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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Drug Enforcement Coordinating System (DECS) was established in 1985 as a system to enhance the efficiency of narcotics investigations. It began with seven participating law enforcement agencies. There are currently 64 municipal, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia participating in the DECS system.

This assessment is an analysis of drug investigation entries made by agencies with a minimum of 25 DECS entries during the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. This assessment analyzes only those entries where suspect demographics and drug type are provided. The agencies meeting this criterion include the following:

Maryland State Police (MSP)  
Baltimore County Police Department (BCO)  
Baltimore City Police Department (BCTY)  
Anne Arundel County Police Department (AACO)  
Annapolis Police Department (ANNPLS)  
Harford County Sheriff's Department (HARFORD)  
Howard County Police Department (HOWARD)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
Drug Enforcement Administration, Baltimore Division (BALTDEA)  
DEA, Metro Area Task Force/Group 34 (DEAMATF)  
Charles County Sheriff's Office (CHARLES)  
Calvert County Sheriff's Office (CALVERT)  
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (ST. MARY)  
Cambridge Police Department (CMBRDGE)  
Hagerstown Department of Police (HAGERS)  
Prince George's County Police Department (PGCO)  
Montgomery County Police Department (MONTCO)  
Laurel City Police Department (LRLCITY)  
Virginia State Police (VASP)  
Prince William County Police Department (PWCO)  
Arlington County Police Department (ARLNGTN)  
Fairfax County Police Department (FAIRFAX)  
Winchester Police Department (WINCHR)

In order to make regional comparisons regarding drug investigations, DECS entries submitted by the selected agencies were separated into seven regions. These regions include the following agencies:

Metropolitan Baltimore (Baltimore) - Baltimore City Police,  
Baltimore County Police, Anne Arundel County Police,

Annapolis Police, Maryland State Police (Baltimore Narcotics Task Force), Drug Enforcement Administration (Baltimore Division)

Metropolitan Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia (D.C./VA) - Montgomery County Police, Prince George's County Police, Laurel Police, Drug Enforcement Administration (Metro Area Task Force/Group 34), Arlington County Police, Fairfax County Police, Virginia State Police, Prince William County Police, Winchester Police, Maryland State Police (College Park Narcotics Task Force)

Central Maryland (Central) - Howard County Police, Maryland State Police Narcotics Task Forces (Carroll County, Frederick County)

Northeast Maryland (Northeast) - Harford County Sheriff, Maryland State Police Narcotics Task Forces (Harford County, Cecil County)

Southern Maryland (Southern) - Calvert County Sheriff, St. Mary's County Sheriff, Charles County Sheriff, Maryland State Police (Waldorf Narcotics Task Force)

Western Maryland (Western) - Hagerstown Police, Maryland State Police Narcotics Task Forces (Allegany County, Garrett County, Washington County)

Maryland Eastern Shore (Eastern) - Cambridge Police, Maryland State Police Narcotics Task Forces (Dorchester County, Caroline/Queen Anne's Counties, Kent County, Wicomico County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Worcester County)

The results of several drug indicators are used as a basis for evaluating certain trends appearing in DECS entries. These indicators include the following:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN)  
Drug Related Emergency Room Admissions  
January - June 1993 Preliminary Estimates  
Advance Report March 1994

Trends and Patterns in Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Maryland  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA)  
FY 1993

National Institute on Drug Abuse  
National High School Senior Survey  
1993

The following abbreviations are used for drug names:

MJ - Marijuana  
HCL - Cocaine HCL  
CRK - Crack  
H - Heroin  
PCP - Phencyclidine  
LSD - Lysergic Acid Diethylamide  
RX - Pharmaceuticals  
METH - Methamphetamine

This assessment provides an analysis of the types of drugs being investigated and the demographics of those individuals suspected of engaging in illegal drug activity. This information can be used by law enforcement to evaluate the nature and extent of drug investigations and assist in developing investigative strategies.

