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SPRING 1994 MARYLAND HOUSEHOLD OPINION POLL

Since 1990, the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) has arranged for the University of Maryland Survey Research Center to include questions on drug-related issues in its annual telephone poll of Maryland residents. This report presents the responses to the Spring 1994 Maryland Household Opinion Poll. The report summarizes Maryland residents' views on the following topics:

- Drug use trends in Maryland (pages 5 & 14).
- Drug sales in one's neighborhood (pages 6 & 15).
- Decriminalization of marijuana (pages 7 &16).
- Needle exchange programs (pages 8 & 17).
- Jail vs treatment for first-time drug offenses (page 9).
- How resources should be allocated in the fight against drugs (page 10).
- Whether policymakers should study and debate eliminating criminal penalties for possession of small amounts of drugs (page 11).
- Whether physicians should be allowed to prescribe marijuana. (page 12).
- Variables broken down by demographic characteristics and region (Appendix).

METHODOLOGY

- Telephone survey conducted for CESAR by the University of Maryland Survey Research Center at College Park between April and May 1994.
- Random sample of adults aged 18 or older and residing in households in Maryland with a telephone.
- 1,018 or 75% of targeted households completed the interview; 16% refused;
 6% were noncontacts; and 3% involved miscellaneous problems.
- Results have been weighted to correct for differences in sample eligibility and for (1) an underrepresentation of individuals aged 18-24 and an overrepresentation of individuals aged 35-54; (2) an underrepresentation of individuals with less than a high school education and overrepresentation of individuals with a college degree; and (3) an underrepresentation of whites.
- Estimated error of survey results is ± 3 percentage points.

Table 1 CHARACTERISTICS OF SAMPLE

(N=1,018 Respondents)

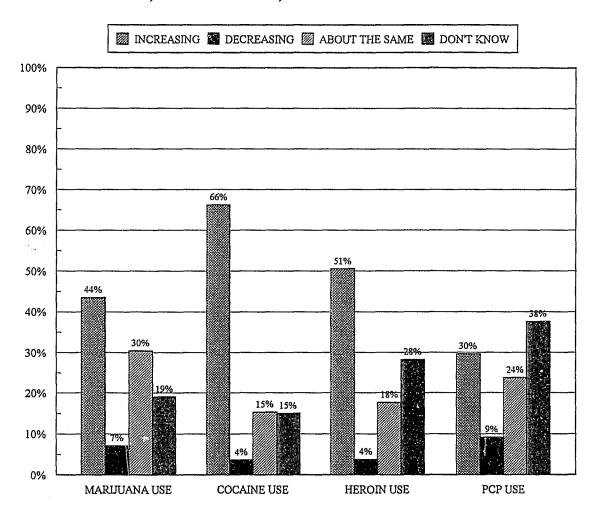
CHARACTERISTIC	PERCENTAGE (%)
SEX Male Female	45 55
RACE White Black Other	71 23 5
ETHNICITY Hispanic	4
AGE 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+	13 23 20 13 12 18
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 \$30,000-\$50,000 \$50,000-\$75,000 \$75,000+ Don't Know/Refused/Missing	25 25 20 17 14
MARITAL STATUS Married Never Married Separated/Divorced/Widowed	56 26 18
EDUCATION <high college="" graduate="" high="" school="" some=""> College Graduate</high>	21 29 26 15 10
EMPLOYMENT STATUS Employed Full-Time Employed Part-Time Not Employed	56 14 30

Notes: Weighted results; see methodology. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding, missing data, don't know, or refusal to answer. The missing data/don't know/refusal to answer category is included for income because it represent 14% of the sample.

