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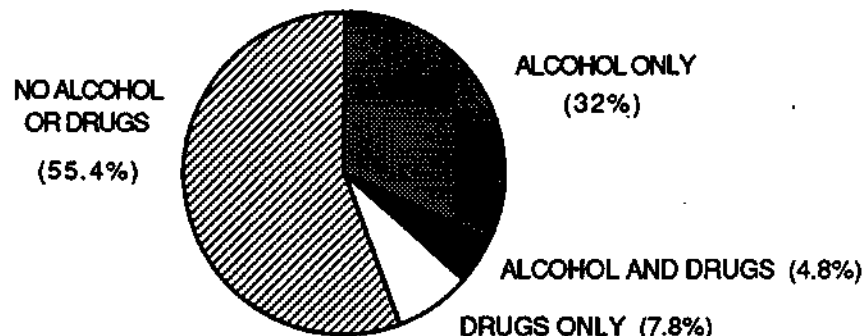
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Alcohol and Drugs Factor in Maryland Vehicular Crashes

Forty-five percent of car/truck drivers who were treated at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore from July 1987 - June 1990 tested positive for alcohol and/or drugs. Of the 2,182 drivers tested during this three-year period, about one-third tested positive for alcohol only, 8% for drugs only, and 5% for both alcohol and drug. The Shock Trauma Center of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) of the University of Maryland in Baltimore receives severely injured patients from counties throughout Maryland and occasionally from contiguous states. These statistics highlight the apparent connection between alcohol and other drugs and vehicular crashes leading to serious injury.

Presence of Alcohol and Drugs* in Drivers Treated at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore

(2,182 Tested from July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1990)



* Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Cocaine, Methadone, Opiates, and PCP.

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