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# What Marylanders Think About Drugs and Crime

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Maryland Household Opinion Poll

Responses to Substance Abuse Questions  
Included in a 2001 Telephone Survey of  
Maryland Residents

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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 telephone poll of Maryland residents. The 2001 Maryland Household Opinion Poll was administered by the Survey Research Center between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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 2001 poll including general crime questions asked of all respondents. This section also includes responses from parents to questions about underage drinking. Section III compares results from the 2001 poll with similar polls conducted in 1990, 1992, 1994, Spring and Fall of 1995, Winter 1998, and Summer/Fall 1999. The appendices include the survey responses delineated by respondent demographic characteristics.

We would like to thank the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, without whose sponsorship this project would not have been possible. \* We would also like to thank the staff at the Survey Research Center for administering the survey.

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\*The views expressed in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

## METHODOLOGY

The telephone survey was conducted for CESAR by the Survey Research Center at the University of Maryland College Park between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

1,840 adults ages 18 and older, who reside in Maryland households and own a telephone, were selected randomly.

A total of 1,005 (55%) adults completed the interview; 22% refused; 19% were not contacted; and 4% involved miscellaneous problems such as language barriers or hearing difficulties.

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 Census Bureau's March 2000 Current Population Survey) for the following demographic variables: sex, age, education, race, and state region.

The estimated margin of error for the survey results is  $\pm 4\%$  for questions asked of all respondents. Questions asked of the parents only ( $N=251$ ) have a slightly higher error rate between  $\pm 5-7\%$ . Questions which were asked of even smaller groups (Figure 14a) have yet higher error rates.

# Results

## General Crime and Drug Questions

Table 1 (N=1,005)  
CHARACTERISTICS OF TOTAL SAMPLE

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=1,005)	
Male	48%
Female	52%
Race (N=979)	
White	64%
African-American	28%
Other**	8%
Ethnicity (N=993)	
Hispanic decent	4%
Non-Hispanic decent	96%
Age (N=959)	
18-24	12%
25-34	22%
35-44	25%
45-54	16%
55-64	10%
≥ 65	15%
Household Income (N=790)	
<\$30,000	17%
\$30,000-\$50,000	25%
\$50,001-\$75,000	20%
> \$75,001	38%
Marital Status (N=982)	
Married	58%
Never Married	25%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	18%
Employment Status (N=992)	
Employed Full-time	64%
Employed Part-time	9%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	27%
Education (N=990)	
<HS Graduate	16%
HS Graduate	28%
Some College	21%
College Graduate	19%
Some Graduate School	3%
Graduate Degree	12%
Region of Residence (N=1,005)	
Baltimore City	12%
Baltimore County	14%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	14%
Montgomery County	16%
Prince George's County	15%
Western Region†	12%
Eastern Region‡	16%

\* Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

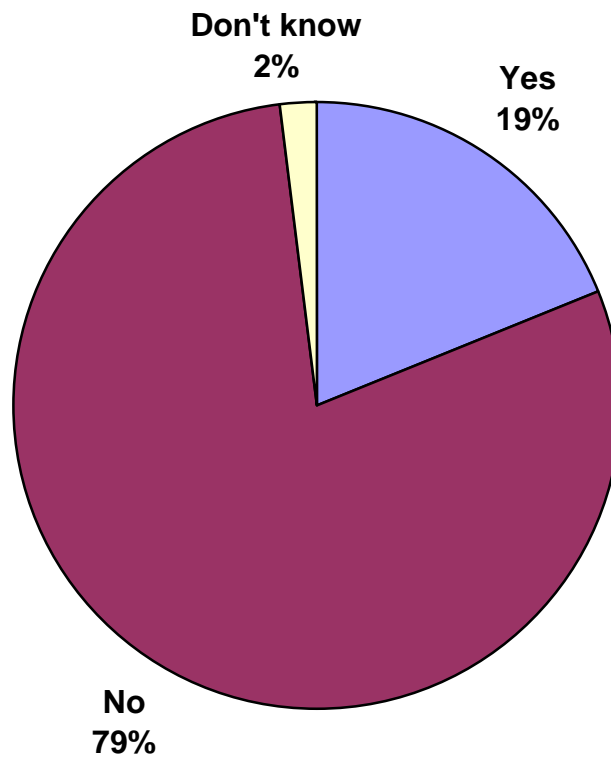
\*\* Other includes persons who define themselves as “Asian” or “Another race”.

†Western Region includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington Counties.

‡Eastern Region includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

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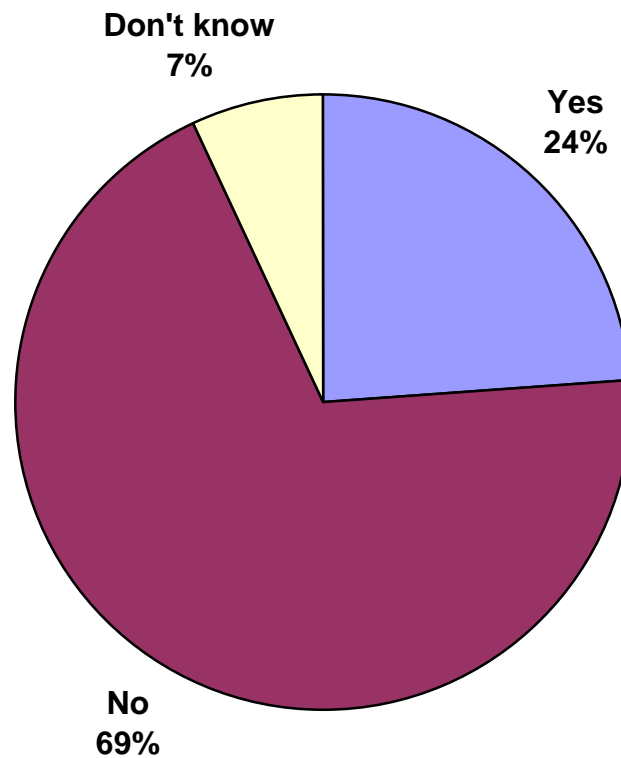
Figure 1 –  
Are there any places in your neighborhood that you avoid after  
dark because of crime?



Note: N=1,004 Respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001

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

Figure 2 –  
Do you think adults 21 and older should be able to possess  
small amounts of marijuana for their personal use without legal  
penalty?

