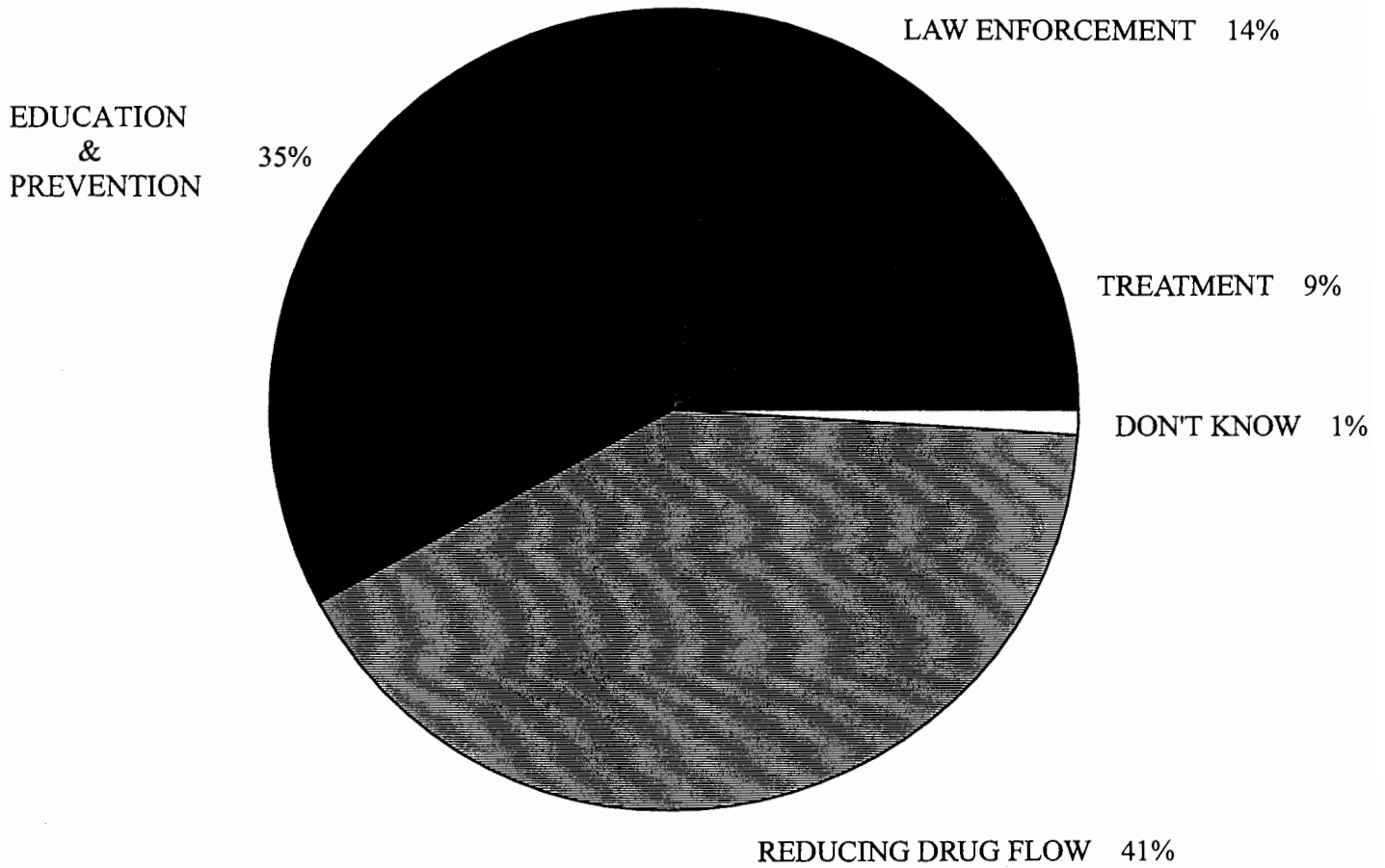
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SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland, College Park.

## **II. DRUG-RELATED HIGHLIGHTS OF WINTER 1998 POLL**

- When asked which programs should receive the most money and effort in the fight against drugs, Maryland residents most often chose reducing the flow of drugs into the country (41%), followed by education and prevention (35%), law enforcement (14%), and drug treatment (9%) (Figure 1).
- Over half (58%) of Maryland residents believe that marijuana is being sold in their neighborhoods, and 41% believe that cocaine is being sold (Figure 2).
- Seventy-one percent of Maryland residents think physicians should be allowed to prescribe marijuana for medical uses (Figure 3).
- Twenty-four percent of Maryland residents think that adults 21 and older should be able to possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use without legal penalty (Figure 4).
- Forty-four percent of Maryland residents believe that those who try marijuana once or twice either greatly or moderately risk harming themselves, while 21% believe that there is no risk at all (Figure 5).

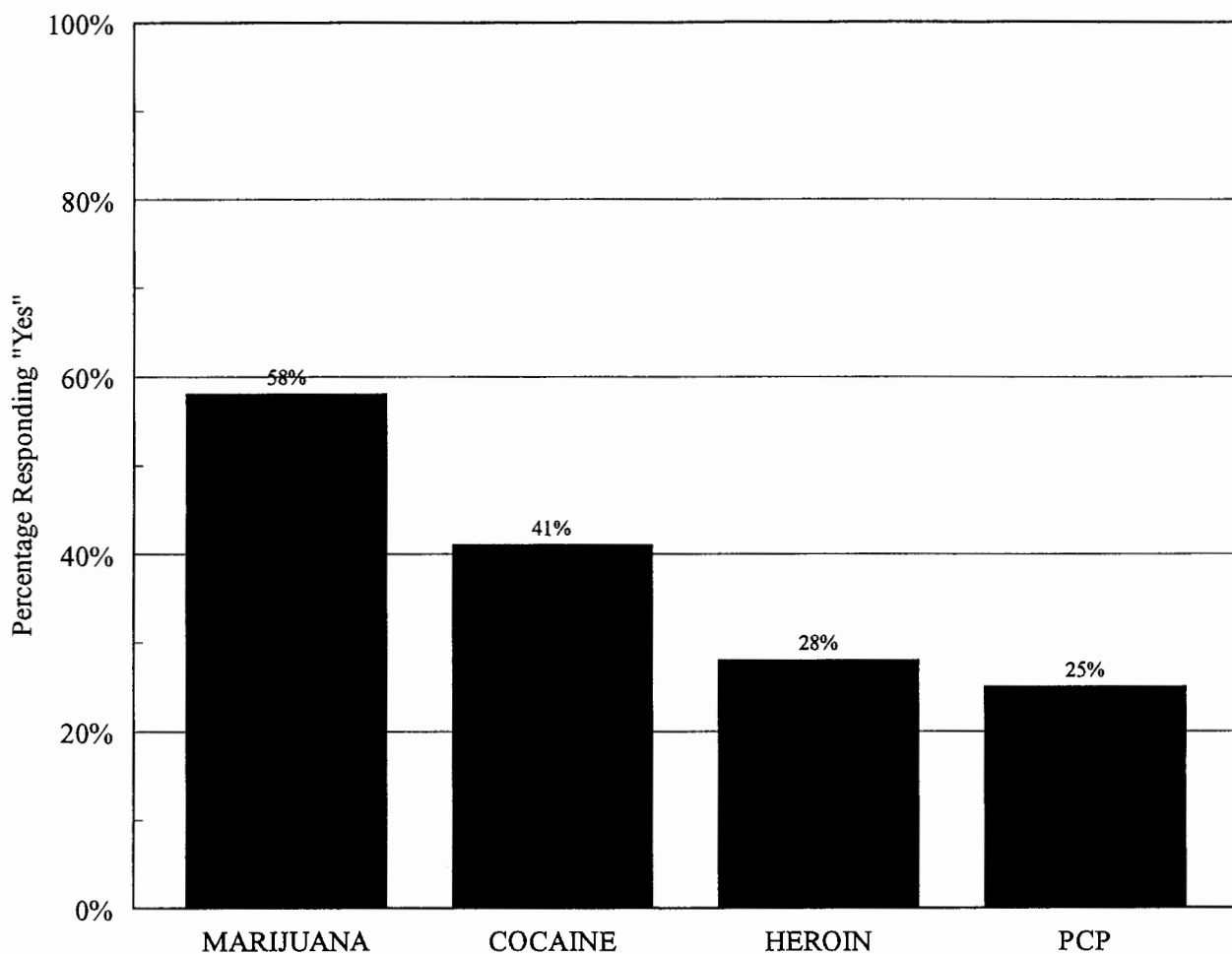
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NOTE: N = 994 respondents surveyed December 1997-March 1998.  
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Are Drugs Being Sold in Your Neighborhood?