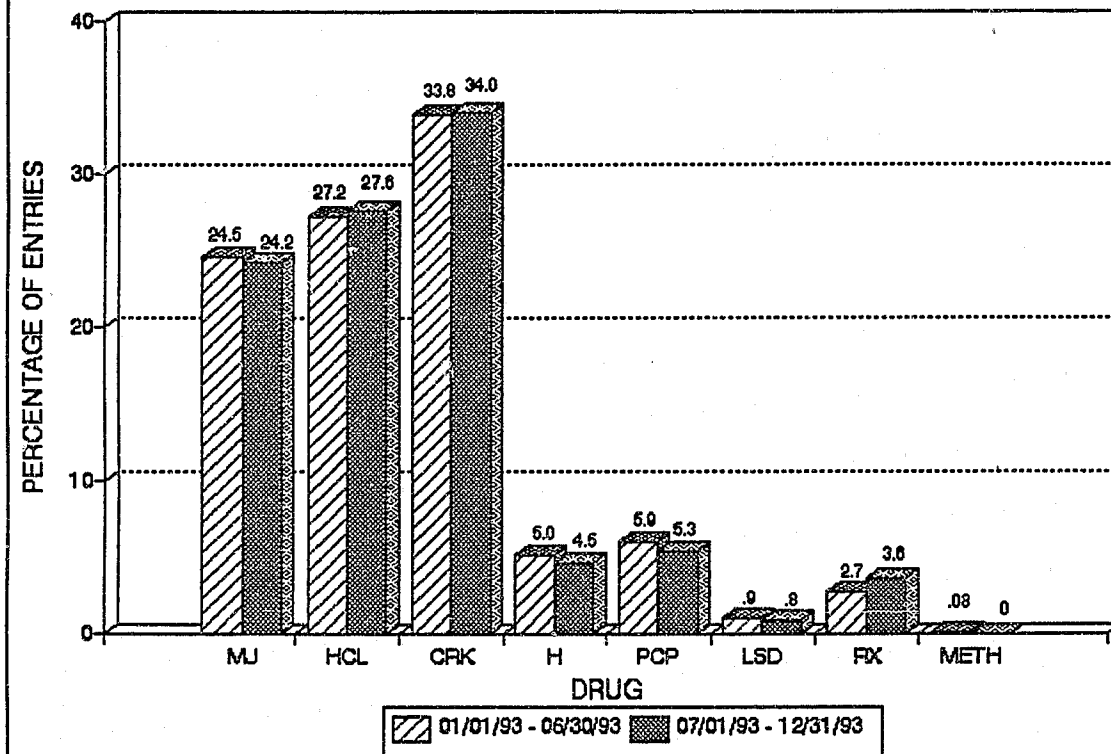
### DECS ENTRIES VERSUS CASES

The following table shows the number of DECS entries made by each agency from 01/01/93 through 12/31/93.

AGENCY	ENTRIES	CASES	ENTRIES/CASES
MSP	2,228	1,384	1.61
BALTO. CO.	421	257	1.64
BALTO. CITY	201	N/A	N/A
ANNE ARUNDEL	427	330	1.29
ANNAPOLIS	42	40	1.05
HARFORD	48	44	1.09
HOWARD	51	37	1.38
FBI	105	37	2.84
DEA BALTO.	360	93	3.87
DEA MATE/34	41	10	4.10
CHARLES	257	186	1.38
CALVERT	29	29	1.00
ST. MARY'S	246	181	1.36
CAMBRIDGE	52	39	1.33
HAGERSTOWN	39	27	1.44
PRINCE GEORGE'S	211	118	1.79
MONTGOMERY	201	196	1.03
LAUREL CITY	35	30	1.17
VASP	59	54	1.09
PRINCE WILLIAM	60	57	1.05
ARLINGTON	41	37	1.11
FAIRFAX	31	27	1.15
WINCHESTER	27	22	1.23

The number of DECS entries per case usually indicates the extent of the investigation and complexity of the drug distribution network under investigation. Generally, the greater the number of entries, the more complex the drug distribution network under investigation.

**SYSTEMWIDE DECS DRUG ENTRIES  
1993**



Note: Appendixes 1 & 2 show DECS drug entries for each selected agency.

The above graph shows the percentage of systemwide DECS entries for the first half and the second half of 1993. As the graph illustrates, crack represents the largest percentage of systemwide DECS entries for the entire year. The second largest percentage of DECS entries is represented by cocaine HCL, followed by marijuana. As with crack, the ranking for cocaine HCL and marijuana remained consistent for the entire year.

The percentage of DECS entries for these drugs has changed very little from the previous DECS assessment. Crack, cocaine HCL, and marijuana have consistently ranked as the top three drugs for all previous DECS assessments.