SPRING 1994 MARYLAND HOUSEHOLD OPINION POLL HIGHLIGHTS

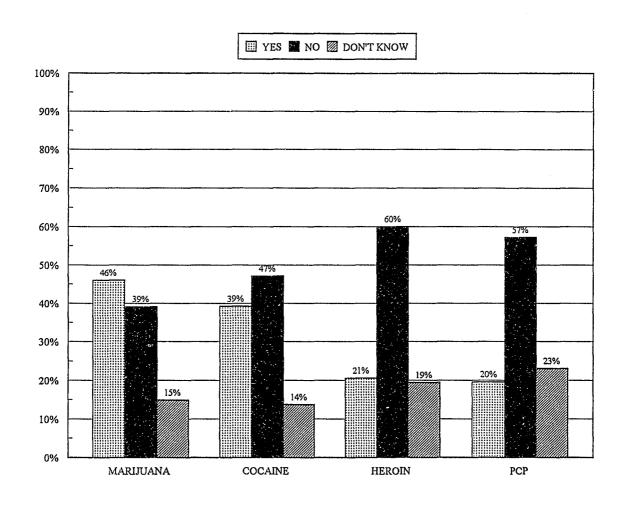
- More than half of Maryland residents think that cocaine/crack (66%) and heroin (51%) use is increasing in Maryland, yet less than half of Maryland residents think that cocaine/crack (39%) and heroin (21%) are being sold in their neighborhood. (See Figure 1 and Figure 2.)
- Nearly one-quarter of Maryland residents (22%) think that adults 21 or older should be able to possess small amounts of marijuana for personal use without legal penalty. (See Figure 3.)
- More than half of Maryland residents (55%) favor setting up needle exchange programs to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS. (See Figure 4.)
- Fifty-nine percent of Maryland residents think that a person with a first-time conviction for possession of illegal drugs for personal use should be placed in a treatment program. An additional 30% think that the offender should be sent to both a treatment program and jail. (See Figure 5.)
- Thirty-nine percent of Maryland residents (the largest proportion of respondents polled) think that education and prevention should receive the most money and effort in the fight against drugs. (See Figure 6.)
- Maryland residents are nearly evenly split on whether policymakers should study and debate eliminating criminal penalties for possession of small amounts of drugs (47% oppose and 44% favor). (See Figure 7.)
- The majority of Maryland residents (84%) think physicians should be allowed to prescribe marijuana if it is proven to be effective in treating some health conditions. (See Figure 8.)

Figure 1
RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:
DO YOU THINK THAT DRUG USE IN MARYLAND IS
INCREASING, DECREASING, OR STAYING ABOUT THE SAME?



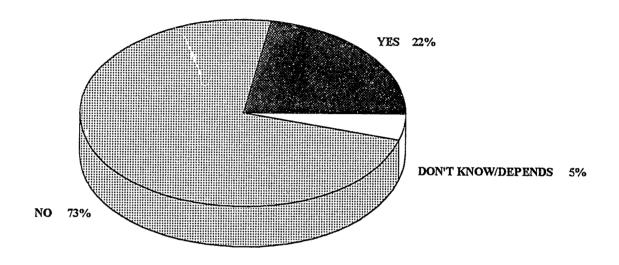
NOTES: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994. Cocaine use includes crack. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 2
RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:
DO YOU THINK THAT DRUGS ARE BEING SOLD IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE?



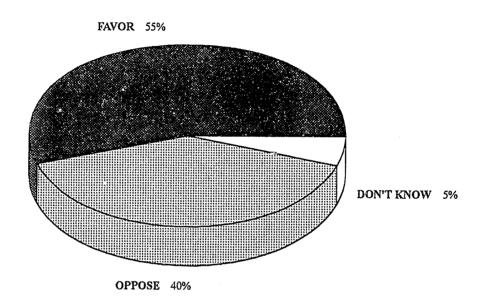
NOTES: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994. Cocaine use includes crack. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 3
RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:
SHOULD ADULTS 21 OR OLDER BE ABLE TO POSSESS SMALL AMOUNTS OF
MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE WITHOUT LEGAL PENALTY?



NOTE: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994.

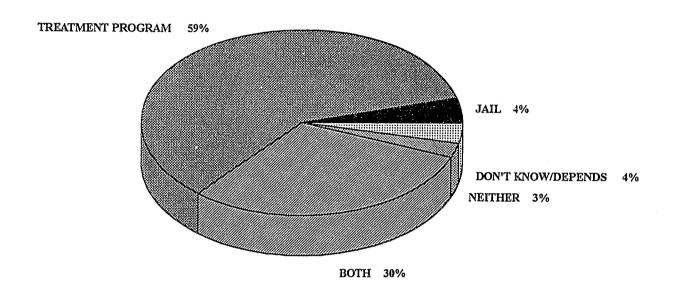
Figure 4 RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION: DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THE SET-UP OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF AIDS?