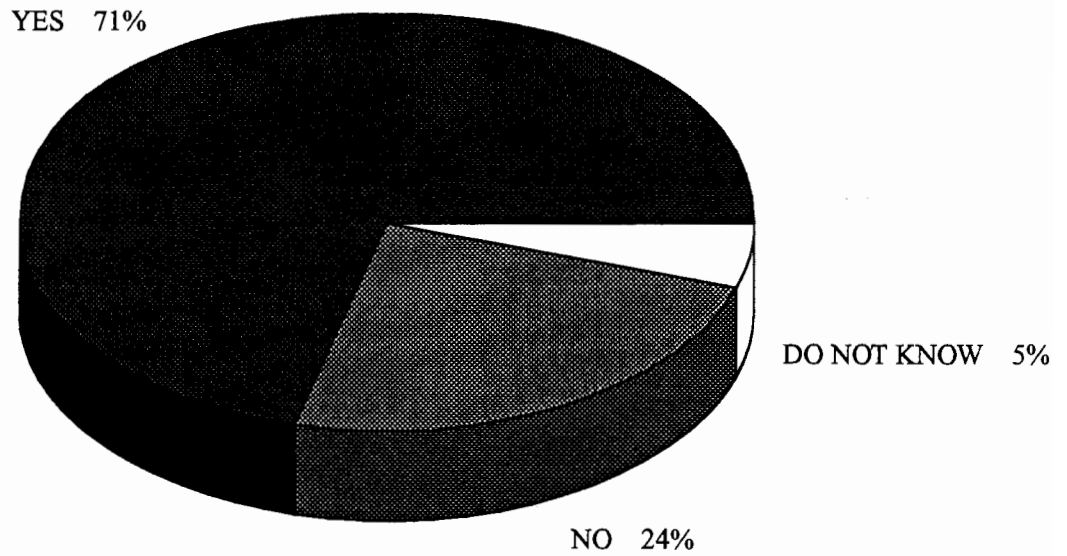


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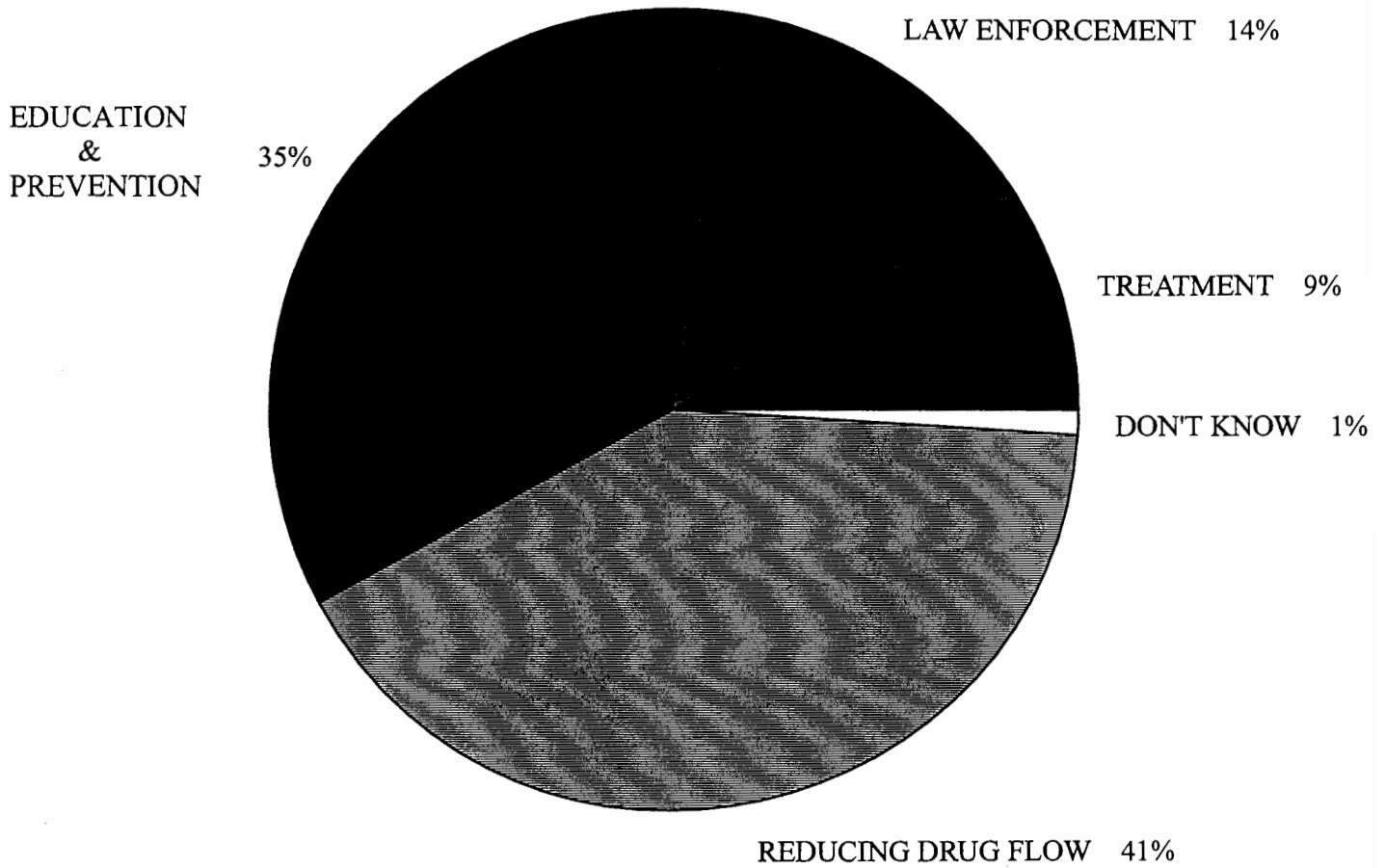
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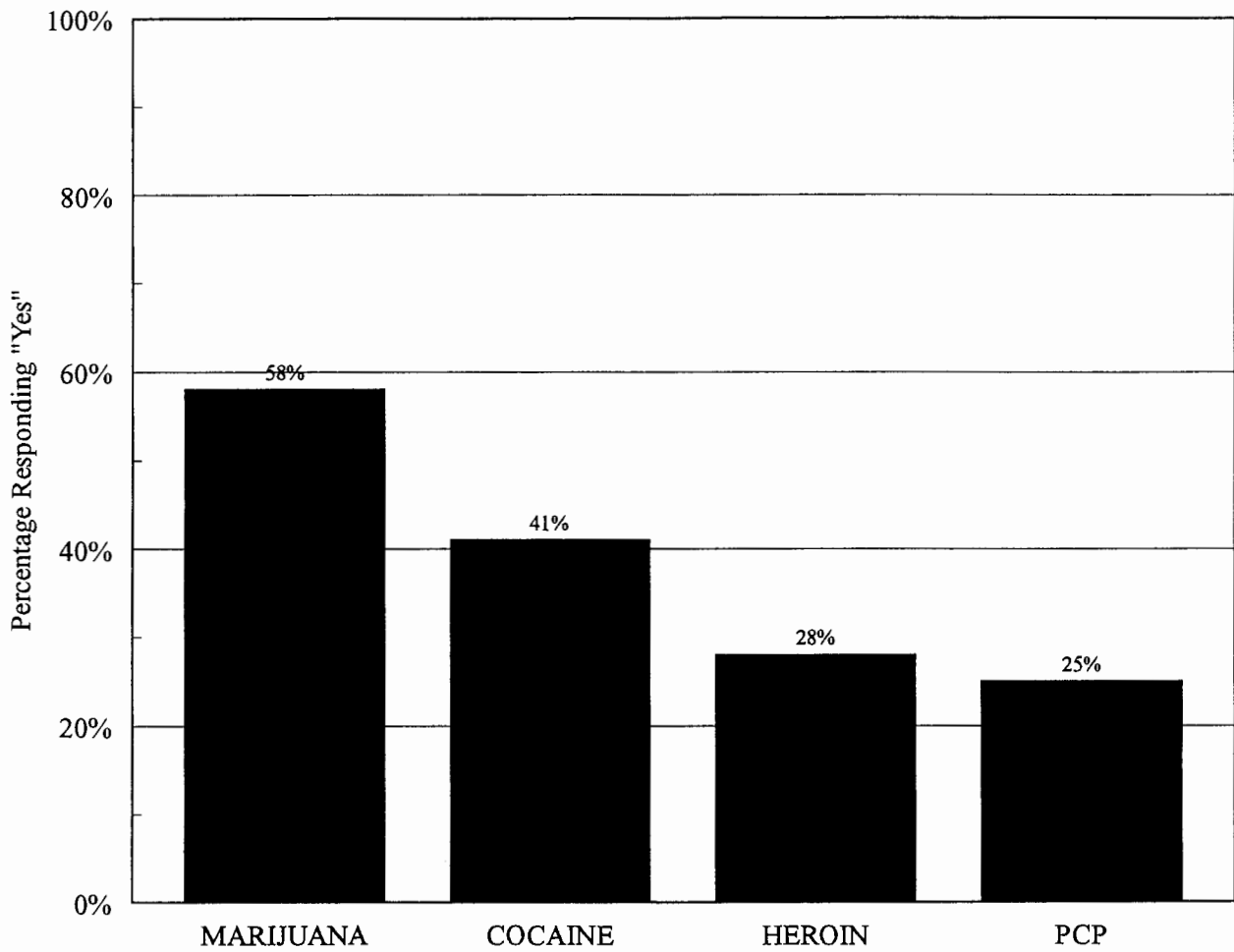
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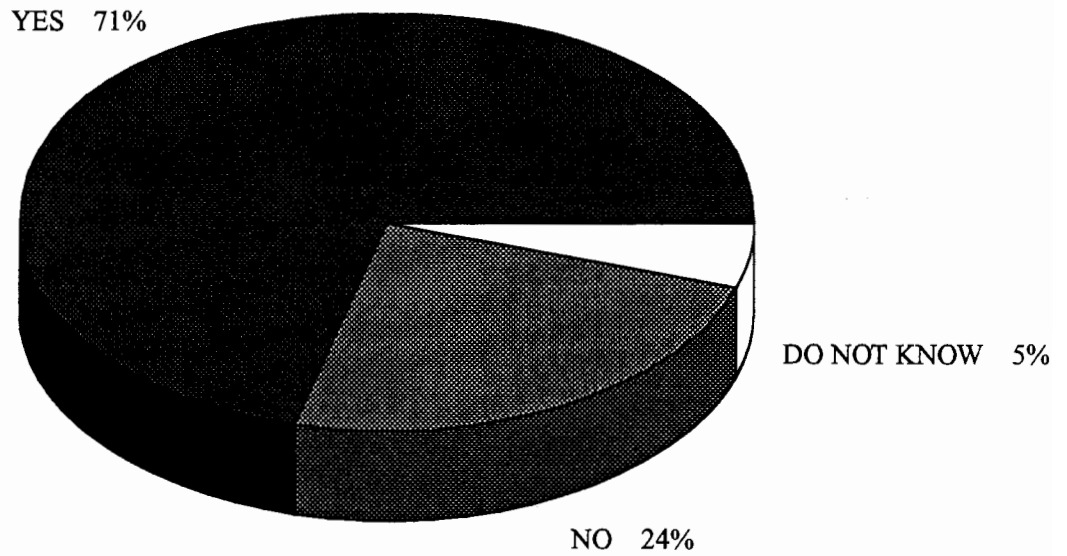
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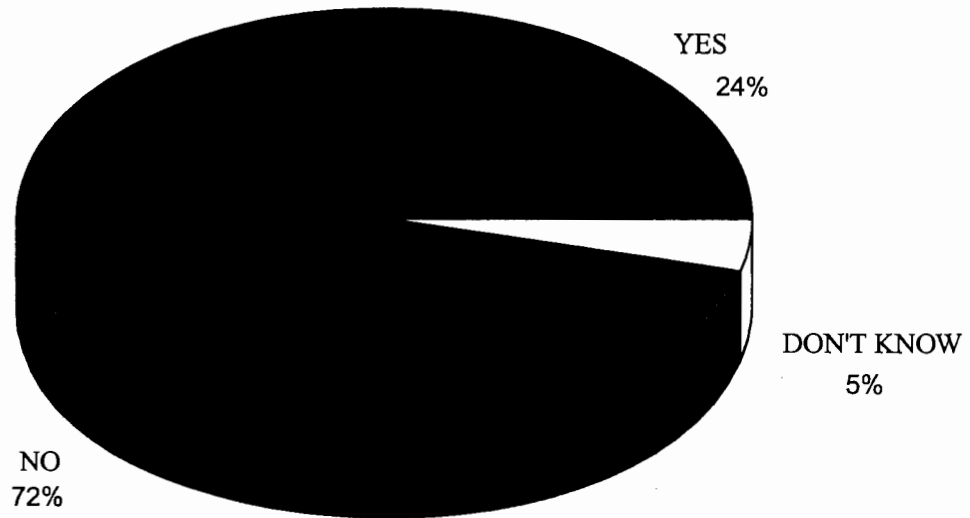
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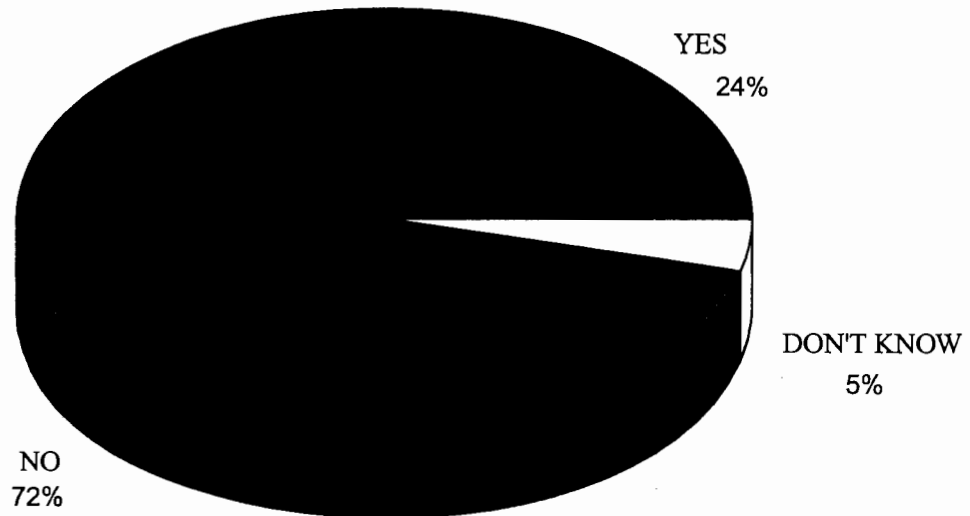
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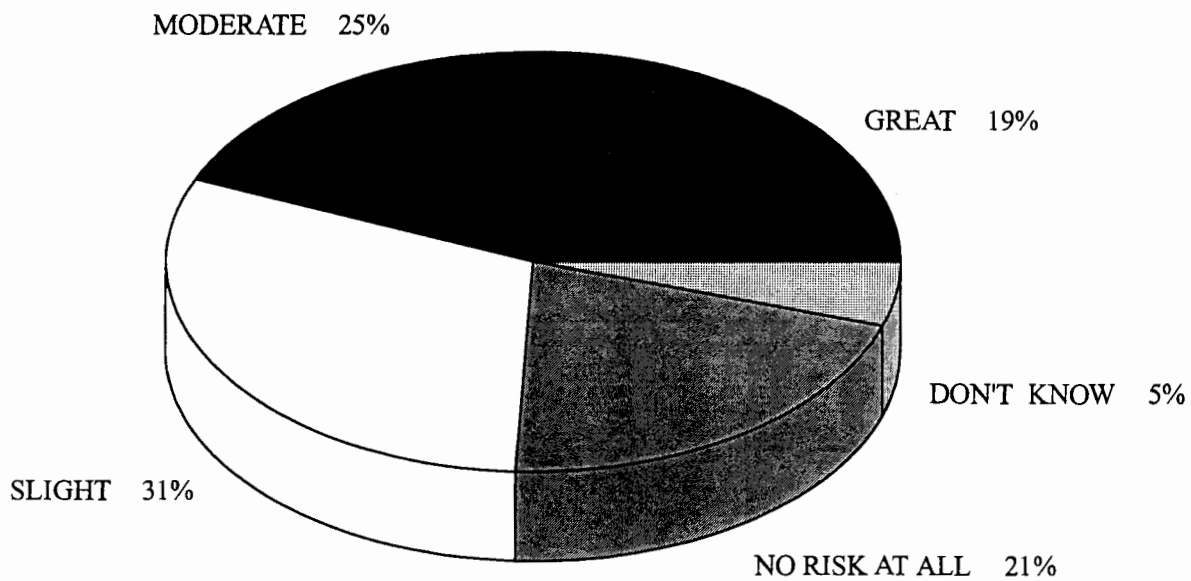
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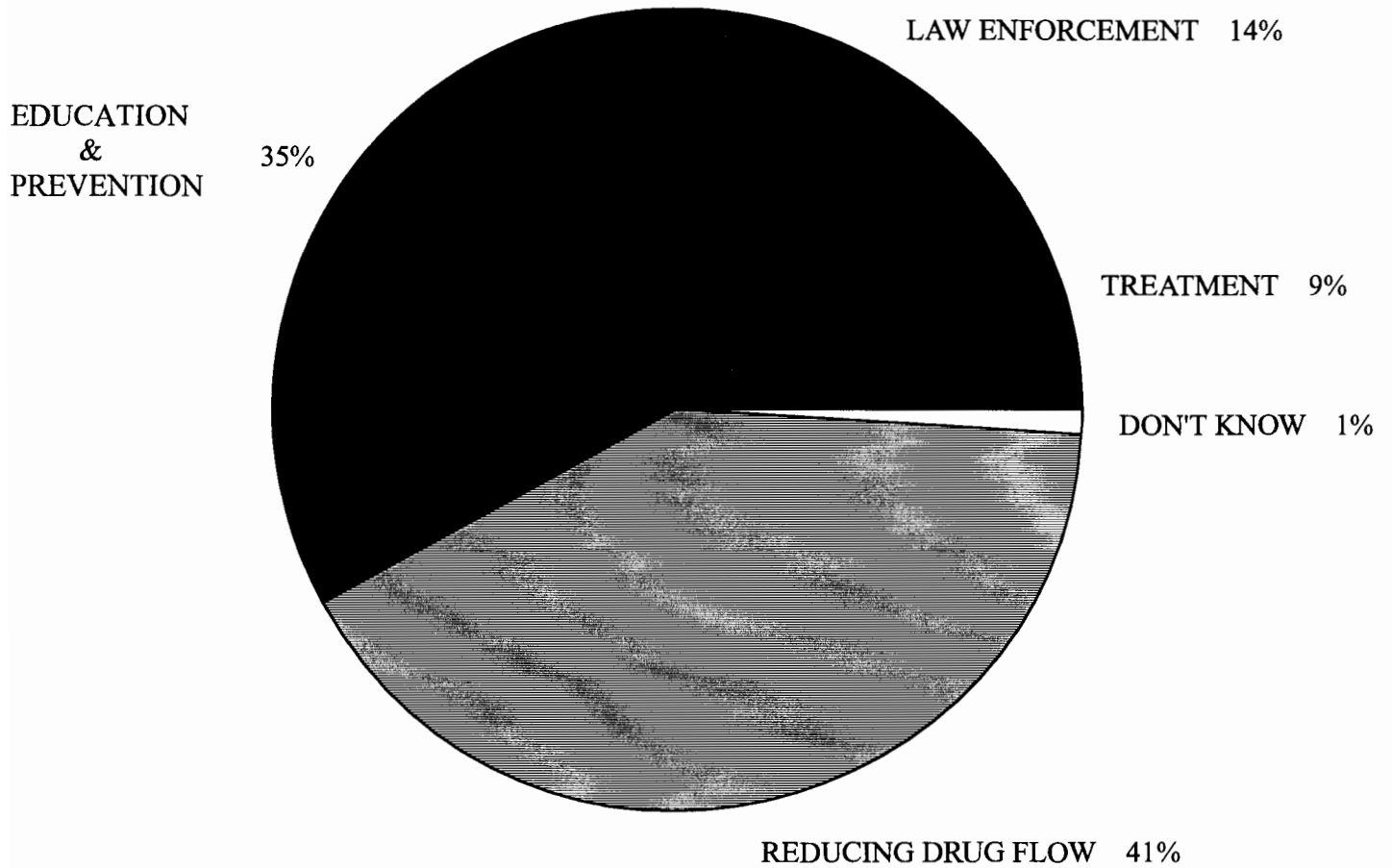
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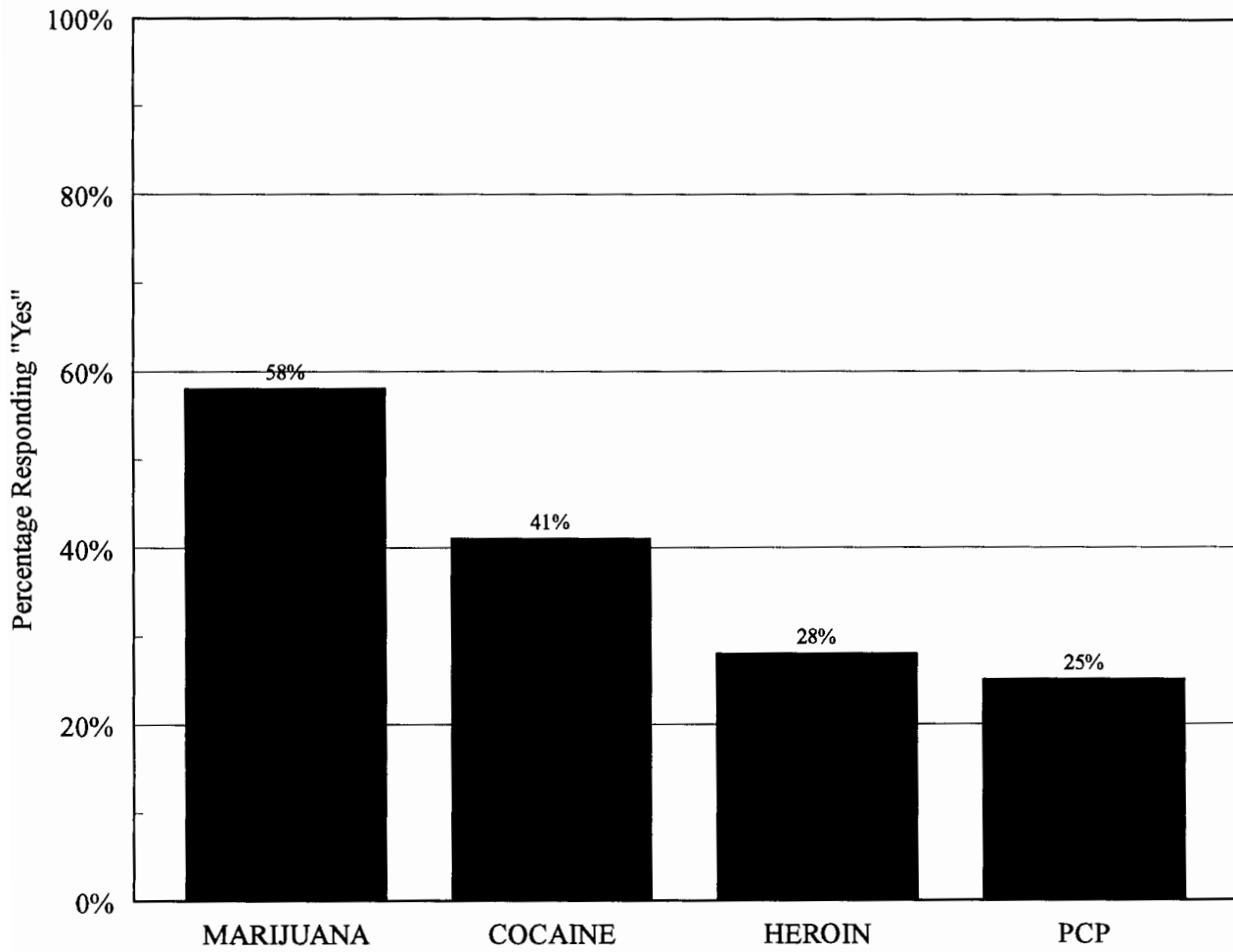