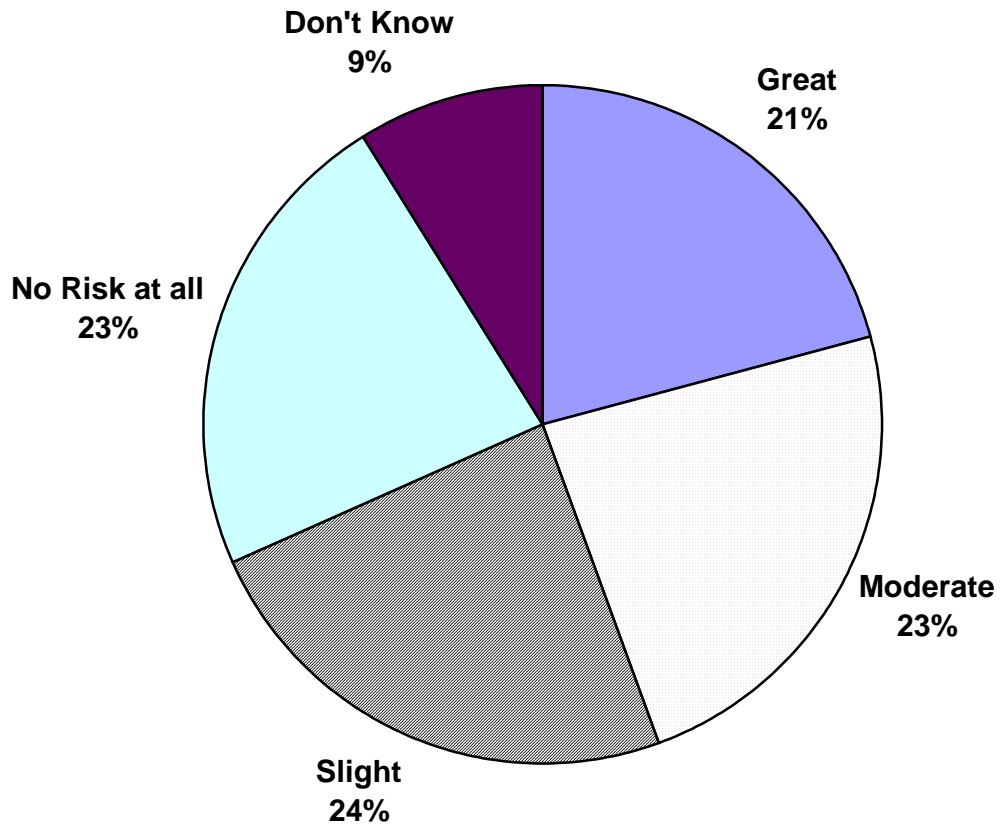


Note: N=993 Respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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



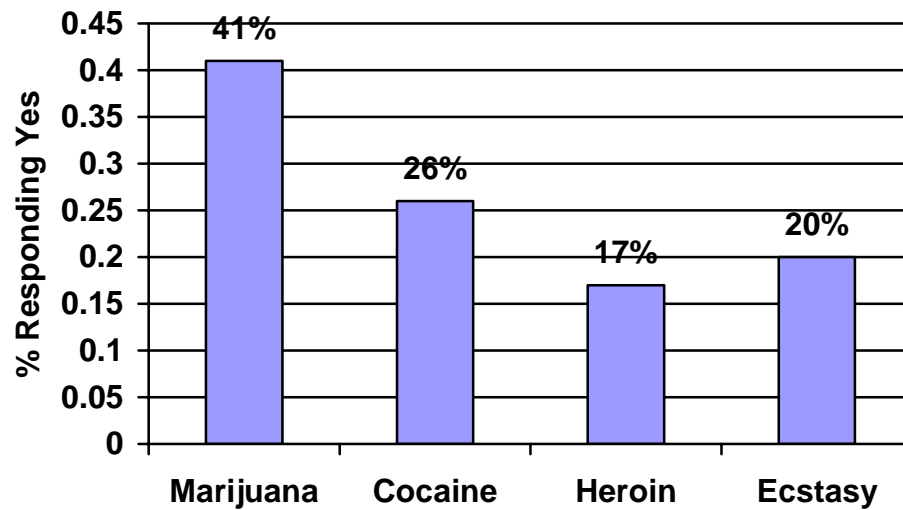
Figure 3 –  
If people try marijuana once or twice, do you think their risk of  
harming themselves is:



Note: N=997 Respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

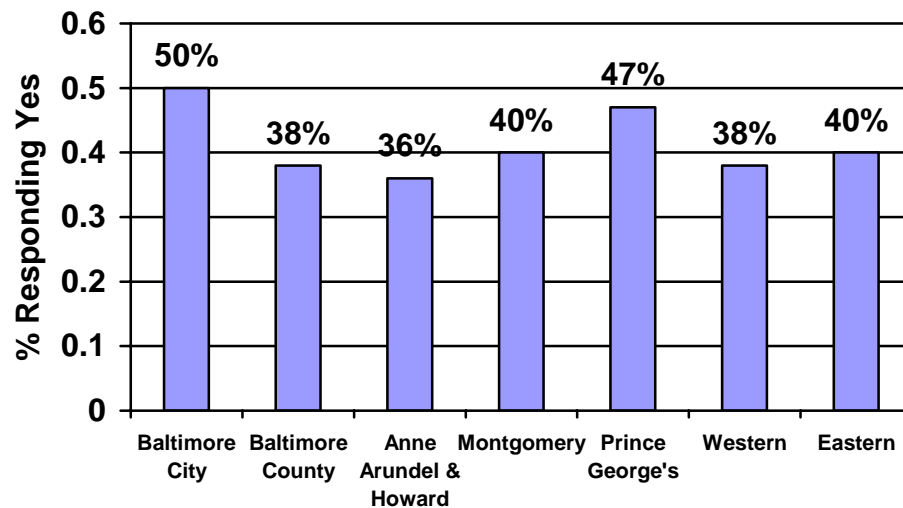
Figure 4 –  
Are drugs being sold in the neighborhood where you live?



Note: N= 999, 1001, 1002, 1003 respondents respectively, surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001

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

Figure 5 –  
Is Marijuana being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

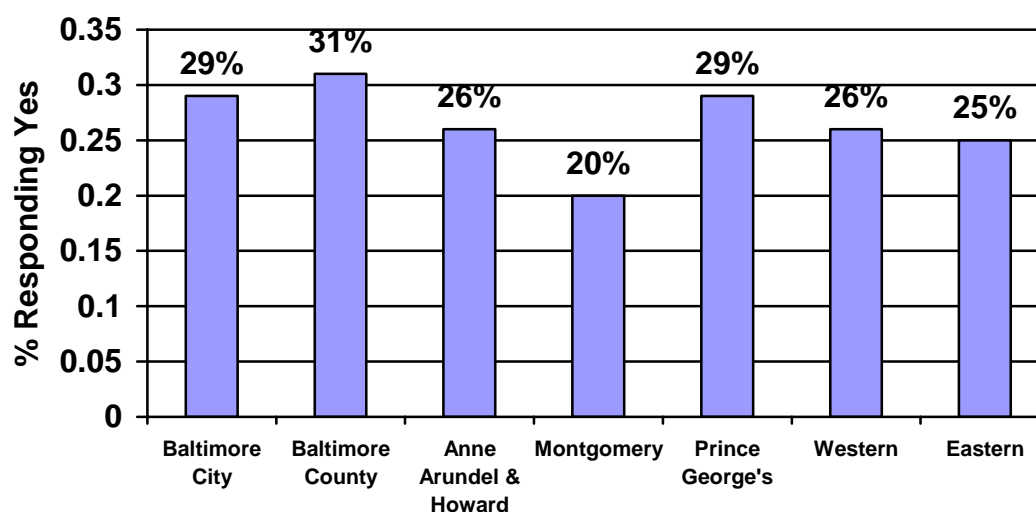


Note: N= 1000 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

Western includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington. Eastern includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester. *Please note that the region breakdowns have shifted slightly since the last report.*

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

Figure 6 –  
Is Cocaine (including crack) being sold in the neighborhood  
where you live?

