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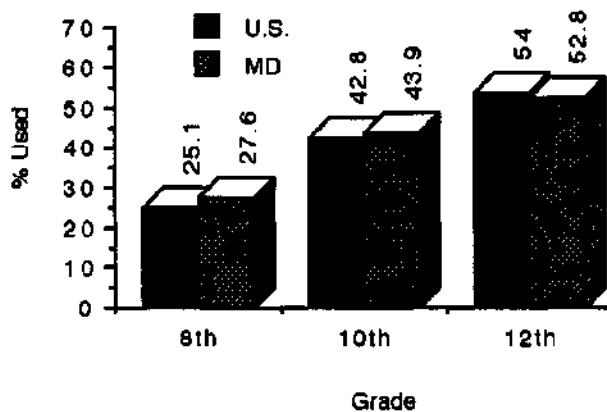
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National and Maryland Student Surveys Find Large Increases in Current Alcohol and Cigarette Use Between 8th and 12th Grade Students

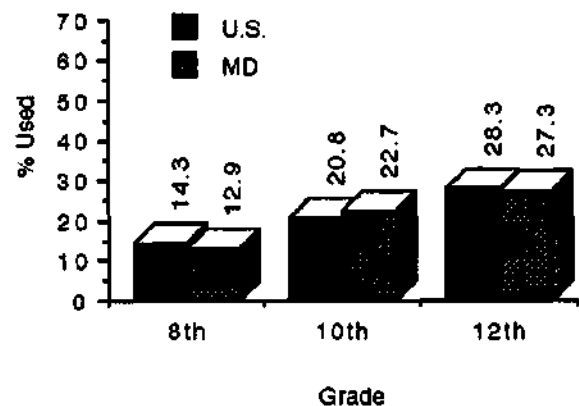
Maryland public school students in grades 8, 10, and 12 were about as likely to have used alcohol or cigarettes in the prior 30 days as students in a national sample. Moreover, rates of alcohol and cigarette use nearly doubled between 8th and 12th grade students. Use of stimulants, inhalants, LSD, cocaine, steroids, and PCP was somewhat higher in Maryland students than students in the national sample (data not shown). The progressive use of alcohol and cigarettes by students suggests that prevention programs should target students early in their school careers.

Current Alcohol and Cigarette Use in the National and Maryland Surveys of 8th, 10th and 12th Grade Students, 1990-1991**

Alcohol Use During 30 Days Prior to Survey



Cigarette Use During 30 Days Prior to Survey



** National survey conducted in 1991; Maryland survey conducted in 1990-91 school year.

Source: Adapted by CESAR from "Monitoring the Future" study press release by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, January, 1992 and Maryland Biennial Adolescent Survey, 1991.

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