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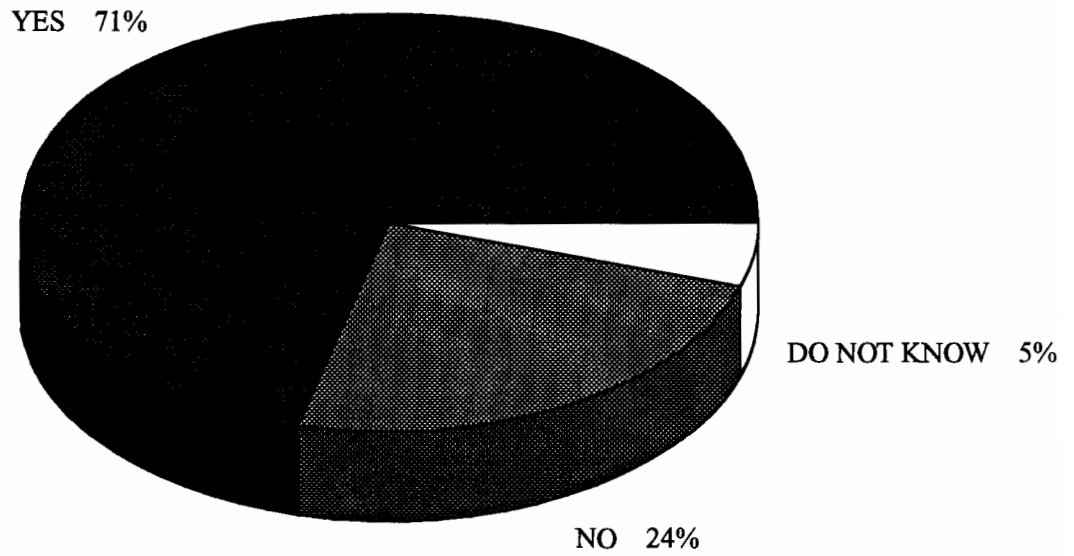
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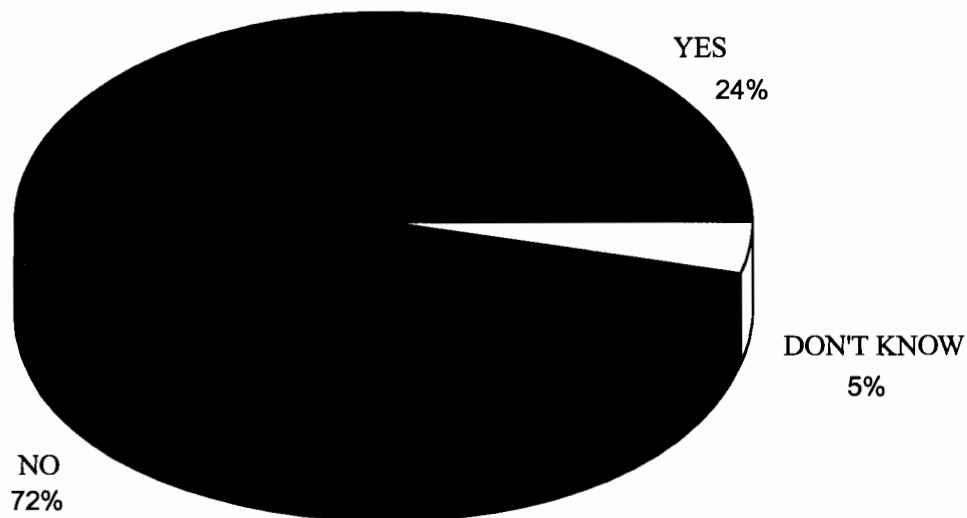
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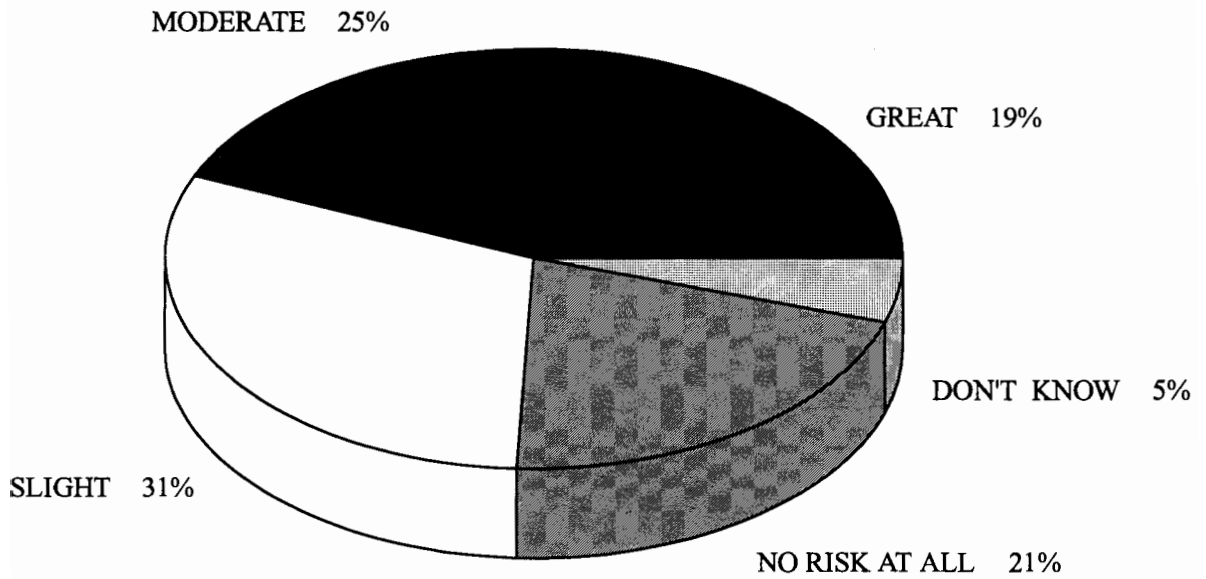
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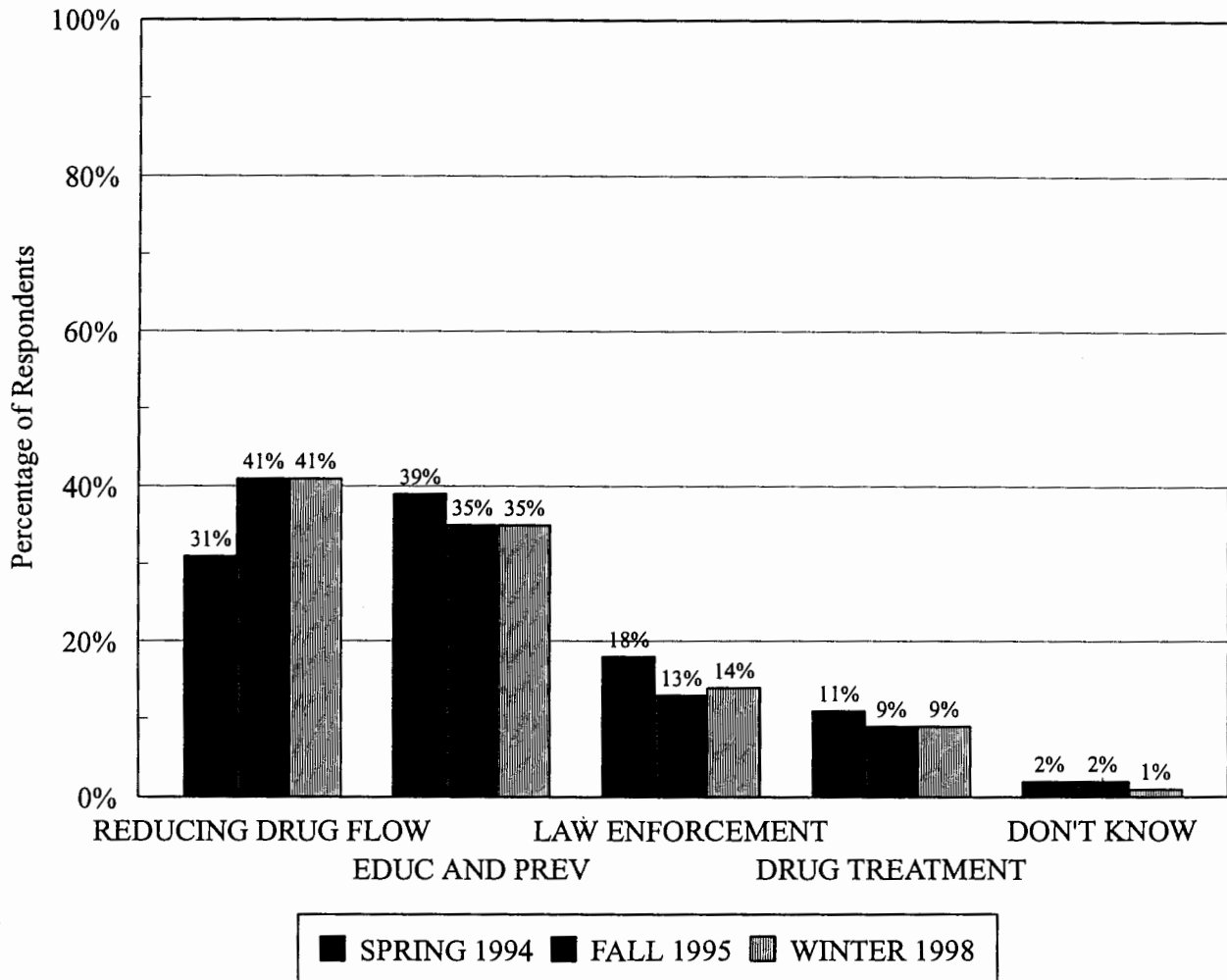
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### **III. COMPARISONS WITH PRIOR MARYLAND HOUSEHOLD OPINION POLLS**