PCP ranked fourth in DECS entries 1993. This is the highest ranking ever exhibited by PCP in systemwide DECS entries. The increase in PCP ranking is consistent with the latest Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA) findings for admission into Maryland Substance Abuse Treatment programs. ADAA maintains statistics regarding drug mention at the time of admission. These statistics show that drug mentions for PCP have increased. In addition, the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) Survey, which reports on emergency room admissions related to drug use, also shows an increase in admissions related to PCP.

#### DECS DRUG ENTRIES BY REGION

The following two tables represent the percentage of DECS drug entries by region for the period, January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

01/01/93 - 06/30/93

REGION	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
BALTO.	15.2	37.2	27.2	11.1	6.6	0.3	2.4	0.0
DC/VA	16.5	29.9	44.0	1.6	6.1	0.8	1.1	0.0
CENTRL	39.3	28.1	22.8	0.0	2.7	4.4	2.7	0.0
N.E.	53.5	27.9	8.1	3.5	2.3	0.0	2.3	2.3
SOUTH	14.3	17.6	52.0	0.7	12.9	0.7	1.8	0.0
WEST	61.8	19.7	12.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.5	0.0
EAST	29.1	15.1	53.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.0

07/01/93 - 12/31/93

REGION	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
BALTO.	20.4	35.4	28.8	8.1	5.4	0.0	1.8	0.0
DC/VA	15.9	24.7	42.7	1.1	11.2	1.1	3.3	0.0
CENTRL	51.6	24.2	19.5	0.8	3.1	0.0	0.8	0.0
N.E.	31.1	32.6	28.1	3.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0
SOUTH	16.5	12.8	62.8	0.0	6.4	0.9	0.5	0.0
WEST	68.0	18.7	9.3	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
EAST	30.9	15.5	49.7	0.6	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0



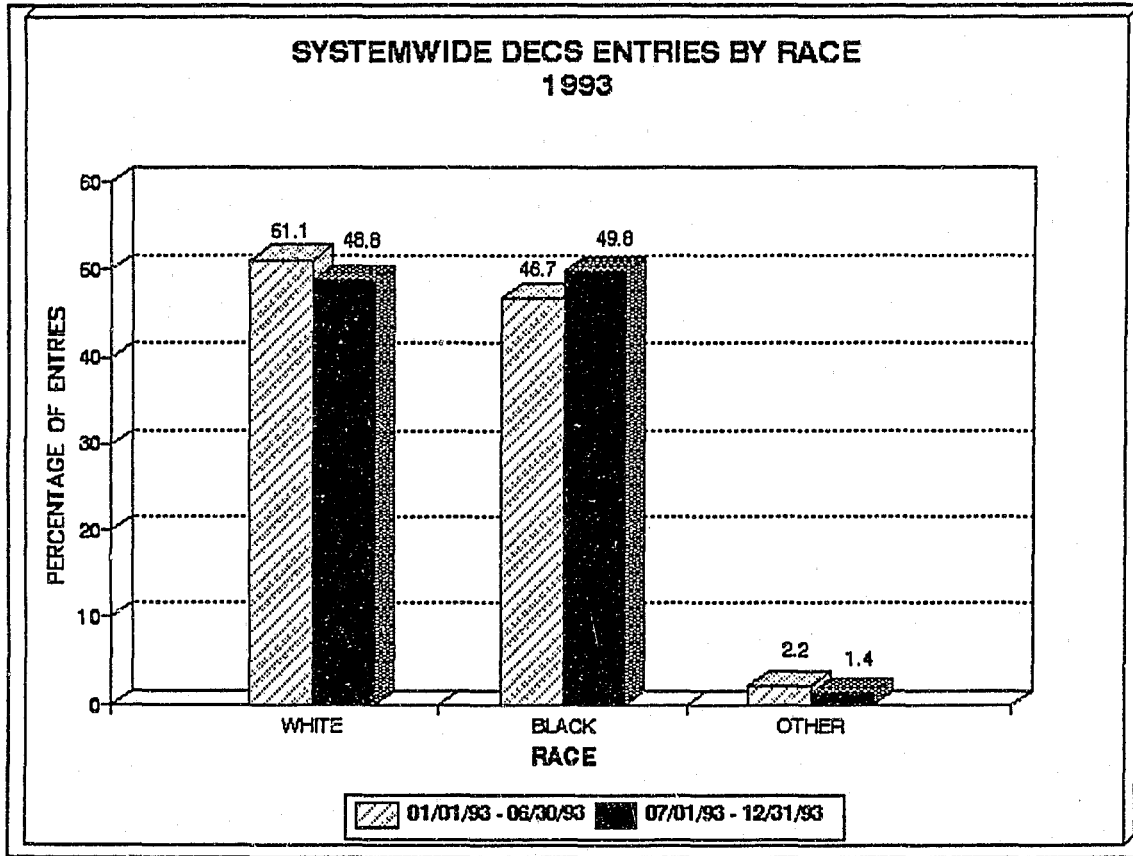
When DECS entries are segregated by region, crack, cocaine HCL and marijuana represent the largest percentage of DECS drug entries for all regions.