NOTE: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994.

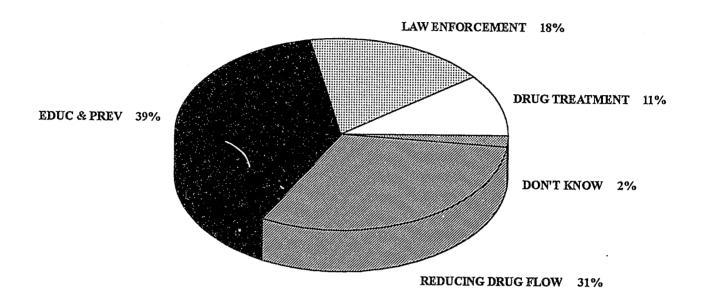
Figure 5 RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:

SHOULD A PERSON BE SENT TO JAIL OR A TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR A FIRST-TIME CONVICTION FOR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS FOR PERSONAL USE?



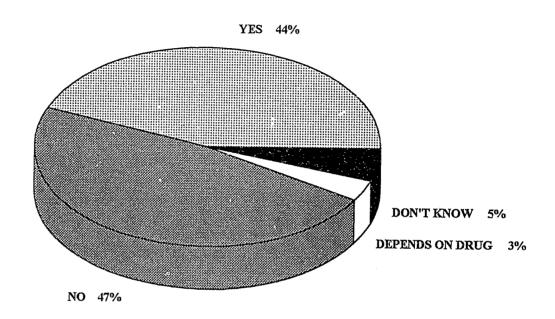
NOTE: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994.

Figure 6
RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU FEEL SHOULD RECEIVE THE
MOST MONEY AND EFFORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS?



NOTES: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding. SOURCE: Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), University of Maryland at College Park.

Figure 7
RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:
DO YOU THINK THAT POLICYMAKERS SHOULD STUDY AND DEBATE ELIMINATING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF DRUGS?



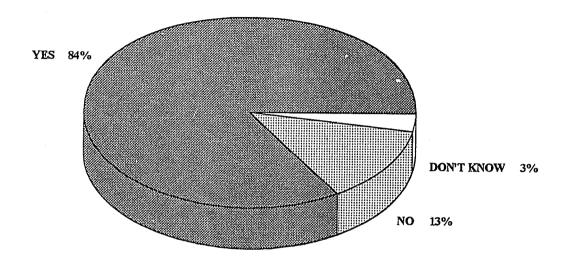
NOTES: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 8

RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION:

IF MARIJUANA IS PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING SOME HEALTH

CONDITIONS, SHOULD PHYSICIANS BE ALLOWED TO PRESCRIBE IT?



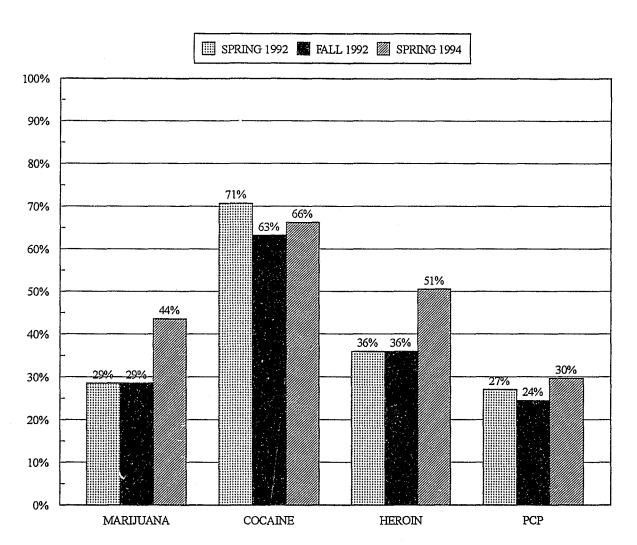
NOTE: N = 1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994.