This section compares responses to questions asked in the 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1995 polls. Highlights of these comparisons are presented below. Many of the survey questions have been asked each year, but some questions have been added to the poll since 1990. Thus, comparisons with all questions asked in the 1998 poll were not possible.

- The largest number of Maryland residents continue to believe that the most money and effort in the fight against drugs should go into reducing the flow of drugs into the country (41%). This trend began in 1995, when respondents shifted their priorities from education and prevention and law enforcement to flow reduction (Figure 6).
- The percentage of Maryland residents who believe marijuana is being sold in their neighborhood has increased from 47% in 1995 to 58% in 1998; the belief that heroin is being sold has increased from 23% in 1995 to 28% in 1998; and the belief that PCP is being sold has increased from 18% in 1995 to 25% in 1998. The belief that cocaine is being sold has remained relatively stable (Figure 7).
- The proportion of Maryland residents who agree that adults 21 or older should be allowed to possess small quantities of marijuana for personal use without legal penalty has remained stable since 1994 (Figure 8).
- From 1995 to 1998, the percentage of respondents who thought that people who try marijuana once or twice are at great risk of harming themselves remained fairly stable (Figure 9).

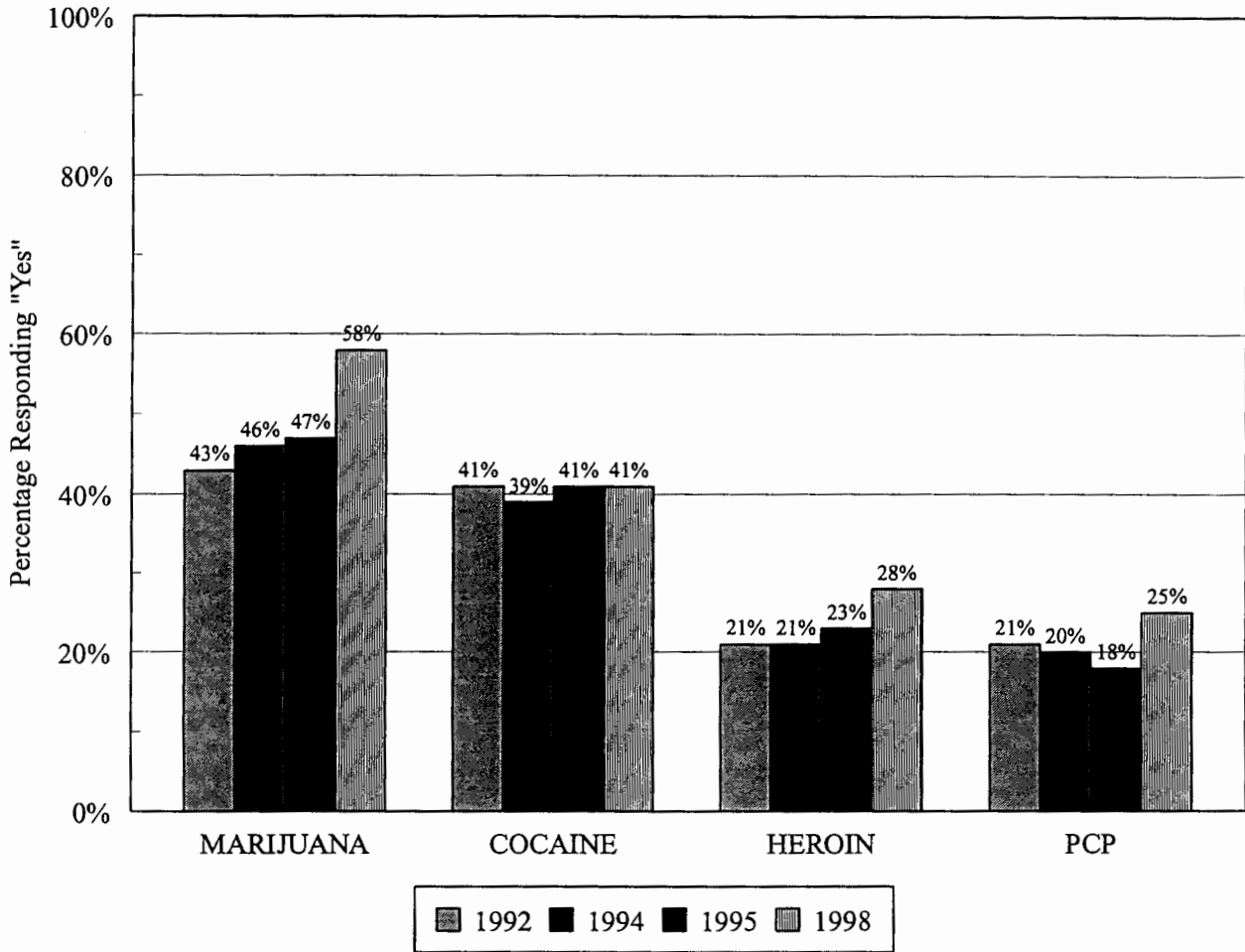
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**Which of the Following Should Receive the Most Money and Effort in the Fight Against Drugs?**  
**Spring 1994, Fall 1995, Winter 1998**



NOTES: Spring 1994 Poll (N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994).  
 Fall 1995 Poll (N = 1,002 respondents surveyed October-December, 1995).  
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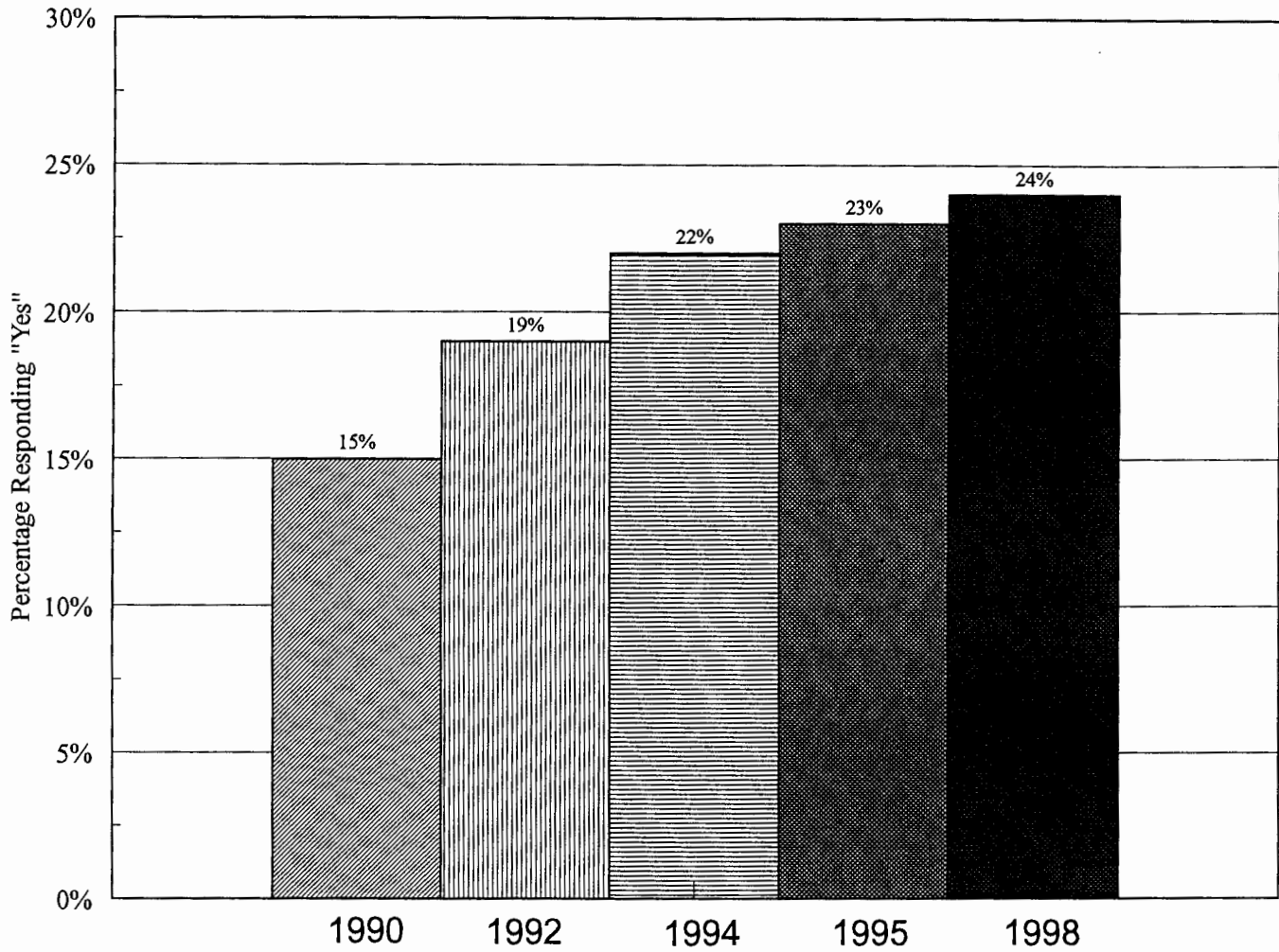
**Figure 7**  
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 1992, 1994, 1995, 1998