In the Baltimore metropolitan region, the majority of drug investigations for 1993 involved cocaine HCL.

For the Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland and Eastern Shore regions, the majority of drug investigations for the year involved crack.

Drug investigations in the Central and Western Maryland regions consisted primarily of marijuana investigations.

In the Northeast Maryland region, drug investigations during the year shifted. In the first half of 1993, the majority of investigations involved marijuana, while the second half of the year consisted primarily of cocaine HCL investigations.



Note: Appendixes 3 & 4 shows DECS entries by race for each agency.

The above graph represents the percentage of systemwide DECS entries by race for the first half and the second half of 1993.

Whites comprise just over 50% of the systemwide DECS entries for the first half of 1993. This is a change in racial distribution from previous assessments, in which blacks usually comprised slightly more than half of the DECS entries.

The second half of 1993 shows a more equitable racial distribution with entries for blacks outnumbering white entries by 1%.

**REGIONAL DECS ENTRIES BY RACE**

The following two tables represent the percentage of DECS entries by race for each region from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

**01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
BALTO.	50.7%	45.7%	3.6%
DC/VA	41.7%	55.2%	3.1%
CENTRAL	74.4%	24.7%	0.9%
NORTHEAST	70.9%	27.9%	1.2%
SOUTHERN	36.3%	62.9%	0.8%
WESTERN	83.6%	16.4%	0.0%
EASTERN	40.0%	57.9%	2.1%

**07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
BALTO.	49.7%	48.1%	2.2%
DC/VA	45.4%	53.0%	1.6%
CENTRAL	70.1%	27.6%	2.3%
NORTHEAST	59.0%	41.0%	0.0%
SOUTHERN	38.4%	60.7%	0.9%
WESTERN	90.7%	9.3%	0.0%
EASTERN	42.0%	56.9%	1.1%

When DECS entries are segregated by region, whites comprise the largest percentage of entries in the Baltimore metropolitan region, Central Maryland region, Northeast Maryland region, and Western Maryland. Blacks comprise the largest percentage of DECS entries for the Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia region, Southern Maryland region, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

This racial distribution remains consistent for the year.

### DECS ENTRIES BY SEX

The following table shows the percentage of DECS entries by sex for each selected agency. The systemwide percentage is based on the total entries from all agencies.

AGENCY	07/01/93 - 12/31/93		01/01/93 - 06/30/93	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
MSP	75.1%	24.9%	80.9%	19.1%
BALTO. CO.	72.5%	27.5%	75.9%	24.1%
BALTO. CITY	96.9%	3.1%	81.9%	18.1%
ANNE ARUNDEL	80.1%	19.9%	79.5%	20.5%
ANNAPOLIS	95.8%	4.2%	81.3%	18.7%
HARFORD	78.9%	21.1%	80.0%	20.0%
HOWARD	82.4%	17.6%	87.5%	12.5%
FBI	84.1%	15.9%	81.8%	18.2%
DEA BALTO.	90.3%	9.7%	79.2%	20.8%
DEA MATF/34	100.0%	0.0%	84.8%	15.2%
CHARLES	86.4%	13.6%	81.1%	18.2%
CALVERT	100.0%	0.0%	87.5%	12.5%
ST. MARY'S	80.2%	19.8%	91.1%	8.9%
CAMBRIDGE	100.0%	0.0%	85.7%	14.3%
HAGERSTOWN	100.0%	0.0%	70.6%	29.4%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	88.2%	11.8%	77.5%	22.5%
MONTGOMERY	80.6%	19.4%	82.0%	18.0%
LAUREL CITY	84.2%	15.8%	86.7%	13.3%
VASP	50.0%	50.0%	70.5%	29.5%
PRINCE WILLIAM	92.9%	7.1%	82.6%	17.4%
ARLINGTON	100.0%	0.0%	84.0%	16.0%
FAIRFAX	100.0%	0.0%	81.8%	18.2%
WINCHESTER	85.0%	15.0%	85.7%	14.3%
SYSTEMWIDE	79.6%	20.4%	80.9%	19.1%