MARYLAND HOUSEHOLD OPINION POLL, 1990, 1992, and 1994

This section compares responses to questions asked in the 1990, 1992, and 1994 surveys. Highlights of the comparisons are presented below.

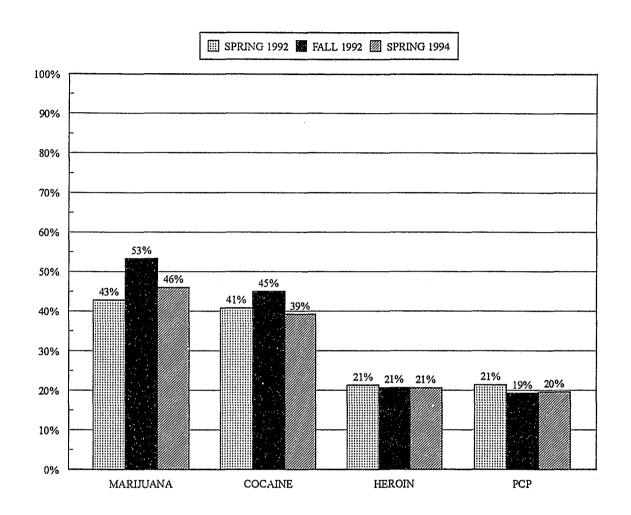
- An increasing proportion of Maryland residents think marijuana and heroin use is increasing in Maryland. (See Figure 9.)
- Since Spring 1992, there have been no dramatic changes in the percentage of Maryland residents who think drugs are being sold in their neighborhood. (See Figure 10.)
- Although approximately three-quarters of Maryland residents do not support decriminalization of marijuana, the minority of Maryland residents who do is increasing. (See Figure 11.)
- An increasing number of Maryland residents favor the set up of needle exchange programs to decrease the spread of HIV/AIDS--55% in Spring 1994 compared with 49% in Fall, 1992. (See Figure 12.)

Figure 9
RESPONSE TRENDS:
PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLE WHO THINK MARIJUANA, COCAINE, HEROIN, AND PCP USE IS INCREASING IN MARYLAND, 1992 AND 1994



NOTES: Spring Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed March-April, 1992).
Fall Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed November-December, 1992).
Spring Poll 1994 (N=1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994).
Cocaine use includes crack.

Figure 10
RESPONSE TRENDS:
PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLE WHO THINK DRUGS ARE BEING SOLD IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOOD, 1992 AND 1994



NOTES: Spring Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed March-April, 1992).

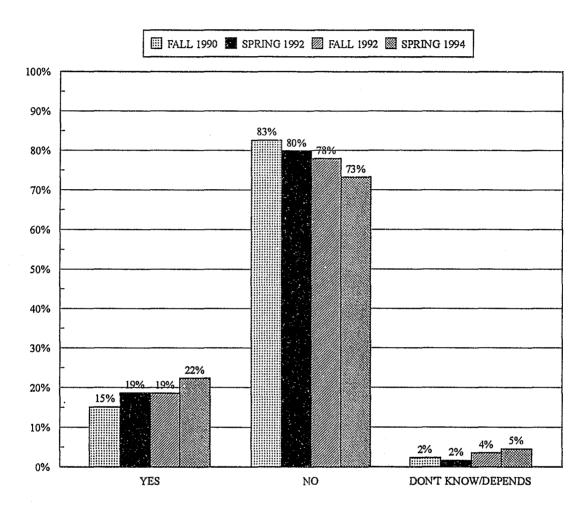
Fall Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed November-December, 1992).

Spring Poll 1994 (N=1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994).

Cocaine use includes crack.

Figure 11 RESPONSE TRENDS:

PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLE WHO THINK THAT ADULTS 21 OR OLDER SHOULD BE ABLE TO POSSESS SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE WITHOUT LEGAL PENALTY, 1990, 1992, AND 1994



NOTES: Fall Poll 1990 (N=964 respondents surveyed October-December, 1990).