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 1995 Poll (N = 989 respondents surveyed April-June, 1995).  
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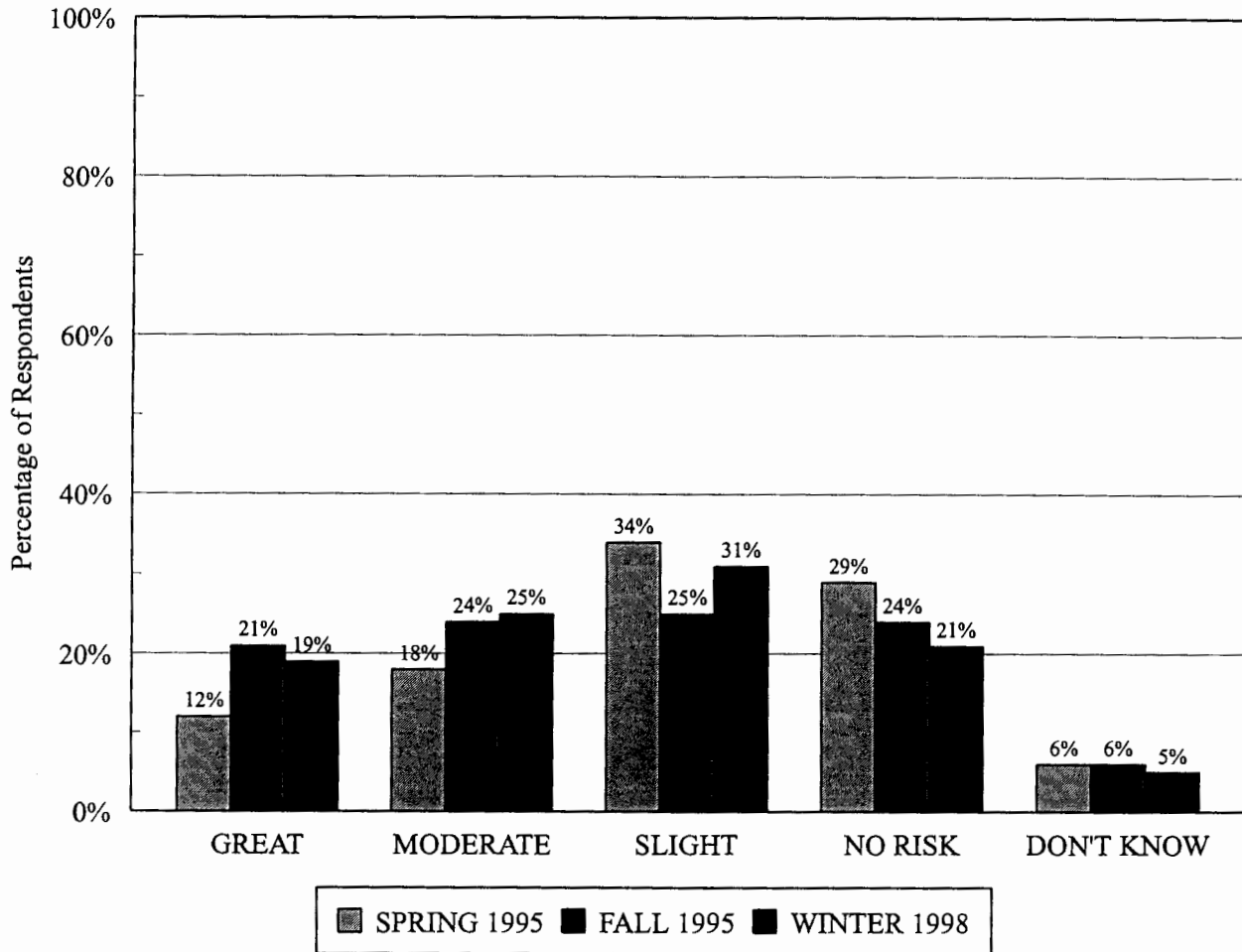


NOTES: 1990 Poll (N = 964 respondents surveyed October-December, 1990).  
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1995 Poll (N = 989 respondents surveyed April-June, 1995).  
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**Figure 9**  
**If People Smoke Marijuana Once or Twice, Do You Think Their Risk of Harming**  
**Themselves is Great, Moderate, Slight, or That There is No Risk at All?**  
**Spring 1995, Fall 1995, Winter 1998**



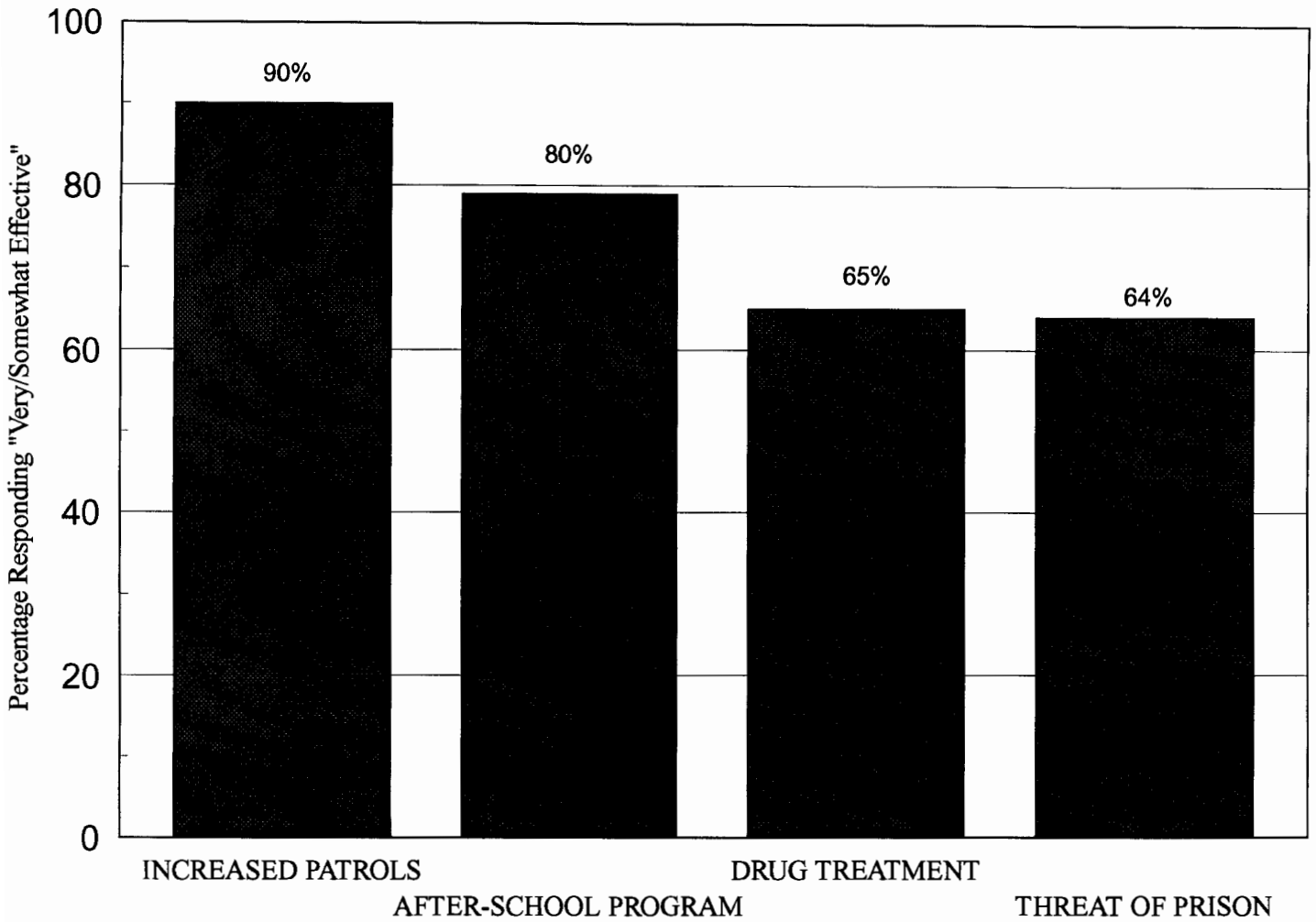
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#### IV. CRIME-RELATED HIGHLIGHTS OF WINTER 1998 POLL

- Most (90%) Maryland residents believe that police patrols are effective in preventing crime; 80% believe after-school programs are effective; 65% believe drug treatment programs are effective; and 64% believe the threat of prison is an effective deterrent (Figure 10).
- Twenty-eight percent of Maryland residents know that specific police officers are assigned to their neighborhood; of that number, 8% know their officers' names (Figure 11).
- Nearly one-third (32%) of Maryland residents avoid certain places in their neighborhood after dark because of crime (Figure 12).

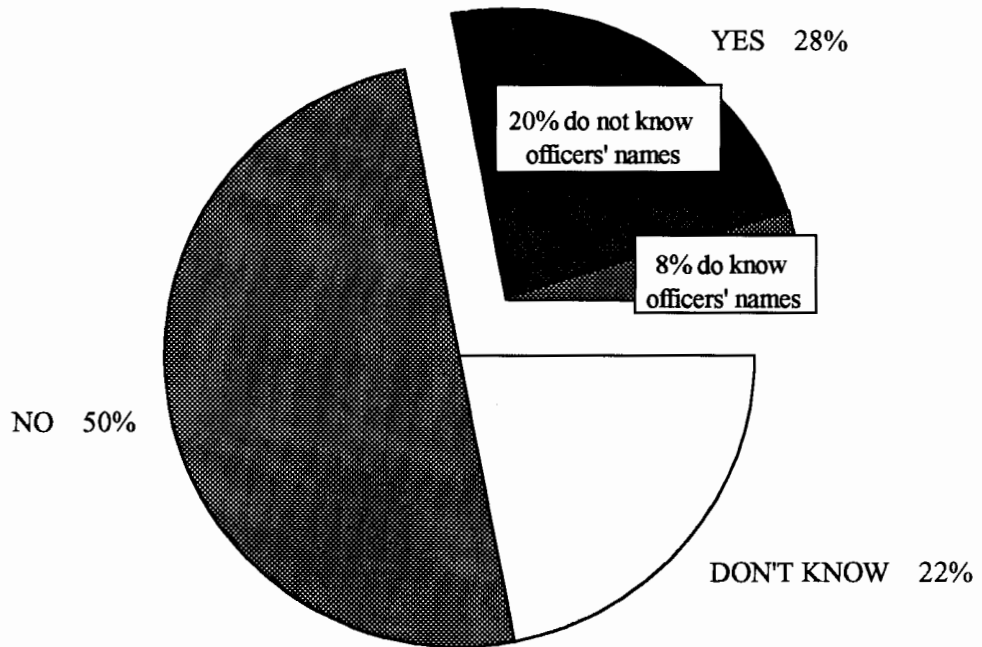
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How Effective Are the Following in Preventing Crime?