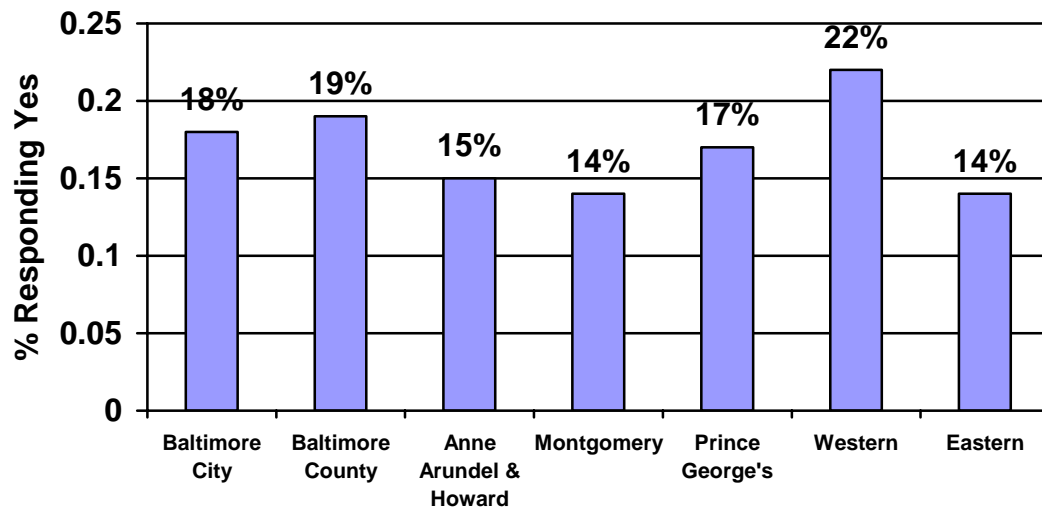


Note: N= 1001 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001

Western includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington. Eastern includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester. *Please note that the region breakdowns have shifted slightly since the last report.*

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

Figure 7 –  
Is Heroin being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

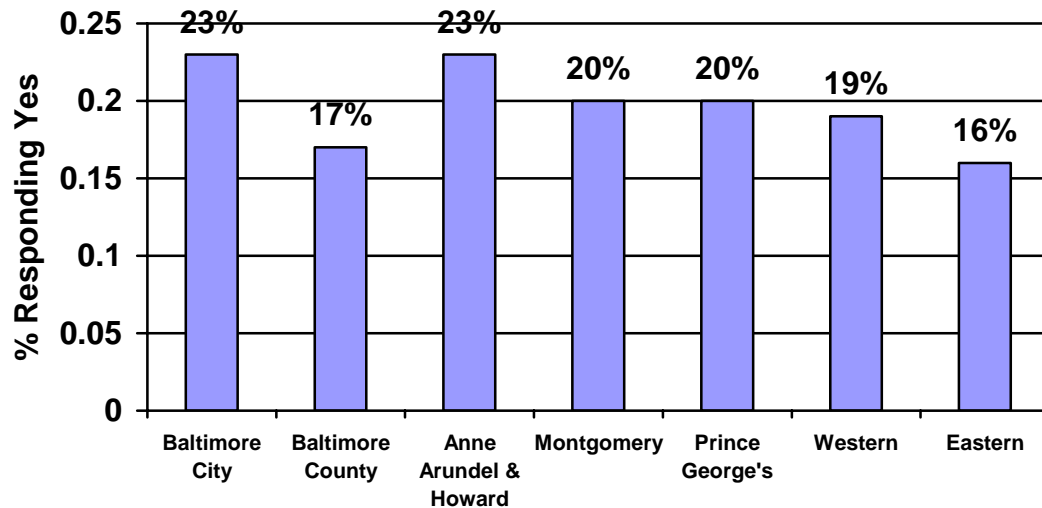


Note: N= 1003 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001

Western includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington. Eastern includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester. *Please note that the region breakdowns have shifted slightly since the last report.*

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

Figure 8 –  
Is Ecstasy being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

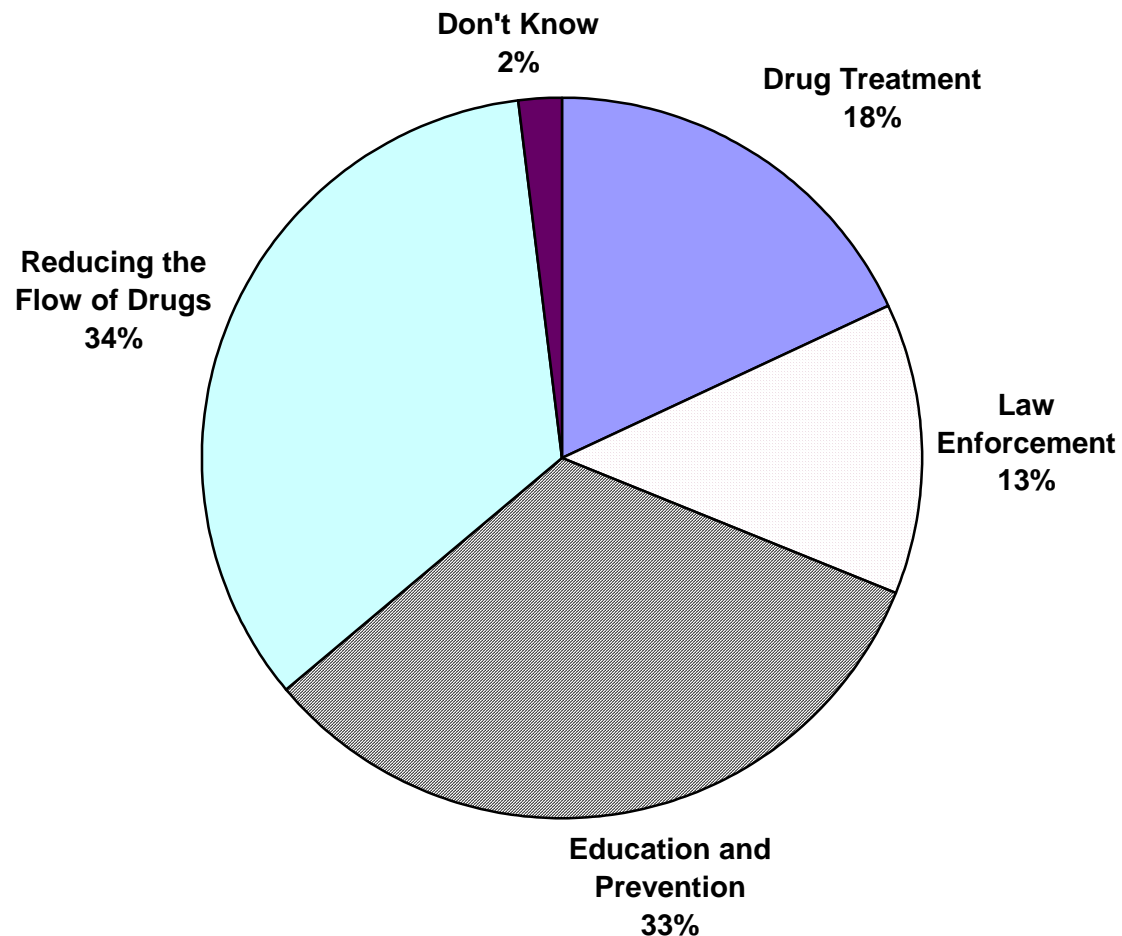


Note: N= 1002 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

Western includes Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington. Eastern includes Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester. *Please note that the region breakdowns have shifted slightly since the last report.*

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

Figure 9 –  
Which one of the following do you think should receive the  
most money and effort in the fight against drugs?