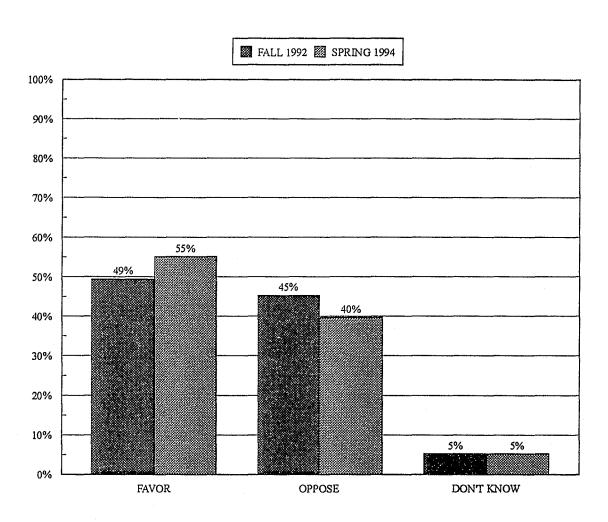
Spring Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed March-April, 1992).

Fall Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed November-December, 1992).

Spring Poll 1994 (N=1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994).

Cocaine use includes crack. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Figure 12
RESPONSE TRENDS:
PERCENTAGE OF SAMPLE WHO FAVOR/OPPOSE SETTING UP NEEDLE
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF AIDS



NOTES: Fall Poll 1992 (N=1,001 respondents surveyed November-December, 1992).

Spring Poll 1994 (N=1,018 respondents surveyed April-May, 1994).

Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

APPENDIX

BREAKDOWNS OF SPRING 1994 INTERVIEW RESPONSES BY DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS AND REGION OF RESIDENCE

DO YOU THINK THAT MARIJUANA USE IN MARYLAND IS INCREASING, DECREASING, OR STAYING ABOUT THE SAME?

VARIABLE (N*)	INCREASING (%)	DECREASING (%)	STAYING ABOUT THE SAME (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	44	7	30	19
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	42 45	7 7	35 27	16 21
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	42 46 51	6 11 6	33 25 23	19 18 20
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	44	9	25	23
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	66 43 36 39 46 37	4 9 11 10 2 5	22 38 35 32 30 22	8 11 19 19 22 36
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	43 38 44 49	8 8 5 8	31 36 31 31	18 18 20 13
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	40 54 39	7 4 12	31 29 31	22 12 19
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	47 44 45 40 35	7 8 7 7 5	24 32 31 33 36	23 16 17 19 24
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	43 40 46	9 5 4	32 40 23	16 16 26
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST** (126) WEST *** (141)	40 40 48 40 45 51 42	8 5 11 4 5 8	31 31 29 31 29 28 35	22 25 13 25 22 13 14

^{*}WEIGHTED RESULTS, SEE METHODOLOGY. No MAY NOT EQUAL TOTAL SAMPLE B/C OF MISSING CASES.

^{**}INCLUDES CALVERT, CAROLINE, CECIL, CHARLES, DORCHESTER, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S, SOMERSET, ST. MARY'S, TALBOT, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

^{***}INCLUDES ALLEGANY, CARROLL, FREDERICK, GARRETT, HARFORD, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

DO YOU THINK THAT COCAINE USE IN MARYLAND, INCLUDING CRACK, IS INCREASING, DECREASING, OR STAYING ABOUT THE SAME?

VARIABLE (N*)	INCREASING (%)	DECREASING (%)	STAYING ABOUT THE SAME (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	66	4	15	15
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	65 67	5 3	17 14	13 16
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	64 77 61	4 3 5	17 11 6	15 10 29
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	49	7	17	27
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	69 72 69 66 75 49	4 7 3 ** 1 3	24 12 14 17 6 20	3 9 14 17 18 27
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	61 71 67 69	4 4 7 **	16 12 17 19	19 13 10 12
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	66 67 65	2 7 2	14 18 16	18 7 17
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	61 73 67 63 61	2 1 5 7 4	15 15 16 14 17	22 11 12 17 18
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	70 68 58	4 6 2	13 16 19	13 11 21
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST*** (126) WEST **** (141)	65 67 79 54 65 64 67	5 2 2 4 7 3 3	13 18 12 18 14 16	17 14 7 25 14 17

^{*}WEIGHTED RESULTS, SEE METHODOLOGY. No MAY NOT EQUAL TOTAL SAMPLE B/C OF MISSING CASES. **LESS THAN ONE PERCENT.