Systemwide DECS entries for males outnumber those for females by a 4 to 1 ratio. This gender distribution remained consistent for the year and is consistent with gender distribution reported in previous assessments.

In the first half of 1993 the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office exhibited the largest ratio of male to female DECS entries. The Hagerstown Police Department and Virginia State Police showed the smallest ratio of male to female entries.

In the second half of 1993, six agencies had no DECS entries for females, while the Virginia State Police showed an equal percentage of DECS entries for males and females.

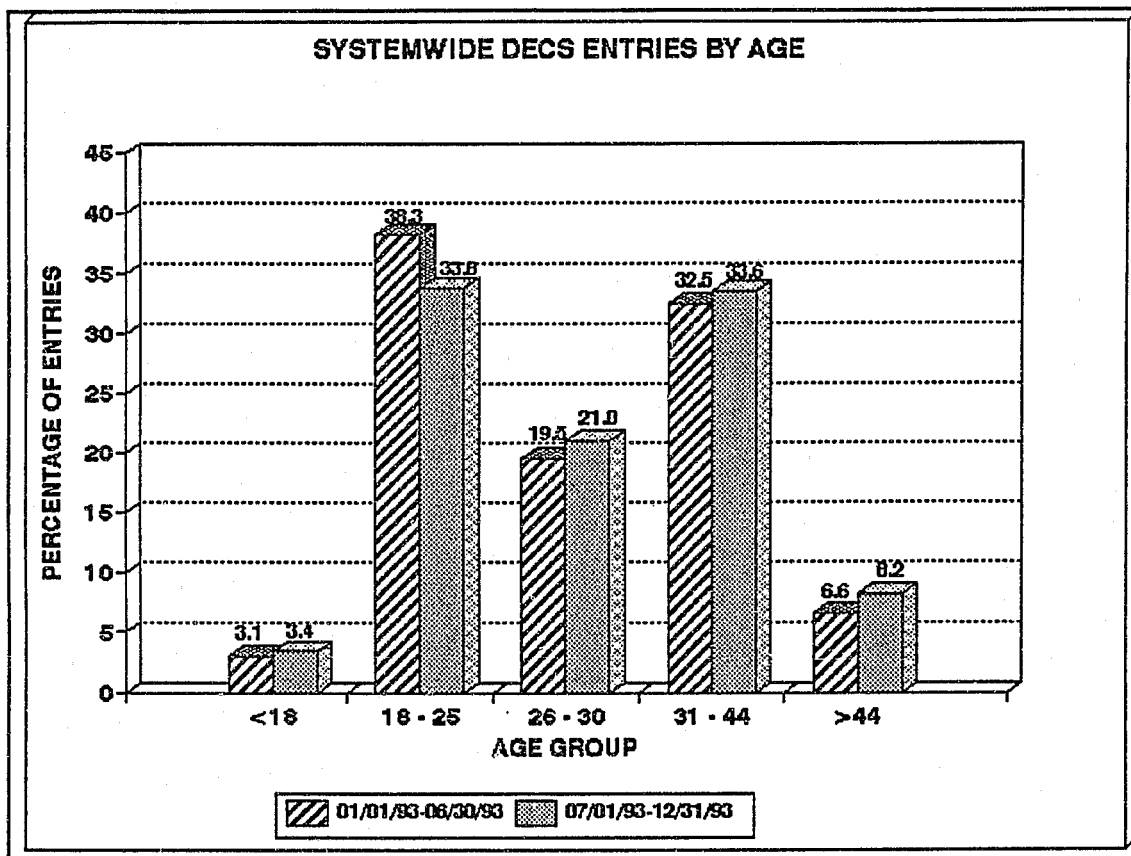
**REGIONAL DECS ENTRIES BY SEX**

The following table represents the percentage of DECS entries by sex for each region from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