Note: N= 995 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

# Results

## Underage Drinking Questions Asked of Parents

Respondents were asked whether or not they were the parent or guardian of any children between the ages of 10 and 17. If they were (N=251), they were asked a series of questions. The results of those questions follow.



Table 2 (N=251)  
CHARACTERISTICS OF PARENT SAMPLE

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=251)	
Male	44%
Female	56%
Race (N=242)	
White	57%
African-American	35%
Other**	8%
Ethnicity (N=246)	
Hispanic decent	5%
Non-Hispanic decent	95%
Age (N=245)	
18-24	1%
25-34	19%
35-44	50%
45-54	23%
55-64	4%
≥ 65	4%
Household Income (N=209)	
<\$30,000	12%
\$30,000-\$50,000	19%
\$50,001-\$75,000	20%
> \$75,001	49%
Marital Status (N=247)	
Married	72%
Never Married	10%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	18%
Employment Status (N=249)	
Employed Full-time	76%
Employed Part-time	11%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	13%
Education (N=250)	
<HS Graduate	7%
HS Graduate	33%
Some College	21%
College Graduate	20%
Some Graduate School	1%
Graduate Degree	18%
Region of Residence (N=251)	
Baltimore City	16%
Baltimore County	10%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	18%
Montgomery County	13%
Prince George's County	17%
Western Region**	11%
Eastern Region†	14%

\* Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

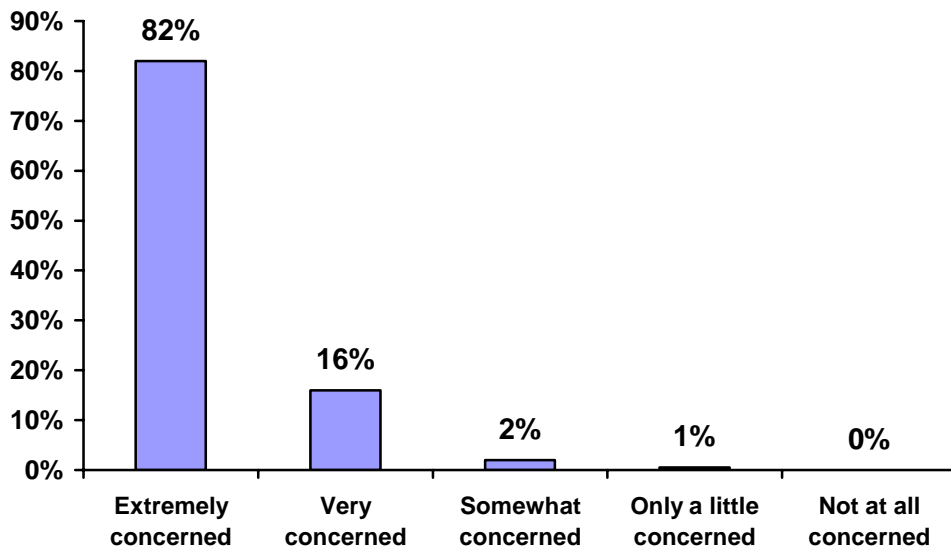
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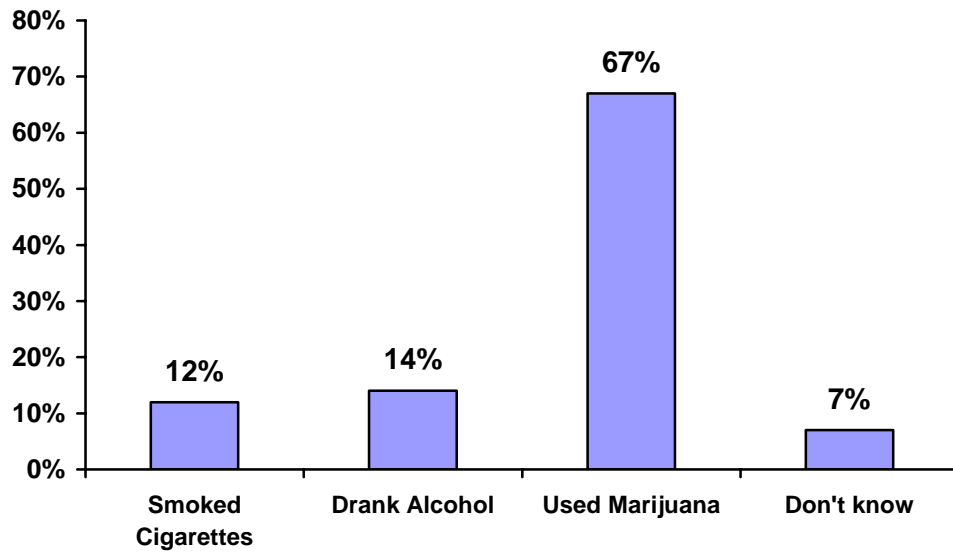
Figure 10 –  
Suppose you found out that your child was drinking alcohol regularly, would you be extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, only a little concerned, or not at all concerned?



Note: N= 245 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

Figure 11 –  
Would you be most concerned if your child...