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DO YOU THINK THAT HEROIN USE IN MARYLAND IS INCREASING, DECREASING, OR STAYING ABOUT THE SAME?

VARIABLE (N*)	INCREASING (%)	DECREASING (%)	STAYING ABOUT THE SAME (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	51	4	18	28
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	47 53	5 2	19 16	29 28
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	49 59 38	4 3 5	18 17 15	29 21 42
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	48	0	13	39
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	52 54 51 46 57 45	8 4 4 4 **	21 14 20 16 19 18	19 27 26 33 24 36
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	54 51 51 49	3 5 5 5	19 22 16 16	25 23 28 31
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	50 51 51	3 6 3	18 18 17	29 25 30
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	54 52 46 49 52	** 4 7 3 4	19 20 16 15 20	27 25 31 34 24
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	50 52 51	5 5 **	16 21 19	29 22 29
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST**** (126) WEST ***** (141)	45 60 67 40 42 46 49	3 1 3 2 5 11 3	18 16 16 14 19 18 23	34 23 14 44 34 26 26

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ST. MARY'S, TALBOT, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

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DO YOU THINK THAT PCP USE IN MARYLAND IS INCREASING, DECREASING, OR STAYING ABOUT THE SAME?

VARIABLE (N*)	INCREASING (%)	DECREASING (%)	STAYING ABOUT THE SAME (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	30	9	24	38
<u>SEX</u> MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	29 30	10 9	23 25	39 37
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	31 23 36	8 14 3	23 29 23	38 35 38
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	28	6	36	30
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	30 28 30 31 38 25	12 14 10 4 7 6	33 25 25 25 24 10 23	25 34 34 41 45 46
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	27 26 31 37	8 11 10 9	25 29 22 17	40 34 37 37
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EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	29 37 27	9 12 7	24 17 27	38 33 39
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DO YOU THINK THAT MARIJUANA IS BEING SOLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	46	39	15
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	48 44	40 39	12 17
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	46 49 35	38 38 53	16 13 13
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	19	63	18
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	64 53 51 46 35 28	35 36 36 44 40 47	1 11 14 10 26 25
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	44 54 51 46	36 35 42 44	20 11 8 10
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	44 56 40	39 37 42	17 8 18
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DO YOU THINK THAT COCAINE, INCLUDING CRACK, IS BEING SOLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	39	47	14
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	40 39	49 46	11 16
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	37 50 23	49 36 62	14 14 15
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	14	71	15
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	39 45 47 42 35 25	59 45 42 50 42 50	2 10 11 9 24 25
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (259) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	41 44 42 36	45 42 50 55	14 14 8 10
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	37 43 41	48 51 41	15 7 19
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	41 38 39 40 38	40 48 50 50 48	20 13 11 11 14
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	43 34 34	46 57 45	11 9 22
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST** (126) WEST *** (141)	36 32 55 32 41 42 34	50 51 34 54 45 47 52	14 17 12 14 14 11

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DO YOU THINK THAT HEROIN IS BEING SOLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	21	60	19
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	20 21	64 57	16 22
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	18 31 9	62 49 73	20 20 18
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	13	64	23
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	18 22 23 23 23 23 17	71 60 59 64 53 57	11 19 18 13 25 26
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MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	18 23 26	61 62 54	21 15 20
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	28 18 19 20 22	46 63 65 64 64	26 20 17 17 15
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	21 19 21	60 68 56	19 14 24
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST** (126) WEST *** (141)	17 24 44 13 17 14	64 56 44 65 60 66	20 21 13 22 23 20 19