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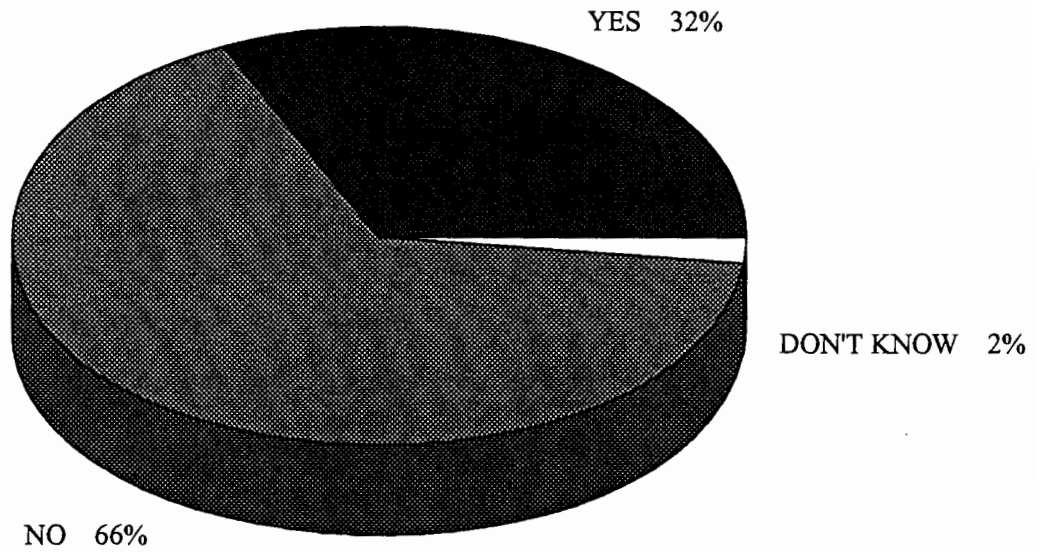
Figure 11  
As Far as You Know, Are There Specific Police Officers  
Assigned to Your Neighborhood?



NOTES: N = 994 respondents surveyed December 1997-March 1998.

SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland, College Park.

Figure 12  
Are There Any Places in Your Neighborhood  
That You Avoid After Dark Because of Crime?



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## V. CONCLUSIONS

- Over one half of Maryland residents think that marijuana is being sold in their neighborhood. The perception that heroin is being sold jumped from 23% in 1995 to 28% in 1998, and the perception that PCP is being sold increased from 18% in 1995 to 25% in 1998. Perceived sales of cocaine remained stable at 41%.
- Nearly one-third of respondents avoid certain places in their neighborhood after dark because of crime.
- While the majority of Maryland residents believe that police patrols are effective in preventing crime, only 28% know of specific police officers assigned to their neighborhood, and only 8% know any of their neighborhood officers' names.
- When asked which programs should receive the most money and effort in the fight against drugs, Maryland residents most often chose reducing the flow of drugs into the country (41%), followed by education and prevention (35%), law enforcement (14%), and drug treatment (9%). However, sixty-five percent of respondents believe that drug treatment is an effective crime prevention strategy.
- The minority (24%) of Maryland residents who support decriminalization of marijuana has remained stable since 1994.
- The medical use of marijuana is supported by nearly three-quarters (71%) of Maryland residents.

# **Appendix**

## **Survey Responses, by Respondents' Demographic Characteristics**

## How effective is the threat of prison time in preventing crime?

| Variable (N)*                 | Very Effective (%) | Somewhat Effective (%) | Not Very Effective (%) | Not at All Effective (%) | Depends (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 18                 | 46                     | 27                     | 8                        | 1           | 1              |
| Sex                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Male (472)                    | 19                 | 49                     | 21                     | 9                        | 2           | 1              |
| Female (520)                  | 16                 | 43                     | 31                     | 7                        | <1          | 2              |
| Race                          |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| White (695)                   | 17                 | 47                     | 28                     | 6                        | 1           | 2              |
| Black (241)                   | 17                 | 40                     | 23                     | 19                       | 1           | 1              |
| Other (43)                    | 23                 | 43                     | 14                     | 21                       | 0           | 0              |
| Age                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 23                 | 45                     | 24                     | 9                        | 0           | 0              |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 13                 | 49                     | 28                     | 10                       | 0           | 0              |
| 35-44 (206)                   | 13                 | 50                     | 28                     | 7                        | 2           | 1              |
| 45-54 (149)                   | 17                 | 48                     | 28                     | 7                        | 1           | 0              |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 24                 | 47                     | 14                     | 12                       | 1           | 2              |
| ≥65 (154)                     | 21                 | 38                     | 28                     | 7                        | 1           | 5              |
| Household Income              |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 21                 | 37                     | 31                     | 9                        | 1           | 1              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (290)       | 17                 | 42                     | 27                     | 12                       | 1           | 1              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 18                 | 55                     | 22                     | 4                        | 1           | 0              |
| \$75,000+ (206)               | 16                 | 50                     | 25                     | 7                        | 1           | 1              |
| Marital Status                |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Married (555)                 | 16                 | 47                     | 28                     | 7                        | 1           | 1              |
| Never Married (234)           | 23                 | 49                     | 18                     | 9                        | 0           | <1             |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 14                 | 40                     | 30                     | 10                       | 2           | 4              |
| Education                     |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 20                 | 36                     | 23                     | 17                       | 1           | 4              |
| HS Grad (333)                 | 16                 | 48                     | 29                     | 6                        | 1           | 1              |
| Some College (252)            | 19                 | 42                     | 29                     | 8                        | 1           | <1             |
| College Grad (139)            | 15                 | 60                     | 20                     | 3                        | 0           | 1              |
| >College Grad (68)            | 15                 | 50                     | 27                     | 6                        | 2           | 2              |
| Employment                    |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 16                 | 49                     | 28                     | 6                        | 1           | <1             |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 14                 | 45                     | 21                     | 20                       | 1           | 0              |
| Not Employed (281)            | 22                 | 40                     | 26                     | 8                        | 1           | 4              |
| Region of Residence           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Prince George's (140)         | 19                 | 53                     | 18                     | 10                       | 1           | 0              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 16                 | 48                     | 27                     | 7                        | 2           | 1              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (139) | 19                 | 43                     | 27                     | 8                        | 1           | 1              |
| Baltimore County (151)        | 15                 | 48                     | 25                     | 9                        | 1           | 3              |
| Baltimore City (140)          | 19                 | 37                     | 33                     | 10                       | 0           | 1              |
| Eastern Region** (123)        | 13                 | 46                     | 33                     | 7                        | 1           | 2              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 21                 | 45                     | 25                     | 6                        | 1           | 3              |

\*Weighted results, see methodology. Ns may not equal total sample because of missing cases.

\*\*Includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

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## How effective are drug treatment programs in preventing crime?

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 17                 | 48                     | 22                     | 6                        | 1           | 7              |
| Sex                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Male (470)                    | 15                 | 52                     | 22                     | 5                        | 2           | 5              |
| Female (523)                  | 19                 | 45                     | 21                     | 6                        | 1           | 8              |
| Race                          |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| White (803)                   | 17                 | 48                     | 22                     | 5                        | 1           | 7              |
| Black (123)                   | 20                 | 46                     | 20                     | 8                        | 1           | 6              |
| Other (44)                    | 14                 | 55                     | 14                     | 7                        | 2           | 9              |
| Age                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 22                 | 47                     | 25                     | 5                        | 0           | 2              |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 11                 | 58                     | 24                     | 2                        | 0           | 4              |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 18                 | 44                     | 23                     | 3                        | 3           | 8              |
| 45-54 (147)                   | 14                 | 50                     | 22                     | 5                        | 0           | 10             |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 22                 | 49                     | 17                     | 9                        | 1           | 3              |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 20                 | 41                     | 17                     | 11                       | 1           | 11             |
| Household Income              |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (161)      | 21                 | 50                     | 21                     | 4                        | 1           | 4              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (290)       | 14                 | 45                     | 26                     | 6                        | 2           | 8              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 19                 | 56                     | 18                     | 2                        | 1           | 4              |
| \$75,000+ (206)               | 17                 | 46                     | 23                     | 6                        | 1           | 7              |
| Marital Status                |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Married (557)                 | 16                 | 51                     | 20                     | 5                        | 1           | 7              |
| Never Married (235)           | 23                 | 46                     | 22                     | 4                        | <1          | 4              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 12                 | 41                     | 26                     | 8                        | 5           | 9              |
| Education                     |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 20                 | 48                     | 15                     | 7                        | 3           | 7              |
| HS Grad (335)                 | 16                 | 47                     | 25                     | 6                        | <1          | 5              |
| Some College (253)            | 15                 | 53                     | 21                     | 5                        | 1           | 6              |
| College Grad (140)            | 20                 | 39                     | 29                     | 4                        | 1           | 6              |
| >College Grad (67)            | 12                 | 57                     | 16                     | 5                        | 2           | 9              |
| Employment                    |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Employed Full-Time (587)      | 16                 | 53                     | 22                     | 4                        | 1           | 4              |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 21                 | 42                     | 21                     | 4                        | 0           | 13             |
| Not Employed (280)            | 18                 | 40                     | 21                     | 9                        | 3           | 9              |
| Region of Residence           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Prince George's (138)         | 24                 | 54                     | 13                     | 3                        | 1           | 6              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 15                 | 47                     | 23                     | 6                        | 1           | 8              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 23                 | 45                     | 20                     | 8                        | 0           | 4              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 10                 | 47                     | 24                     | 10                       | 1           | 9              |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 18                 | 46                     | 26                     | 4                        | 1           | 4              |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 16                 | 43                     | 26                     | 5                        | 4           | 6              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 14                 | 55                     | 19                     | 2                        | 1           | 8              |

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SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland, College Park.

## How effective are after-school programs in preventing crime?

| Variable (N)*                 | Very Effective (%) | Somewhat Effective (%) | Not Very Effective (%) | Not at All Effective (%) | Depends (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 49                 | 31                     | 7                      | 2                        | <1          | 11             |
| Sex                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Male (471)                    | 43                 | 35                     | 9                      | 3                        | 0           | 10             |
| Female (521)                  | 54                 | 28                     | 5                      | 1                        | 1           | 11             |
| Race                          |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| White (804)                   | 48                 | 33                     | 7                      | 2                        | <1          | 11             |
| Black (123)                   | 58                 | 24                     | 7                      | 2                        | 0           | 9              |
| Other (42)                    | 43                 | 26                     | 7                      | 17                       | 0           | 7              |
| Age                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| 18-24 (117)                   | 56                 | 27                     | 13                     | 1                        | 0           | 3              |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 50                 | 34                     | 3                      | 2                        | 0           | 10             |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 50                 | 32                     | 7                      | 2                        | 1           | 9              |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 49                 | 31                     | 5                      | 3                        | 0           | 12             |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 51                 | 30                     | 8                      | 2                        | 0           | 10             |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 40                 | 33                     | 9                      | 3                        | 1           | 14             |
| Household Income              |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 44                 | 28                     | 9                      | 4                        | 1           | 14             |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (289)       | 51                 | 33                     | 5                      | 2                        | <1          | 10             |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 51                 | 32                     | 10                     | 1                        | 0           | 7              |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 52                 | 31                     | 3                      | 4                        | 0           | 10             |
| Marital Status                |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Married (557)                 | 48                 | 32                     | 8                      | 1                        | <1          | 11             |
| Never Married (234)           | 52                 | 33                     | 6                      | 3                        | <1          | 6              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 46                 | 28                     | 7                      | 5                        | 0           | 15             |
| Education                     |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 55                 | 25                     | 4                      | 4                        | 0           | 13             |
| HS Grad (336)                 | 49                 | 29                     | 8                      | 3                        | 1           | 11             |
| Some College (251)            | 42                 | 40                     | 8                      | 2                        | 0           | 9              |
| College Grad (139)            | 52                 | 30                     | 7                      | 0                        | 1           | 10             |
| >College Grad (67)            | 46                 | 36                     | 5                      | 3                        | 0           | 10             |
| Employment                    |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 51                 | 32                     | 7                      | 2                        | 0           | 9              |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 49                 | 42                     | 6                      | 1                        | 0           | 2              |
| Not Employed (281)            | 45                 | 27                     | 7                      | 4                        | 1           | 17             |
| Region of Residence           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Prince George's (138)         | 59                 | 23                     | 6                      | 1                        | 0           | 12             |
| Montgomery (159)              | 43                 | 36                     | 5                      | 5                        | 1           | 10             |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (137) | 47                 | 34                     | 11                     | 2                        | 0           | 7              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 48                 | 26                     | 10                     | 4                        | 1           | 11             |
| Baltimore City (140)          | 50                 | 29                     | 6                      | 1                        | 0           | 13             |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 51                 | 29                     | 9                      | 2                        | 1           | 9              |
| Western Region*** (146)       | 43                 | 43                     | 2                      | 1                        | 1           | 11             |

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SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland, College Park.