REGION	07/01/93 - 12/31/93		01/01/93 - 06/30/93	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
BALTO.	80.1%	19.9%	79.1%	20.9%
DC/VA	81.1%	18.9%	79.5%	20.5%
CENTRAL	78.9%	21.1%	82.4%	17.6%
NORTHEAST	70.9%	29.1%	74.4%	25.6%
SOUTHERN	80.7%	19.3%	88.4%	11.6%
WESTERN	77.3%	22.7%	79.5%	20.5%
EASTERN	87.8%	12.2%	82.8%	17.2%

During the first half of 1993, the Northeast region had the lowest ratio of males to females, while the Southern region had the highest ratio.

For the second half of 1993, the Northeast region continued to exhibit the lowest male to female ratio, while the Eastern region showed the highest ratio of male entries to female entries.



Note: Appendixes 5 & 6 show DECS entries by age for each agency.

The above graph illustrates the percentage of systemwide DECS entries by age for the first half and the second half of 1993.

This is the first assessment to include statistics for the <18 age group. In previous years, the <18 age group had comprised an insignificant number of entries. However, in collecting data for this assessment, a greater number of entries in the <18 age group was observed.

The majority of systemwide DECS entries are in the 18 - 25 age group, followed by the 31 - 44 age group and the 26 - 30 age group. The >44 age group and <18 age group comprise the smallest percentage of DECS entries. This age distribution is consistent for the year.

### REGIONAL DECS ENTRIES BY AGE

The following two tables represent the percentage of DECS entries by age for each region from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

01/01/93 - 06/30/93

REGION	<18	18-25	26-30	31-44	>44
BALTO.	1.6%	35.0%	21.4%	33.6%	8.4%
DC/VA	1.7%	39.9%	17.5%	33.0%	7.9%
CENTRAL	5.8%	46.8%	19.5%	25.3%	2.6%
NORTHEAST	1.4%	43.8%	20.5%	32.9%	1.4%
SOUTHERN	3.0%	43.7%	20.3%	28.9%	4.1%
WESTERN	4.4%	35.8%	13.1%	38.7%	8.0%
EASTERN	6.0%	35.2%	21.8%	30.5%	6.5%

07/01/93 - 12/31/93

REGION	<18	18-25	26-30	31-44	>44
BALTO.	1.5%	40.0%	18.1%	33.0%	7.4%
DC/VA	3.3%	35.5%	17.4%	35.5%	8.2%
CENTRAL	10.9%	48.5%	12.9%	23.7%	4.0%
NORTHEAST	3.5%	30.1%	27.4%	32.7%	6.2%
SOUTHERN	5.9%	13.7%	39.2%	35.3%	5.9%
WESTERN	5.8%	53.6%	13.0%	24.6%	2.9%
EASTERN	5.1%	29.3%	21.0%	41.4%	3.2%

In the first half of 1993, regional DECS entries by age are relatively consistent with the systemwide entries, with two exceptions. DECS entries for the Western region are concentrated in the 31 - 44 age group, followed by the 18 - 25 age group. The Central region has a greater percentage of entries in the <18 age group than in the >44 age group.

In the second half of 1993, the age distribution for three regions shifted. In the Southern region, the greatest concentration in DECS entries shifted from the 18 - 25 age group to the 26 - 30 age group.

In the Western region, the largest percentage of entries shifted from the 31 - 44 age group to the 18 - 25 age group. In fact, over 50% of the DECS entries are concentrated in the 18 - 25 age group. DECS entries in the <18 age group increased, outranking the percentage of entries for the >44 age group.

The highest concentration of entries for the Eastern region shifted from the 18 - 25 age group to the 31 - 44 age group.