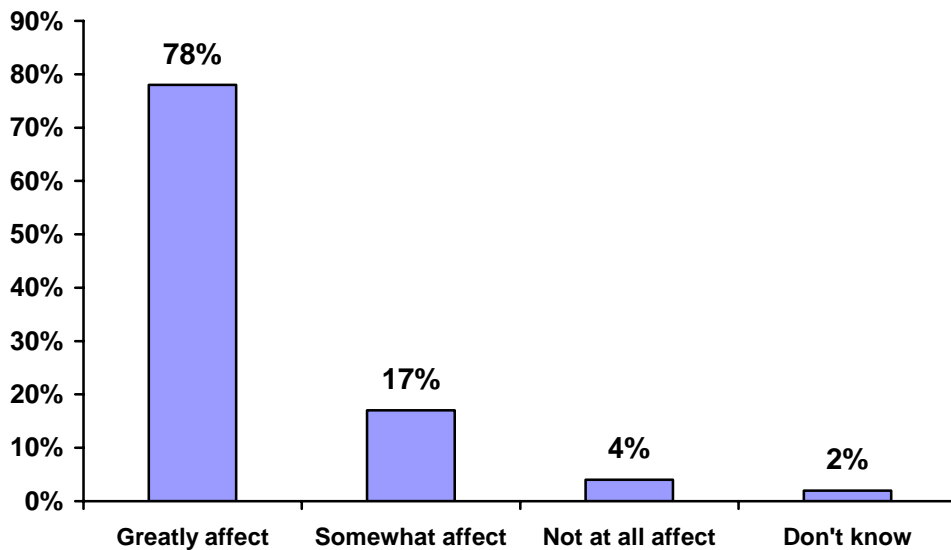


Note: N= 244 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

Figure 12 –

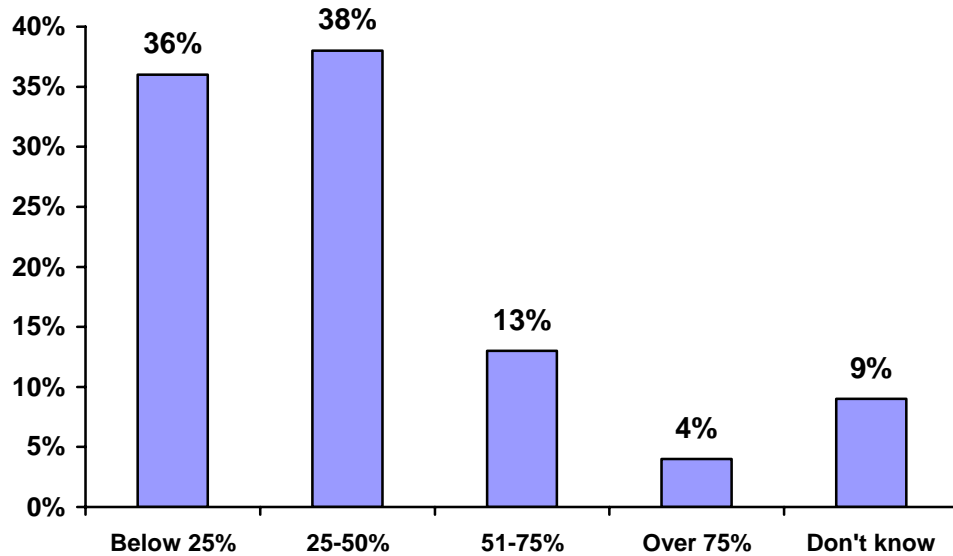
Do you think that the things you did or said before your child reached the age of 10 would greatly affect, somewhat affect, or not at all affect his or her decision to drink alcohol later in life?



Note: N= 246 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

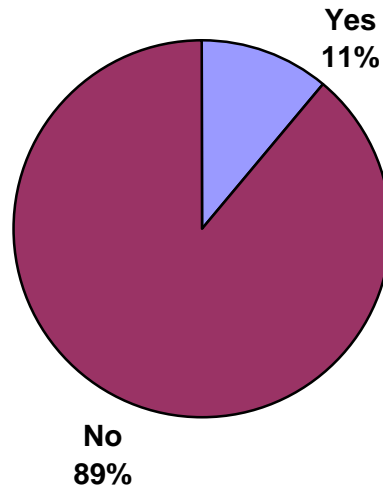
Figure 13 –  
What percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Maryland do you  
think drink alcohol on a regular basis?



Note: N= 246 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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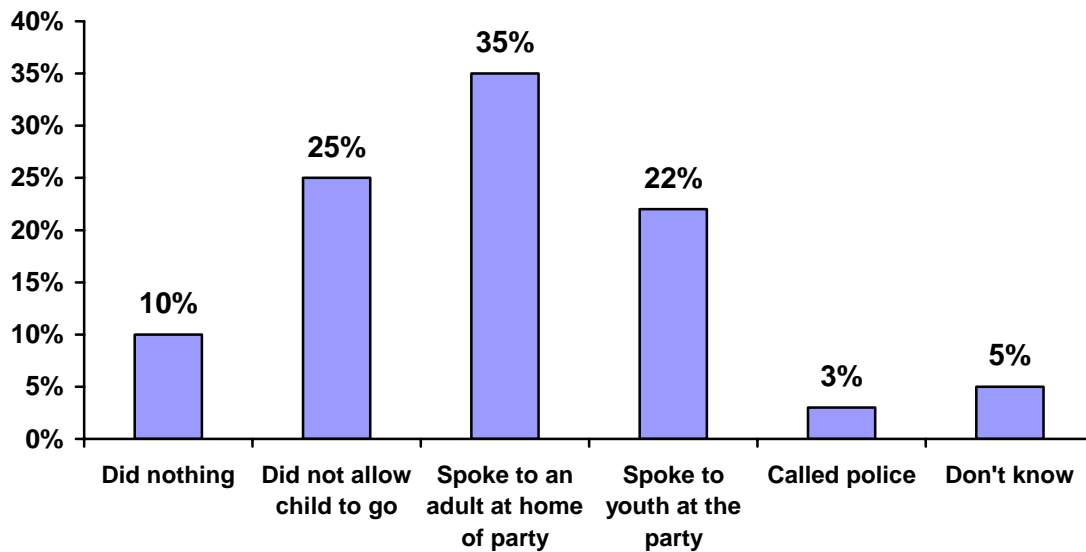
**Figure 14 –  
Have you ever found out that your child was going to a party  
where alcohol would be available?**



Note: N= 246 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

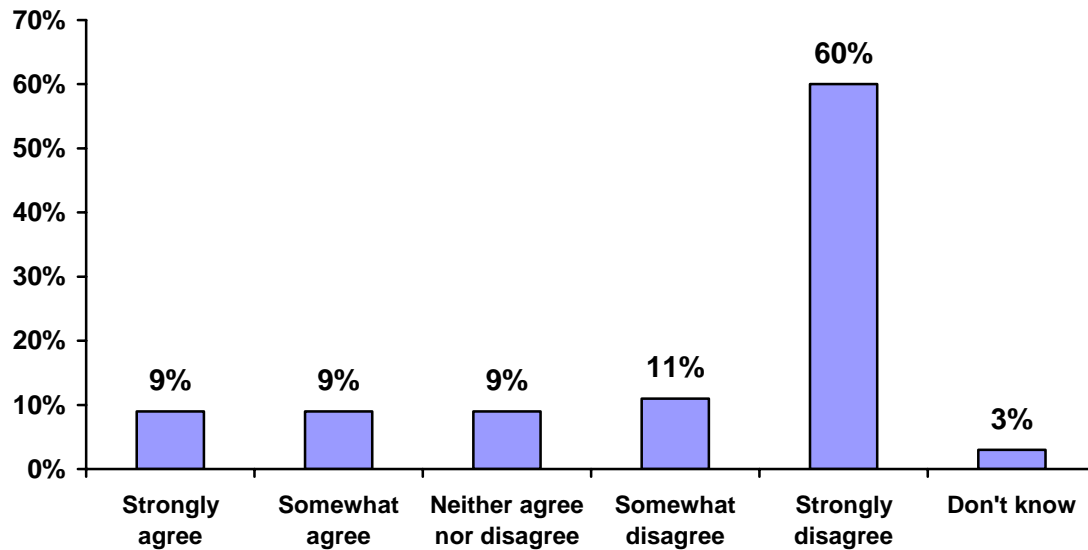
**Figure 14a –  
What did you do when you found out?**