## How effective are increased police patrols in preventing crime?

| Variable (N)*                 | Very Effective (%) | Somewhat Effective (%) | Not Very Effective (%) | Not at All Effective (%) | Depends (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 57                 | 33                     | 5                      | 3                        | 1           | 1              |
| Sex                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Male (471)                    | 55                 | 34                     | 5                      | 4                        | 2           | 1              |
| Female (523)                  | 60                 | 31                     | 5                      | 3                        | 1           | 1              |
| Race                          |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| White (802)                   | 58                 | 34                     | 3                      | 2                        | 1           | 1              |
| Black (123)                   | 54                 | 28                     | 11                     | 7                        | 0           | 1              |
| Other (44)                    | 48                 | 30                     | 9                      | 14                       | 0           | 0              |
| Age                           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 54                 | 29                     | 4                      | 13                       | 0           | 0              |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 59                 | 33                     | 2                      | 3                        | 2           | 1              |
| 35-44 (206)                   | 58                 | 33                     | 5                      | 2                        | 0           | 2              |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 63                 | 29                     | 3                      | 2                        | 3           | 0              |
| 55-64 (108)                   | 53                 | 37                     | 7                      | 1                        | 0           | 2              |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 52                 | 39                     | 6                      | 1                        | 0           | 3              |
| Household Income              |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 56                 | 35                     | 6                      | 3                        | 0           | 1              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (290)       | 63                 | 24                     | 3                      | 6                        | 2           | 2              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 52                 | 42                     | 3                      | 1                        | 1           | 1              |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 55                 | 38                     | 5                      | 1                        | 2           | 1              |
| Marital Status                |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Married (557)                 | 56                 | 37                     | 4                      | 1                        | 1           | 1              |
| Never Married (233)           | 61                 | 26                     | 3                      | 7                        | 1           | 1              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (193)       | 55                 | 29                     | 9                      | 4                        | 1           | 2              |
| Education                     |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 49                 | 32                     | 8                      | 7                        | 3           | 2              |
| HS Grad (334)                 | 59                 | 29                     | 4                      | 5                        | 2           | 2              |
| Some College (253)            | 60                 | 35                     | 4                      | 1                        | 0           | 0              |
| College Grad (139)            | 59                 | 36                     | 4                      | 0                        | 1           | 1              |
| >College Grad (68)            | 52                 | 41                     | 4                      | 0                        | 2           | 2              |
| Employment                    |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 59                 | 34                     | 4                      | 2                        | 1           | 1              |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 51                 | 32                     | 6                      | 10                       | 0           | 1              |
| Not Employed (279)            | 57                 | 32                     | 4                      | 3                        | 3           | 2              |
| Region of Residence           |                    |                        |                        |                          |             |                |
| Prince George's (138)         | 61                 | 30                     | 3                      | 7                        | 0           | 0              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 56                 | 33                     | 4                      | 4                        | 2           | 1              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 61                 | 32                     | 4                      | 0                        | 2           | 1              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 57                 | 33                     | 7                      | 1                        | 1           | 3              |
| Baltimore City (138)          | 67                 | 21                     | 4                      | 4                        | 2           | 1              |
| Eastern Region (122)          | 34                 | 49                     | 7                      | 7                        | 2           | 2              |
| Western Region (145)          | 61                 | 35                     | 3                      | 0                        | 1           | 1              |

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As far as you know, are there specific police officers assigned to your neighborhood?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 50     | 28      | 22             |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (472)                    | 49     | 30      | 22             |
| Female (522)                  | 51     | 26      | 23             |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (803)                   | 49     | 27      | 24             |
| Black (124)                   | 58     | 28      | 14             |
| Other (44)                    | 43     | 41      | 16             |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 42     | 25      | 33             |
| 25-34 (216)                   | 48     | 25      | 28             |
| 35-44 (206)                   | 52     | 29      | 19             |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 52     | 28      | 20             |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 51     | 31      | 18             |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 51     | 31      | 18             |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (161)      | 45     | 35      | 20             |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (289)       | 52     | 32      | 16             |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 45     | 29      | 26             |
| \$75,000+ (206)               | 54     | 19      | 27             |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (557)                 | 49     | 29      | 22             |
| Never Married (234)           | 48     | 25      | 27             |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 54     | 30      | 16             |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (183)                | 48     | 33      | 19             |
| HS Grad (334)                 | 48     | 29      | 23             |
| Some College (252)            | 49     | 31      | 20             |
| College Grad (139)            | 57     | 17      | 27             |
| >College Grad (67)            | 46     | 22      | 31             |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 47     | 29      | 24             |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 52     | 23      | 26             |
| Not Employed (280)            | 53     | 28      | 19             |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (140)         | 39     | 38      | 23             |
| Montgomery (159)              | 43     | 25      | 32             |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (137) | 52     | 26      | 23             |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 57     | 27      | 17             |
| Baltimore City (140)          | 48     | 24      | 29             |
| Eastern Region (122)          | 53     | 35      | 12             |
| Western Region (146)          | 56     | 24      | 20             |

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Do you know the names of any of the officers' assigned to your neighborhood?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 92     | 8       |
| Sex                           |        |         |
| Male (471)                    | 89     | 11      |
| Female (523)                  | 94     | 6       |
| Race                          |        |         |
| White (804)                   | 91     | 9       |
| Black (124)                   | 94     | 6       |
| Other (45)                    | 91     | 9       |
| Age                           |        |         |
| 18-24 (117)                   | 90     | 10      |
| 25-34 (215)                   | 92     | 8       |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 89     | 11      |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 93     | 7       |
| 55-64 (108)                   | 96     | 4       |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 92     | 9       |
| Household Income              |        |         |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 95     | 5       |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (289)       | 90     | 10      |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 91     | 9       |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 91     | 9       |
| Marital Status                |        |         |
| Married (557)                 | 91     | 9       |
| Never Married (234)           | 91     | 9       |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 94     | 6       |
| Education                     |        |         |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 93     | 7       |
| HS Grad (334)                 | 93     | 8       |
| Some College (252)            | 87     | 14      |
| College Grad (139)            | 96     | 4       |
| >College Grad (68)            | 94     | 6       |
| Employment                    |        |         |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 91     | 9       |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 88     | 12      |
| Not Employed (280)            | 95     | 5       |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |
| Prince George's (139)         | 89     | 12      |
| Montgomery (159)              | 96     | 4       |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 89     | 11      |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 92     | 8       |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 96     | 4       |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 86     | 14      |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 93     | 7       |

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Are there any places in your neighborhood that you avoid after dark because of crime?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 66     | 32      | 2              |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (477)                    | 77     | 21      | 2              |
| Female (522)                  | 56     | 42      | 2              |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (803)                   | 67     | 32      | 1              |
| Black (123)                   | 58     | 40      | 2              |
| Other (44)                    | 68     | 27      | 5              |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 70     | 29      | 2              |
| 25-34 (216)                   | 71     | 28      | 1              |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 63     | 37      | 0              |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 62     | 37      | 1              |
| 55-64 (108)                   | 69     | 32      | 0              |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 66     | 28      | 6              |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 52     | 43      | 5              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (289)       | 59     | 40      | 2              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 75     | 25      | 0              |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 81     | 19      | 0              |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (557)                 | 70     | 29      | 1              |
| Never Married (234)           | 68     | 30      | 1              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 55     | 42      | 3              |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 57     | 41      | 2              |
| HS Grad (335)                 | 67     | 30      | 3              |
| Some College (252)            | 65     | 35      | 1              |
| College Grad (140)            | 77     | 22      | 1              |
| >College Grad (67)            | 73     | 27      | 0              |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 69     | 31      | 1              |
| Employed Part-Time (111)      | 56     | 41      | 3              |
| Not Employed (279)            | 65     | 32      | 3              |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (139)         | 71     | 27      | 2              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 70     | 29      | 1              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (139) | 83     | 17      | 1              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 58     | 39      | 3              |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 31     | 67      | 2              |
| Eastern Region** (123)        | 65     | 33      | 2              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 83     | 16      | 1              |

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SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland, College Park.

Do you think adults 21 or older should be able to possess small amounts of marijuana for their personal use without legal penalty?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 72     | 24      | 5              |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (469)                    | 64     | 32      | 4              |
| Female (523)                  | 78     | 17      | 5              |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (800)                   | 72     | 23      | 5              |
| Black (123)                   | 67     | 29      | 4              |
| Other (44)                    | 68     | 25      | 7              |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 53     | 40      | 8              |
| 25-34 (213)                   | 68     | 29      | 4              |
| 35-44 (206)                   | 70     | 26      | 4              |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 76     | 22      | 2              |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 80     | 16      | 4              |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 78     | 14      | 7              |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 67     | 32      | 2              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (289)       | 77     | 18      | 5              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 76     | 22      | 3              |
| \$75,000+ (203)               | 60     | 37      | 4              |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (556)                 | 78     | 18      | 4              |
| Never Married (232)           | 56     | 39      | 5              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 72     | 22      | 5              |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 70     | 24      | 6              |
| HS Grad (334)                 | 77     | 16      | 8              |
| Some College (252)            | 68     | 30      | 2              |
| College Grad (138)            | 67     | 31      | 1              |
| >College Grad (68)            | 68     | 32      | 0              |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (586)      | 69     | 27      | 4              |
| Employed Part-Time (111)      | 69     | 25      | 5              |
| Not Employed (279)            | 76     | 18      | 6              |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (139)         | 70     | 22      | 9              |
| Montgomery (157)              | 69     | 25      | 6              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 66     | 28      | 6              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 79     | 17      | 3              |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 67     | 28      | 5              |
| Eastern Region** (121)        | 73     | 26      | 1              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 77     | 20      | 3              |

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If people try marijuana once or twice, do you think their risk of harming themselves is great, moderate, slight, or that there is no risk at all?

| Variable (N)*                 | Great (%) | Moderate (%) | Slight (%) | No Risk (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 19        | 25           | 31         | 21          | 5              |
| Sex                           |           |              |            |             |                |
| Male (467)                    | 14        | 25           | 35         | 24          | 2              |
| Female (522)                  | 23        | 25           | 27         | 19          | 6              |
| Race                          |           |              |            |             |                |
| White (800)                   | 17        | 25           | 32         | 23          | 4              |
| Black (122)                   | 27        | 26           | 25         | 16          | 7              |
| Other (43)                    | 12        | 30           | 49         | 9           | 0              |
| Age                           |           |              |            |             |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 10        | 12           | 48         | 26          | 4              |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 12        | 22           | 36         | 29          | 1              |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 12        | 31           | 28         | 25          | 4              |
| 45-54 (147)                   | 19        | 33           | 27         | 16          | 5              |
| 55-64 (108)                   | 20        | 22           | 34         | 18          | 6              |
| ≥65 (150)                     | 37        | 29           | 18         | 11          | 5              |
| Household Income              |           |              |            |             |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 23        | 32           | 24         | 18          | 4              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (286)       | 16        | 25           | 34         | 22          | 3              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (219)       | 15        | 24           | 31         | 27          | 4              |
| \$75,000+ (204)               | 14        | 21           | 37         | 27          | 2              |
| Marital Status                |           |              |            |             |                |
| Married (553)                 | 21        | 27           | 29         | 19          | 5              |
| Never Married (234)           | 10        | 21           | 38         | 28          | 3              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (193)       | 24        | 22           | 28         | 22          | 4              |
| Education                     |           |              |            |             |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 29        | 25           | 23         | 18          | 6              |
| HS Grad (331)                 | 19        | 27           | 32         | 17          | 5              |
| Some College (251)            | 14        | 22           | 30         | 31          | 3              |
| College Grad (140)            | 13        | 29           | 37         | 19          | 1              |
| >College Grad (67)            | 12        | 19           | 39         | 25          | 5              |
| Employment                    |           |              |            |             |                |
| Employed Full-Time (586)      | 14        | 24           | 36         | 23          | 4              |
| Employed Part-Time (111)      | 13        | 29           | 31         | 23          | 5              |
| Not Employed (277)            | 31        | 25           | 21         | 17          | 6              |
| Region of Residence           |           |              |            |             |                |
| Prince Georges (135)          | 25        | 23           | 31         | 16          | 5              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 17        | 23           | 34         | 23          | 4              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (139) | 11        | 34           | 27         | 26          | 2              |
| Baltimore County (149)        | 17        | 26           | 34         | 14          | 10             |
| Baltimore City (140)          | 21        | 19           | 30         | 24          | 6              |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 23        | 25           | 34         | 16          | 3              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 18        | 25           | 26         | 30          | 1              |

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Do you think physicians should be allowed to prescribe marijuana for medical use?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 24     | 71      | 5              |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (466)                    | 20     | 77      | 3              |
| Female (522)                  | 27     | 66      | 8              |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (799)                   | 22     | 73      | 5              |
| Black (123)                   | 29     | 64      | 7              |
| Other (45)                    | 31     | 62      | 7              |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 34     | 62      | 4              |
| 25-34 (215)                   | 19     | 74      | 7              |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 19     | 78      | 3              |
| 45-54 (147)                   | 29     | 66      | 5              |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 22     | 76      | 2              |
| ≥65 (150)                     | 24     | 69      | 7              |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 33     | 61      | 6              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (287)       | 27     | 66      | 7              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 24     | 75      | 1              |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 11     | 86      | 3              |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (554)                 | 24     | 70      | 6              |
| Never Married (233)           | 25     | 73      | 3              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (191)       | 20     | 73      | 7              |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 23     | 74      | 3              |
| HS Grad (331)                 | 28     | 64      | 8              |
| Some College (252)            | 25     | 71      | 4              |
| College Grad (139)            | 17     | 81      | 3              |
| >College Grad (67)            | 13     | 81      | 6              |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (587)      | 23     | 73      | 4              |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 36     | 60      | 5              |
| Not Employed (276)            | 20     | 73      | 8              |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (136)         | 35     | 60      | 5              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 16     | 75      | 9              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 14     | 86      | 1              |
| Baltimore County (148)        | 12     | 81      | 7              |
| Baltimore City (140)          | 32     | 64      | 4              |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 31     | 62      | 7              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 27     | 69      | 4              |