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DO YOU THINK THAT PCP IS BEING SOLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DONT KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	20	57	23
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	21 19	60 55	20 26
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	20 20 16	58 55 62	23 25 22
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	11	69	19
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	14 21 24 21 24 14	69 59 57 56 47 56	17 19 20 23 29 30
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,006+ (178)	20 16 26 22	53 58 62 62	28 27 12 17
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	19 20 21	57 62 52	24 19 27
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	20 19 19 19 23	47 59 60 63 60	34 22 21 18 18
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	23 21 14	57 62 55	20 17 31
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST** (126) WEST *** (141)	26 17 29 18 18 18 13	58 58 49 59 57 62 59	16 26 22 23 25 25 25

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DO YOU THINK THAT ADULTS 21 OR OLDER SHOULD BE ABLE TO POSSESS SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE WITHOUT LEGAL PENALTY?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DEPENDS (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	22	73	3	2
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	26 19	67 79	5 **	2 2
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	22 22 26	73 76 72	3 ** 0	2 2 2 2
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	15	85	0	0
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	35 26 24 25 12	63 72 73 67 87 77	3 ** ** 6 ** 6	0 *** 2 3 1 5
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	23 20 25 27	72 75 71 70	2 4 2 1	3 2 2 2
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	19 31 21	77 65 76	3 3 **	2 1 3
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	18 18 27 24 32	73 79 70 73 66	5 2 2 2 2	4 1 2 1 2
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	25 25 17	72 71 77	2 4 3	2 0 3
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (27) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST*** (126) WEST **** (141)	19 25 25 26 21 20 20	78 71 70 72 75 72 76	2 2 2 2 2 3 5	2 2 3 ** 1 3 2

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ONE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF AIDS IS TO SET UP NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WHERE DRUG ADDICTS CAN TURN IN DIRTY NEEDLES AND GET CLEAN ONES. DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS?

VARIABLE (N*)	FAVOR (%)	OPPOSE (%)	DONT KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	55	40	5
<u>SEX</u> MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	53 57	45 36	3 7
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	56 54 55	39 42 43	5 4 3
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	60	33	6
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	56 61 47 60 58 51	42 36 47 38 36 38	1 3 6 2 6 11
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	53 55 62 60	41 39 37 38	6 6 1 2
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	53 59 56	41 39 37	6 2 8
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	50 52 55 63 65	41 43 42 33 32	8 5 4 4 3
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	56 58 52	41 38 39	4 4 9
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST** (126) WEST *** (141)	54 60 64 61 52 43 48	42 33 32 32 42 53 47	4 7 3 7 6 4 5

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SHOULD AN INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED FOR THE FIRST TIME OF POSSESSING DRUGS FOR PERSONAL USE BE SENT TO JAIL, TO A TREATMENT PROGRAM, OR BOTH?

VARIABLE (N*)	JAIL (%)	TREATMENT PROGRAM (%)	ВОТН (%)	NEITHER (%)	DEPENDS (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	4	59	30	3	2	1
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	6 3	63 57	25 34	3 2	3 2	** 2
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	4 4 10	61 59 45	29 29 41	2 4 3	2 4 0	1 ** **
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	5	49	43	0	0	3
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	6 5 1 5 6	54 55 68 57 64	35 36 24 30 28 28	2 4 4 3 2 0	3 ** 3 2 0 3	0 0 ** 3 **
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	8 2 3 4	59 58 59 62	28 33 32 30	1 4 4 3	2 3 2 **	1 ** **
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	4 4 6	60 55 63	31 34 24	2 4 2	2 2 2	1 1 3
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	6 4 4 4 1	59 58 56 65 68	29 33 33 25 25	0 2 5 3 4	3 3 2 3 **	4 ** ** 1 2
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	5 2 5	61 52 60	27 41 31	4 3 0	3 2 2	** ** 3
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST*** (126) WEST **** (141)	2 3 6 4 4 7 5	58 58 67 61 59 53	32 30 25 31 30 33 32	3 3 1 2 4 2 2	** 5 ** 2 2 3 3	5 0 ** 2 ** 3 0

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WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU FEEL SHOULD RECEIVE THE MOST MONEY AND EFFORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS?