Note: N= 27 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

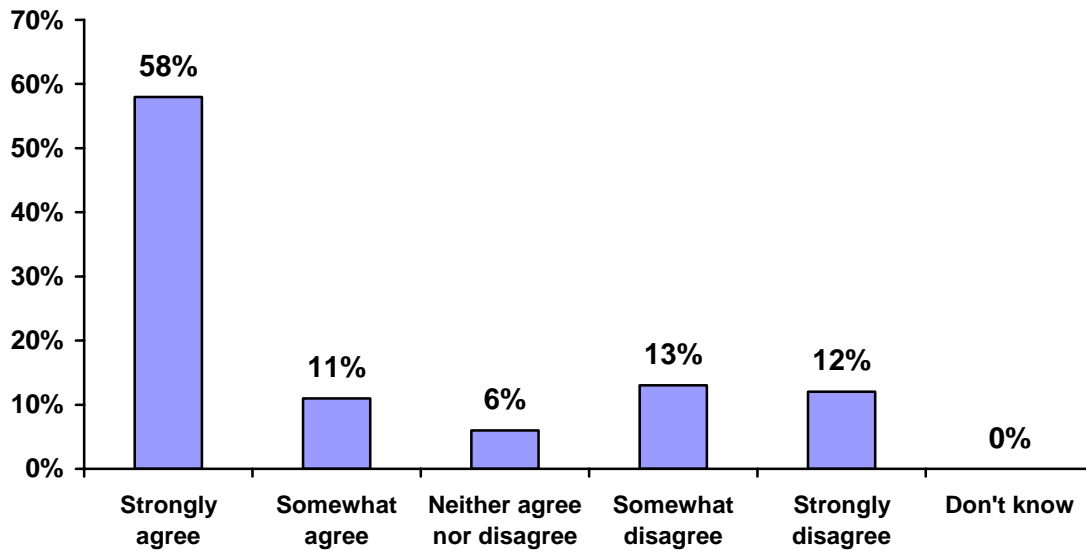
Figure 15 –  
Do you agree that if parents let their teenagers have alcoholic  
drinks at home, it will prevent them from doing unsafe things  
like driving under the influence?



Note: N= 246 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

Figure 16 –  
Do you agree that if parents let their teenagers have alcoholic drinks at home, it will send the wrong message about alcohol?

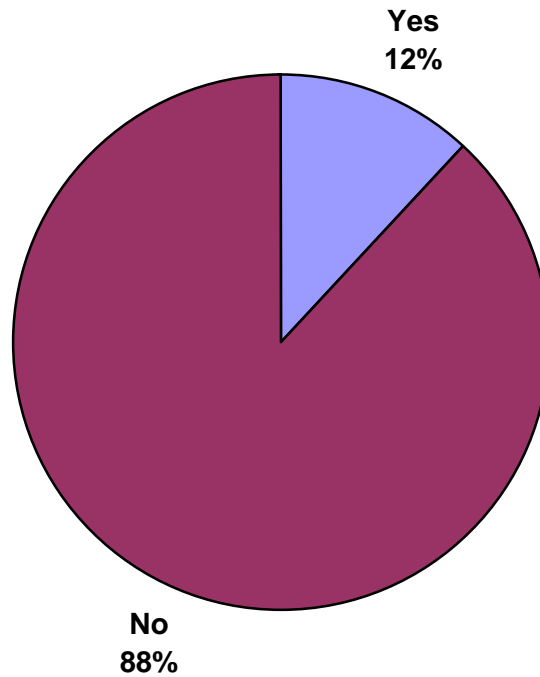


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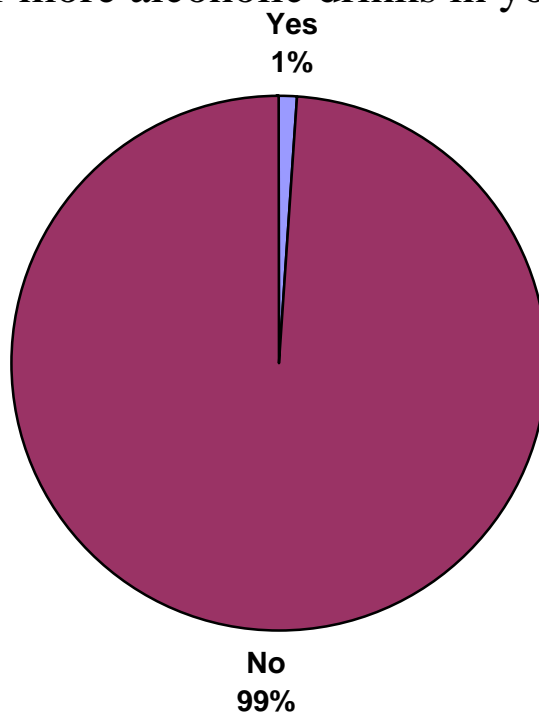
Figure 17 –  
Have you ever allowed your child to have one or more  
alcoholic drinks in your home?



Note: N= 246 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

Figure 18 –  
Have you ever allowed your child's underage friends to have  
one or more alcoholic drinks in your home?



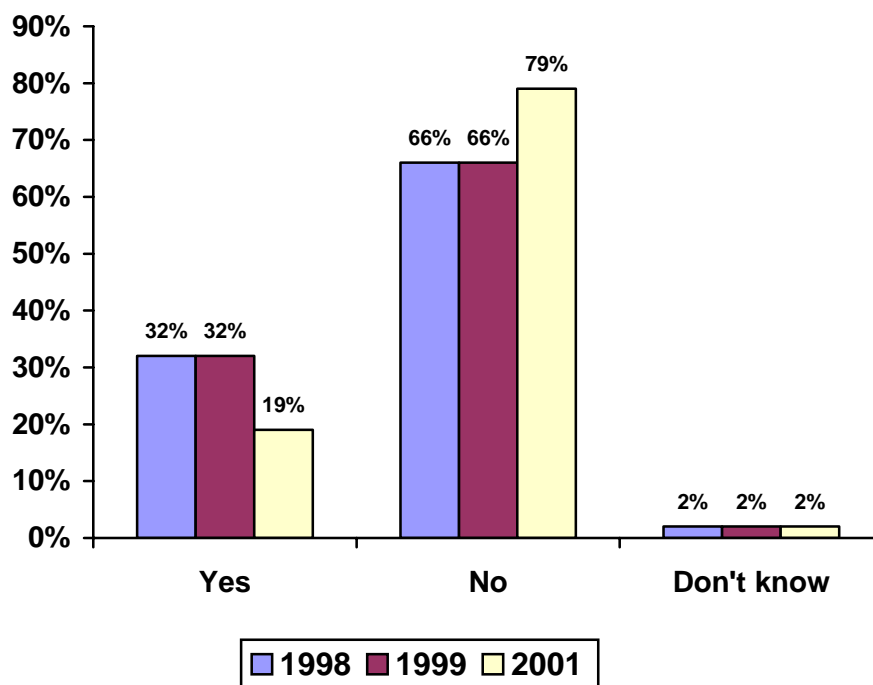
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# Results