**SYSTEMWIDE DECS DRUG ENTRIES BY RACE**

The following two tables show the percentage of systemwide DECS drug entries by race for the period, January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

**01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

RACE	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
WHITE	82.9	52.4	21.1	30.9	90.3	100.0	93.9	100.0
BLACK	15.5	42.1	78.1	67.9	9.7	0.0	6.1	0.0
OTHER	1.6	5.5	0.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

RACE	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
WHITE	82.3	45.1	21.8	17.0	90.9	93.8	77.8	0.0
BLACK	17.0	51.6	77.6	83.0	9.1	6.2	19.4	0.0
OTHER	0.6	3.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0

In the first half of 1993, systemwide DECS drug entries for whites are concentrated in marijuana, cocaine HCL, PCP, pharmaceuticals and methamphetamine, while entries for blacks are concentrated in crack and heroin. This racial distribution is consistent with those found in previous assessments with the exception of the racial distribution for cocaine HCL. Blacks have previously shown a larger percentage of cocaine HCL entries than whites.

The second half of 1993 reflects only one change in the racial distribution for drug entries. The largest percentage of DECS entries for cocaine HCL shifted from whites to blacks.

**SYSTEMWIDE DECS DRUG ENTRIES BY SEX**

The following two tables show the percentage of systemwide DECS drug entries by sex for the period, January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

**01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

SEX	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
MALE	82.3	83.1	80.9	78.1	75.8	100.0	60.6	100.0
FEMALE	17.7	16.9	19.1	21.9	24.2	0.0	39.4	0.0

**07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

SEX	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
MALE	74.2	81.1	84.6	82.8	66.3	87.5	67.1	0.0
FEMALE	25.8	18.9	15.4	17.2	33.7	12.5	32.9	0.0

Males comprise the largest percentage of systemwide DECS entries for all drugs. This gender distribution is consistent with all previous assessments.

DECS entries for pharmaceuticals and PCP show less disparity between genders than other drugs. These findings are similar to ADAA statistics regarding admissions into Maryland substance abuse treatment programs. Those statistics show that admissions related to the abuse of prescription drugs are almost evenly divided between genders. In addition, ADAA reports an increase in the percentage of PCP-related admissions for females.

**SYSTEMWIDE DECS DRUG ENTRIES BY AGE**

The following two tables show the percentage of systemwide DECS drug entries by age for the period, January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993.

**01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

AGE	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
<18	3.5	1.8	3.8	0.0	1.0	18.7	0.0	0.0
18-25	42.2	32.9	44.2	24.3	37.0	62.5	3.1	0.0
26-30	15.0	20.7	20.1	15.9	26.0	12.5	25.0	0.0
31-44	36.7	34.6	26.0	47.7	33.0	6.3	57.8	100.0
>44	2.6	10.0	5.9	12.1	3.0	0.0	14.1	0.0

**07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

AGE	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
<18	4.2	3.1	3.7	0.0	2.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
18-25	39.1	34.3	44.2	23.9	25.7	84.6	1.6	0.0
26-30	20.2	21.0	19.5	18.3	21.6	0.0	14.5	0.0
31-44	31.8	34.0	25.9	42.3	40.5	7.7	59.7	0.0
>44	4.7	7.6	6.7	15.5	9.5	0.0	24.2	0.0

In the first half of 1993, systemwide DECS entries are concentrated in the 18 - 25 age group for marijuana, crack, PCP, and LSD. DECS entries for heroin, pharmaceuticals and methamphetamine are concentrated in the 31 - 44 age group. Entries for cocaine HCL are also concentrated in the 31 - 44 age group, but are closely followed by entries in the 18 - 25 age group.

The age distribution for the second half of 1993 is consistent with the first half of the year, with two exceptions. The concentration of PCP entries shifted from the 18 - 25 age group to the 31 - 44 age group. Cocaine HCL entries show a more equitable distribution between the 18 - 25 age group and 31 - 44 age group.

The largest concentration of DECS entries for the <18 age group is seen in LSD entries. During the first half of the year, this age group represents the second highest percentage of LSD entries. In the second half of the year, LSD entries for this age group decreased, however, it still represented the second highest percentage of LSD entries. These findings are consistent with drug use indicators. When looking at drug mentions at time of admission into Maryland substance abuse programs, just over 80% of clients report that they were under the age of 18 at the time they first used LSD. In addition, the results of the 1993 National High School Senior Survey shows an increase in LSD use as well as an increase in the perceived availability of LSD.

## OBSERVATIONS

### DRUG

Crack entries constitute the largest percentage of systemwide DECS entries. The second largest percentage of entries is represented by cocaine HCL, followed by marijuana. The percentage of entries for these drugs has changed very little from the previous assessment.