VARIABLE (N*)	DRUG TREATMENT (%)	LAW ENFORCEMENT (%)	EDUCATION & PREVENTION (%)	REDUCING FLOW OF DRUGS INTO COUNTRY (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	11	18	39	31	2
SEX MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	8 13	22 14	39 40	30 31	.** 3
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK233) OTHER (51)	10 13 6	20 13 14	39 36 56	30 36 23	2 3 **
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	1	11	49	39	0
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	7 12 14 16 4	26 18 18 9 18	36 42 43 33 39 37	32 27 23 39 34 36	0 1 1 3 5
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	12 9 11 11	15 23 22 15	41 39 37 43	31 25 29 30	** 4 2 **
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	10 12 12	18 22 11	40 37 38	30 28 38	2 1 2
EDUCATION HS GRAD (213) HS GRAD (295) SOME COLLEGE (260) COLLEGE GRAD (151) >COLLEGE GRAD (98)	10 10 10 11 11	16 20 20 13 14	37 30 41 51 50	35 39 26 24 20	2 2 2 1 2
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULLTIME(570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	11 8 11	17 26 15	43 34 35	28 31 36	1 1 3
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL &HOWARD(127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST*** (126) WEST **** (141)	6 14 17 10 10 7	20 19 11 19 10 25 23	44 40 38 48 40 33 32	30 24 33 22 38 33 36	** 3 1 2 2 2 2

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DO YOU THINK THAT POLICYMAKERS SHOULD STUDY AND DEBATE ELIMINATING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF DRUGS?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DEPENDS ON DRUG (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	44	47	3	5
<u>SEX</u> MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	43 44	49 46	4 3	3 7
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	40 58 35	51 33 56	3 4 3	5 5 6
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	34	62	2	2
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	45 44 45 47 39 45	45 50 49 47 54	6 5 3 4 2 2	4 2 4 2 5 13
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	52 46 47 36	37 47 45 61	3 3 5 2	8 3 3 2
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	39 49 51	52 41 40	3 6 3	6 4 5
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	50 45 38 43 46	35 46 55 53 49	3 4 4 3 1	12 5 4 ** 3
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	44 41 45	48 54 44	4 3 2	4 3 9
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST*** (126) WEST **** (141)	38 43 55 38 45 44 42	54 39 39 54 47 50	2 7 3 4 3 2 3	6 11 4 4 5 4 2

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IF MARIJUANA IS PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING SOME HEALTH CONDITIONS, DO YOU THINK PHYSICIANS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PRESCRIBE IT?

VARIABLE (N*)	YES (%)	NO (%)	DON'T KNOW (%)
TOTAL SAMPLE (1018)	84	13	3
<u>SEX</u> MALE (463) FEMALE (555)	88 81	11 14	** 5
RACE WHITE (724) BLACK (233) OTHER (51)	85 80 78	12 17 20	3 3 1
ETHNICITY HISPANIC (42)	81	17	2
AGE 18-24 (137) 25-34 (232) 35-44 (199) 45-54 (135) 55-64 (119) 65+ (183)	80 87 85 89 80 82	20 10 12 10 13 13	0 3 3 1 7 5
INCOME <\$12,000-\$30,000 (251) \$30,000-\$50,000 (250) \$50,000-\$75,000 (199) \$75,000+ (178)	81 86 88 89	15 12 12 10	5 3 0 1
MARITAL STATUS MARRIED (571) NEVER MARRIED (260) SEP/DIV/WIDOWED (186)	84 85 83	13 13 12	3 2 5
EDUCATION <hs (151)="" (213)="" (260)="" (295)="" college="" grad="" hs="" some="">COLLEGE GRAD (98)</hs>	78 83 85 87 91	17 15 12 10 6	\$ 2 3 3 3
EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYED FULL-TIME (570) EMPLOYED PART-TIME (140) NOT EMPLOYED (305)	86 77 85	12 19 12	2 4 4
REGION OF RESIDENCE ANNE ARUNDEL & HOWARD (127) BALTIMORE (161) BALTIMORE CITY (169) MONTGOMERY (148) PRINCE GEORGE'S (146) EAST*** (203) WEST **** (61)	86 85 87 89 83 83	13 12 13 10 13 13 13	2 3 ** 1 4 5 6

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