## Comparisons across previous years

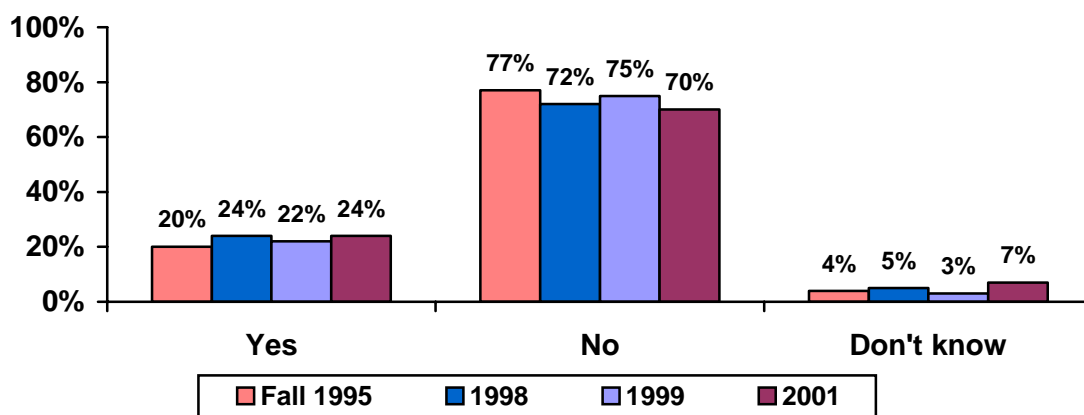
Figure 19 –  
Are there any places in your neighborhood that you avoid after  
dark because of crime, 1998-2001 ?



Note: 1998 Poll, N= 994 respondents surveyed between December 1997 and March 1998.  
1999 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July and October 1999.  
2001 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

Figure 20 –  
Do you think adults 21 and older should be able to possess  
small amounts of marijuana for their personal use without legal  
penalty, 1995-2001?

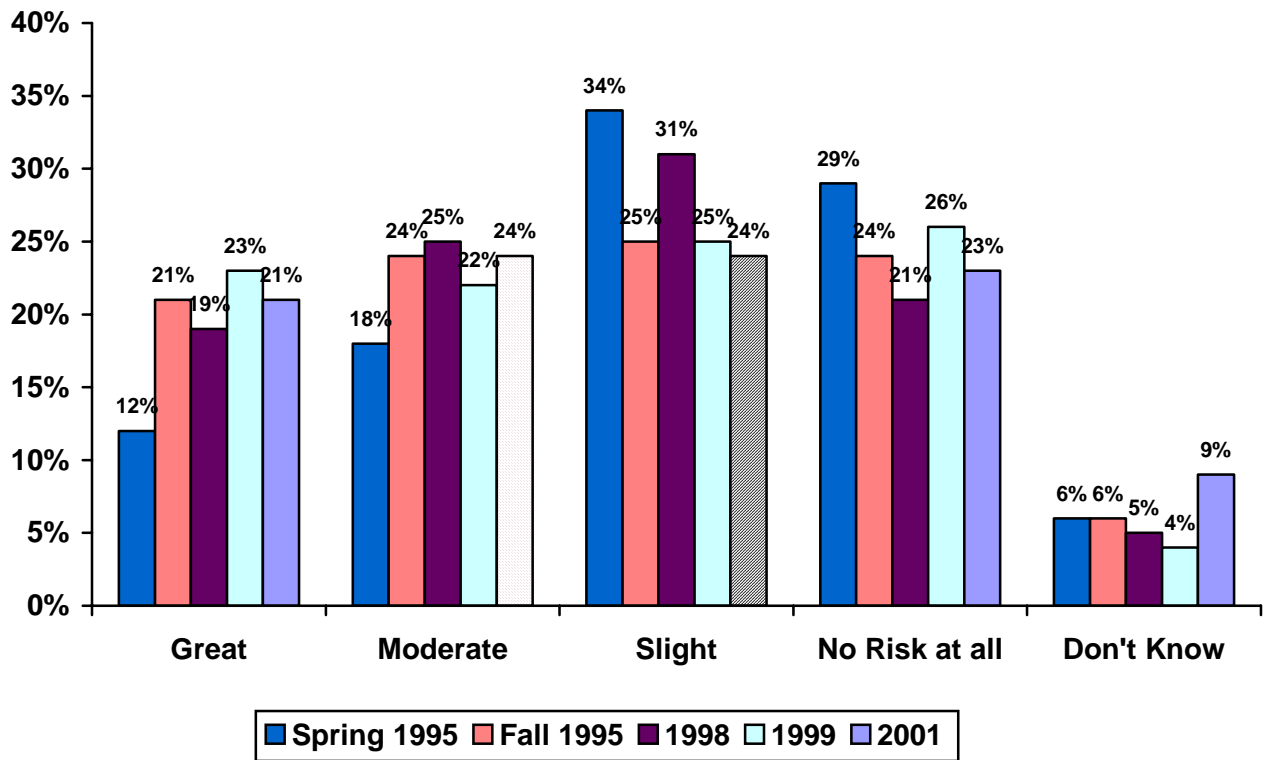


Note: Fall 1995 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between October and December 1995.  
1998 Poll, N= 994 respondents surveyed between December 1997 and March 1998.  
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2001 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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

Figure 21 –

If people try marijuana once or twice, do you think their risk of harming themselves is\_\_\_\_\_, 1995-2001?

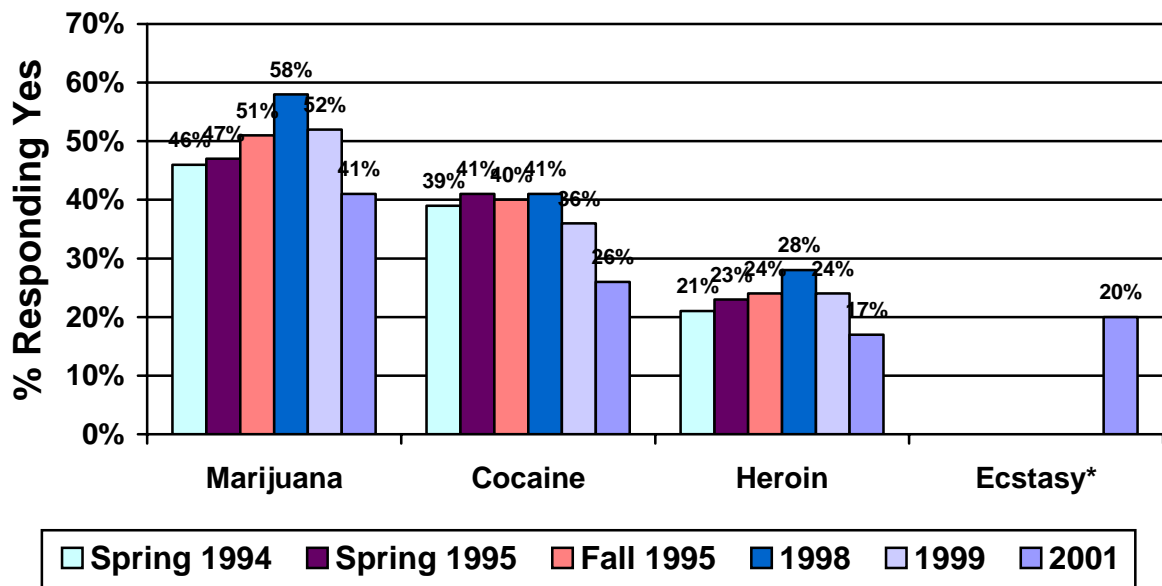


Note: Spring 1995 Poll, N= 989 respondents surveyed between April and June 1995.  
 Fall 1995 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between October and December 1995.  
 1998 Poll, N= 994 respondents surveyed between December 1997 and March 1998.  
 1999 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July and October 1999.  
 2001 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

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Figure 22 –

Are drugs being sold in the neighborhood where you live,  
1994-2001?

