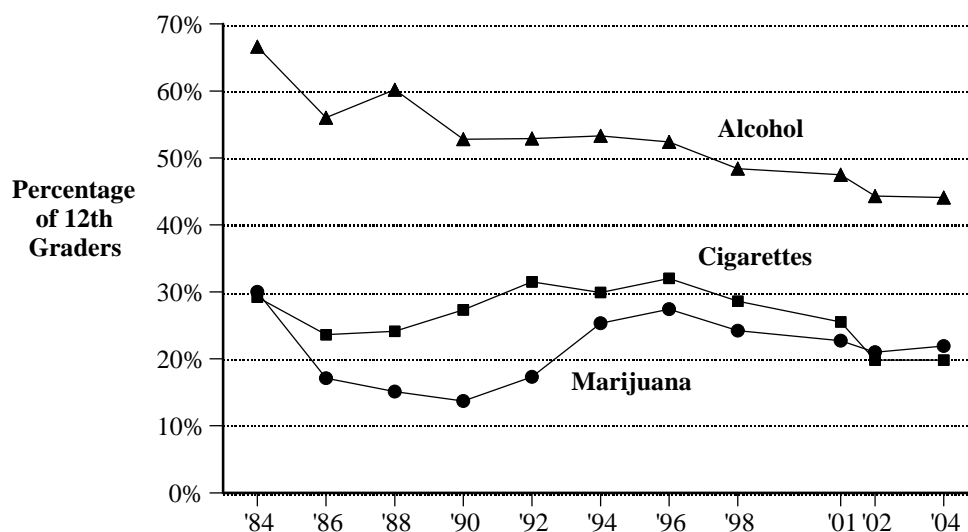


Maryland High School Students' Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Marijuana Has Declined During the Past Two Decades

The use of the three substances most popular among Maryland 12th graders—alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana—has declined since 1984, according to data from the recently released *2004 Maryland Adolescent Survey*. Two-thirds (66%) of high school seniors reported current* use of alcohol in 1984, compared to 44% in 2004. Cigarette and marijuana use have also decreased during the past two decades, from around 30% in 1984 to 20% and 22%, respectively, in 2004. Other substances that have shown declines in use include cocaine and amphetamines (from approximately 10% each in 1984 to 5% in 2004) and, more recently, LSD and inhalants (data not shown).

Percentage of Maryland Twelfth Grade Students Reporting Past Month Use of Alcohol, Cigarettes, and Marijuana, 1984 to 2004



*Current use is defined as any use within the past 30 days.

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