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Do you think that marijuana is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 30     | 58      | 13             |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (470)                    | 33     | 58      | 10             |
| Female (522)                  | 27     | 57      | 16             |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (803)                   | 30     | 58      | 13             |
| Black (123)                   | 25     | 60      | 15             |
| Other (45)                    | 44     | 40      | 16             |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (117)                   | 26     | 71      | 3              |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 35     | 55      | 10             |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 23     | 68      | 9              |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 29     | 59      | 12             |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 36     | 55      | 9              |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 31     | 43      | 27             |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (161)      | 26     | 56      | 19             |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (290)       | 31     | 60      | 9              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 29     | 61      | 10             |
| \$75,000+ (204)               | 33     | 60      | 6              |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (556)                 | 31     | 58      | 11             |
| Never Married (235)           | 31     | 60      | 9              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 26     | 55      | 19             |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 30     | 57      | 14             |
| HS Grad (331)                 | 31     | 56      | 13             |
| Some College (252)            | 22     | 68      | 10             |
| College Grad (139)            | 41     | 46      | 13             |
| >College Grad (67)            | 32     | 53      | 15             |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 29     | 60      | 11             |
| Employed Part-Time (111)      | 27     | 69      | 5              |
| Not Employed (280)            | 34     | 46      | 20             |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (139)         | 43     | 48      | 9              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 32     | 51      | 17             |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (139) | 29     | 63      | 9              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 21     | 65      | 14             |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 12     | 73      | 15             |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 34     | 53      | 13             |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 39     | 49      | 12             |

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Do you think that cocaine is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 44     | 41      | 15             |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (471)                    | 49     | 40      | 10             |
| Female (522)                  | 39     | 42      | 19             |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (803)                   | 45     | 40      | 15             |
| Black (123)                   | 31     | 55      | 15             |
| Other (44)                    | 61     | 25      | 14             |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (117)                   | 53     | 39      | 8              |
| 25-34 (215)                   | 49     | 34      | 16             |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 40     | 50      | 10             |
| 45-54 (149)                   | 39     | 46      | 15             |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 41     | 47      | 12             |
| ≥65 (153)                     | 43     | 33      | 24             |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 43     | 43      | 14             |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (290)       | 40     | 44      | 17             |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 45     | 43      | 12             |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 53     | 37      | 10             |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (557)                 | 44     | 42      | 15             |
| Never Married (234)           | 46     | 41      | 14             |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 44     | 41      | 15             |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 45     | 41      | 14             |
| HS Grad (334)                 | 40     | 45      | 15             |
| Some College (253)            | 40     | 47      | 14             |
| College Grad (140)            | 59     | 26      | 16             |
| >College Grad (67)            | 54     | 31      | 15             |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (587)      | 43     | 44      | 13             |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 53     | 36      | 11             |
| Not Employed (280)            | 45     | 35      | 20             |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (138)         | 54     | 32      | 14             |
| Montgomery (159)              | 47     | 30      | 23             |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (139) | 40     | 48      | 12             |
| Baltimore County (149)        | 35     | 46      | 19             |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 19     | 70      | 11             |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 55     | 33      | 12             |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 59     | 29      | 12             |

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Do you think that heroin is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 51     | 28      | 21             |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (471)                    | 55     | 28      | 17             |
| Female (519)                  | 47     | 28      | 25             |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (800)                   | 53     | 26      | 20             |
| Black (124)                   | 34     | 43      | 23             |
| Other (44)                    | 64     | 11      | 25             |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 53     | 29      | 19             |
| 25-34 (215)                   | 54     | 23      | 22             |
| 35-44 (206)                   | 50     | 33      | 18             |
| 45-54 (145)                   | 46     | 37      | 17             |
| 55-64 (107)                   | 52     | 26      | 22             |
| ≥65 (154)                     | 52     | 23      | 25             |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (158)      | 48     | 33      | 20             |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (289)       | 48     | 31      | 20             |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 54     | 27      | 19             |
| \$75,000+ (206)               | 61     | 23      | 16             |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (557)                 | 53     | 28      | 19             |
| Never Married (234)           | 52     | 29      | 20             |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (189)       | 45     | 28      | 27             |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (180)                | 52     | 26      | 22             |
| HS Grad (334)                 | 49     | 32      | 19             |
| Some College (252)            | 46     | 29      | 25             |
| College Grad (140)            | 63     | 19      | 19             |
| >College Grad (67)            | 61     | 21      | 18             |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 49     | 30      | 22             |
| Employed Part-Time (111)      | 58     | 33      | 9              |
| Not Employed (276)            | 54     | 21      | 25             |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (136)         | 63     | 16      | 21             |
| Montgomery (159)              | 55     | 17      | 28             |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 54     | 35      | 11             |
| Baltimore County (151)        | 41     | 34      | 25             |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 19     | 56      | 25             |
| Eastern Region** (121)        | 58     | 26      | 16             |
| Western Region*** (146)       | 66     | 12      | 21             |

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Do you think that PCP is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

| Variable (N)*                 | No (%) | Yes (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 51     | 25      | 24             |
| Sex                           |        |         |                |
| Male (471)                    | 58     | 23      | 19             |
| Female (523)                  | 45     | 26      | 29             |
| Race                          |        |         |                |
| White (803)                   | 53     | 24      | 23             |
| Black (124)                   | 37     | 33      | 30             |
| Other (44)                    | 66     | 16      | 18             |
| Age                           |        |         |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 53     | 32      | 15             |
| 25-34 (214)                   | 55     | 20      | 25             |
| 35-44 (206)                   | 51     | 29      | 20             |
| 45-54 (148)                   | 46     | 30      | 24             |
| 55-64 (108)                   | 49     | 23      | 28             |
| ≥65 (154)                     | 55     | 18      | 27             |
| Household Income              |        |         |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 47     | 27      | 27             |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (290)       | 49     | 29      | 22             |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (217)       | 57     | 24      | 20             |
| \$75,000+ (205)               | 58     | 22      | 20             |
| Marital Status                |        |         |                |
| Married (557)                 | 53     | 23      | 24             |
| Never Married (234)           | 52     | 30      | 18             |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 45     | 26      | 29             |
| Education                     |        |         |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 51     | 22      | 27             |
| HS Grad (335)                 | 49     | 27      | 25             |
| Some College (252)            | 45     | 33      | 22             |
| College Grad (139)            | 66     | 12      | 22             |
| >College Grad (68)            | 59     | 18      | 24             |
| Employment                    |        |         |                |
| Employed Full-Time (588)      | 51     | 26      | 23             |
| Employed Part-Time (110)      | 52     | 31      | 17             |
| Not Employed (279)            | 52     | 19      | 29             |
| Region of Residence           |        |         |                |
| Prince George's (139)         | 53     | 19      | 28             |
| Montgomery (159)              | 53     | 17      | 30             |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (138) | 49     | 35      | 16             |
| Baltimore County (149)        | 45     | 29      | 26             |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 28     | 43      | 30             |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 64     | 16      | 21             |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 68     | 14      | 18             |

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Which one of the following do you think should receive the most money and effort in the fight against drugs?

| Variable (N*)                 | Drug Treatment (%) | Law Enforcement (%) | Educ. and Prevention (%) | Reducing Drug Flow into US (%) | Don't Know (%) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Sample (994)            | 9                  | 14                  | 35                       | 41                             | 1              |
| Sex                           |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| Male (472)                    | 8                  | 18                  | 38                       | 35                             | 1              |
| Female (521)                  | 10                 | 11                  | 32                       | 46                             | 2              |
| Race                          |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| White (803)                   | 9                  | 15                  | 35                       | 40                             | 1              |
| Black (123)                   | 11                 | 11                  | 33                       | 45                             | 1              |
| Other (42)                    | 2                  | 14                  | 50                       | 33                             | 0              |
| Age                           |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| 18-24 (118)                   | 4                  | 17                  | 44                       | 31                             | 4              |
| 25-34 (216)                   | 6                  | 11                  | 48                       | 36                             | 0              |
| 35-44 (205)                   | 8                  | 22                  | 33                       | 36                             | 1              |
| 45-54 (147)                   | 10                 | 16                  | 30                       | 44                             | 0              |
| 55-64 (109)                   | 11                 | 6                   | 27                       | 54                             | 2              |
| ≥65 (154)                     | 12                 | 13                  | 25                       | 48                             | 2              |
| Household Income              |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| <\$12,000-\$30,000 (162)      | 7                  | 12                  | 29                       | 53                             | 0              |
| \$30,000-\$50,000 (291)       | 8                  | 16                  | 31                       | 45                             | 1              |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 (218)       | 8                  | 12                  | 45                       | 35                             | 0              |
| \$75,000+ (204)               | 10                 | 16                  | 35                       | 38                             | 0              |
| Marital Status                |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| Married (556)                 | 9                  | 15                  | 32                       | 43                             | 1              |
| Never Married (234)           | 8                  | 15                  | 46                       | 30                             | 2              |
| Sep/ Div/ Widowed (192)       | 8                  | 13                  | 30                       | 47                             | 1              |
| Education                     |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| <HS Grad (182)                | 15                 | 6                   | 26                       | 52                             | 1              |
| HS Grad (335)                 | 6                  | 16                  | 32                       | 44                             | 2              |
| Some College (252)            | 5                  | 17                  | 39                       | 39                             | <1             |
| College Grad (140)            | 10                 | 18                  | 42                       | 30                             | 0              |
| >College Grad (68)            | 13                 | 13                  | 50                       | 22                             | 2              |
| Employment                    |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| Employed Full-Time (586)      | 8                  | 16                  | 39                       | 37                             | 1              |
| Employed Part-Time (111)      | 3                  | 10                  | 36                       | 46                             | 5              |
| Not Employed (280)            | 11                 | 14                  | 27                       | 47                             | 1              |
| Region of Residence           |                    |                     |                          |                                |                |
| Prince George's (139)         | 8                  | 14                  | 32                       | 42                             | 5              |
| Montgomery (159)              | 7                  | 13                  | 44                       | 35                             | 2              |
| Anne Arundel and Howard (137) | 15                 | 11                  | 39                       | 36                             | 0              |
| Baltimore County (150)        | 6                  | 23                  | 25                       | 44                             | 1              |
| Baltimore City (141)          | 11                 | 16                  | 29                       | 44                             | 1              |
| Eastern Region** (122)        | 12                 | 10                  | 38                       | 40                             | 1              |
| Western Region*** (145)       | 5                  | 13                  | 37                       | 46                             | 0              |

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**Alcohol and Cigarettes Remain Most Frequently Used Substances Among U.S. Household Residents**

Data from the 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) show that alcohol and cigarettes are the substances most frequently used by U.S. household residents. A majority of the respondents aged 12 and older reported that they had used alcohol (51%) at least once in month prior to the survey, followed by cigarettes (29%), marijuana (5%), and smokeless tobacco (3%). Use of all other drugs was reported by 1% or less of the respondents. Despite the magnitude of alcohol and cigarette use in the U.S., proportionate public media attention is often not given to this problem (see CESAR FAX, Volume 6, Issue 36).

**Percentage of U.S. Household Residents Aged 12 and Older Reporting Substance Use at Least Once in the Past Month, 1996**

| Substance         | Percentage |
|-------------------|------------|
| Alcohol           | 51%        |
| Cigarettes        | 29%        |
| Marijuana         | 5%         |
| Smokeless Tobacco | 3%         |
| Heroin            | 1%         |
| Amphetamine       | 1%         |
| Barbiturate       | 0.4%       |
| Cocaine           | 0.4%       |
| Ecstasy           | 0.4%       |
| Insulin           | 0.3%       |
| Propofol          | 0.3%       |
| Tranquilizer      | 0.3%       |
| Cocaine           | 0.1%       |
| LSD               | 0.1%       |
| Heroin            | 0.1%       |
| PCP               | 0.1%       |
| Sevoflurane       | 0.1%       |

**SOURCE:** Adapted by CESAR from data from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, "Preliminary Results from the 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse," WWW document, URL: <http://www.samhsa.gov/oa/1996nhf/1996nhf.htm> (accessed 9/4/97). For more information, contact SAMHSA's Office of Applied Studies at 301-443-4239.

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