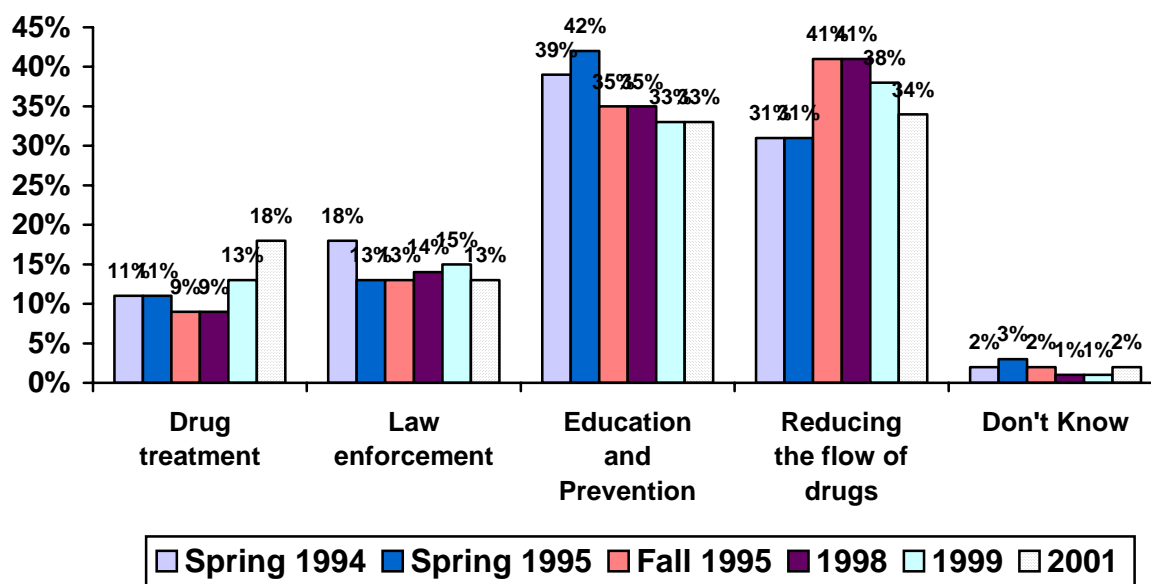


Note: Spring 1994 Poll, N=1,018 respondents surveyed between April and May 1994.  
 Spring 1995 Poll, N= 989 respondents surveyed between April and June 1995.  
 Fall 1995 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between October and December 1995.  
 1998 Poll, N= 994 respondents surveyed between December 1997 and March 1998.  
 1999 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July and October 1999.  
 2001 Poll, N= 1,002 respondents surveyed between July 6 and August 12, 2001.

\* Respondents were first asked in 2001 whether they thought ecstasy was being sold in their neighborhoods. It will be asked in future surveys however.

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

Figure 23 –  
Which one of the following do you think should receive the most money and effort in the fight against drugs, 1994-2001?



Note: Spring 1994 Poll, N=1,018 respondents surveyed between April and May 1994.  
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Source: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland College Park



# Appendix A

Survey Responses, by Respondent Demographic Characteristics  
Questions asked of all participants

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

Characteristic	Percentage responding yes* (%)
Gender (N=1004)	
Male	12%
Female	26%
Race (N=976)	
White	18%
African-American	24%
Other**	18%
Ethnicity (N=993)	
Hispanic decent	17%
Non-Hispanic decent	19%
Age (N=959)	
18-24	23%
25-34	16%
35-44	19%
45-54	15%
55-64	16%
≥ 65	28%
Household Income (N=789)	
<\$30,000	31%
\$30,000-\$50,000	24%
\$50,001-\$75,000	18%
> \$75,001	12%
Marital Status (N=984)	
Married	16%
Never Married	22%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	25%
Employment Status (N=992)	
Employed Full-time	17%
Employed Part-time	21%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	26%
Education (N=992)	
<HS Graduate	35%
HS Graduate	17%
Some College	17%
College Graduate	17%
Some Graduate School	9%
Graduate Degree	18%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	21%
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Do you think adults 21 and older should be able to possess small amounts of marijuana for their personal use without penalty?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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If people try marijuana once or twice, so you think their risk of harming themselves is:

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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Do you think cocaine, including crack, is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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## Do you think ecstasy is being sold in the neighborhood where you live?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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# Appendix B

Survey Responses, by Respondent Demographic Characteristics  
Questions asked of Parents or Guardians

Suppose you found out that your child was drinking alcohol regularly, would you be extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, only a little concerned, or not at all concerned?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
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Would you be ***most*** concerned it your child:

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
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Household Income (N=)	
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Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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Do you think that the things you did or said before your child reached the age of 10 would greatly effect, somewhat effect, or not at all effect his or her decision to drink alcohol later in life?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
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Household Income (N=)	
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Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
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College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
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What percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Maryland do you think drink alcohol on a regular basis?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
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Household Income (N=)	
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Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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Have you ever found out that your child was going to a party where alcohol would be available? If so, which of the following best describes what you did when you found out?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
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Household Income (N=)	
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Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
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Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
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Do you agree that if parents let their teenagers have alcoholic drinks at home, it will prevent them from doing unsafe things like driving under the influence? Would you say that you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
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Household Income (N=)	
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Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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Do you agree that if parents let their teenagers have alcoholic drinks at home, it will send the wrong message about alcohol? Would you say that you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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Have you ever allowed your child to have one or more alcoholic drinks in your home?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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Have you ever allowed your child's underage friends to have one or more alcoholic drinks in your home?

Characteristic	Percentage* (%)
Gender (N=)	
Male	%
Female	%
Race (N=)	
White	%
African-American	%
Other**	%
Ethnicity (N=)	
Hispanic decent	%
Non-Hispanic decent	%
Age (N=)	
18-24	%
25-34	%
35-44	%
45-54	%
55-64	%
≥ 65	%
Household Income (N=)	
<\$30,000	%
\$30,000-\$50,000	%
\$50,001-\$75,000	%
> \$75,001	%
Marital Status (N=)	
Married	%
Never Married	%
Separated/Divorced/Widowed	%
Employment Status (N=)	
Employed Full-time	%
Employed Part-time	%
Not employed (includes retirees, students, etc)	%
Education (N=)	
<HS Graduate	%
HS Graduate	%
Some College	%
College Graduate	%
Some Graduate School	%
Graduate Degree	%
Region of Residence (N=)	
Baltimore City	%
Baltimore County	%
Anne Arundel & Howard Counties	%
Montgomery County	%
Prince George's County	%
Western Region†	%
Eastern Region‡	%

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