PCP entries ranked fourth in DECS entries, which is the highest ranking ever exhibited by PCP in systemwide entries.

### RACE

Whites comprise just over 50% of the systemwide DECS entries for the first half of 1993. This is a change from the previous assessment where blacks comprised slightly more than half of the DECS entries.

In the second half of the year, the racial distribution was more evenly divided, with entries for blacks outnumbering white entries by 1%.

In the first half of the year, systemwide DECS entries for whites are most common for marijuana, cocaine HCL, PCP, pharmaceuticals, and methamphetamine, while entries for blacks are most common for crack and heroin. This racial distribution is consistent with that found in previous assessments, with the exception of cocaine HCL. Blacks have previously represented the largest percentage of cocaine HCL entries.

The second half of the year shows only one change in the racial distribution. The largest percentage of cocaine HCL entries shifted from whites to blacks.

### SEX

Systemwide DECS entries reveal that entries for males outnumber entries for females by a 4 to 1 ratio. This ratio is consistent with that shown in previous assessments.

Males compose the largest percentage of DECS entries for all drugs. DECS entries for pharmaceuticals and PCP show less of a disparity between genders than any other drugs.

## AGE

The largest percentage of systemwide DECS entries are concentrated in the 18 - 25 age group, followed by the 31 - 44 age group, then the 26 - 30 age group. The >44 age group and <18 age group comprise the smallest number of DECS entries.

The first half of 1993 shows systemwide DECS entries concentrated in the 18 - 25 age group for marijuana, crack, PCP, and LSD. DECS entries for heroin, pharmaceuticals and methamphetamine are concentrated in the 31 - 44 age group. Entries for cocaine HCL are concentrated in the 31 - 44 age group, but are followed closely by entries in the 18 - 25 age group.

In the second half of 1993, the age distribution for PCP shifts from the 18 - 25 age group to the 31 - 44 age group. Cocaine HCL entries shift to exhibit a more equitable distribution between the 18 - 25 age group and 31 - 44 age group.

## CONCLUSION

The DECS system increases the efficiency and effectiveness of narcotics investigations, by reducing duplication of law enforcement efforts, identifying individuals suspected of multi-jurisdictional illegal drug activity, and by promoting inter-agency cooperation and communication in narcotics investigations.

The analysis of information in DECS assists law enforcement with evaluating investigative objectives and identifying emerging trends in the illegal drug market. In comparing the information in this assessment with previous assessments, several observations can be made regarding trends developing in the drug market. The predominate drugs of distribution continue to be crack, cocaine HCL and marijuana. Information obtained in the previous assessment identified a decline in cocaine distribution, while crack distribution continued to increase. This trend appears to be continuing. In addition, analysis of earlier DECS information indicated a resurgence in the PCP and methamphetamine market. A resurgence in the PCP market does appear to be continuing; however, a resurgence in the methamphetamine market has not materialized.

Trends previously identified in suspect demographics continue. Individuals suspected of involvement in illegal drug activity continue to be younger than those investigated in previous years. In addition, a slow shift in the racial distribution of suspects continues. Blacks are now slightly more likely to be targets of investigations than whites.

Males continue to dominate the illegal drug trade and, as such, are the primary targets in drug investigations. However, the importance of female involvement in the illegal trade should not be underestimated. Dealers, aware of law enforcement's tendency to overlook females in drug investigations, frequently use females as couriers and facilitators and this practice is increasing. Presumably, females will play an increasingly more active and important role in the drug trade.

**APPENDIX 1**

**DECS DRUG ENTRIES BY AGENCY  
01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

AGENCY	PERCENTAGE OF ENTRIES							
	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
MSP	35.0	24.6	29.4	2.2	4.0	1.4	3.2	0.2
BCO	21.6	40.1	31.5	1.2	3.1	0.0	2.5	0.0
BCTY	0.0	80.3	2.6	16.2	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
AACO	34.3	14.9	31.8	0.0	13.4	1.0	4.5	0.0
ANNPLS	18.8	12.5	68.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HARFORD	60.0	10.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0
HOWARD	30.3	39.4	24.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0
FBI	0.0	54.5	0.0	45.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALTDEA	1.9	27.9	33.7	29.3	6.7	0.0	0.5	0.0
DEAMATF	0.0	21.2	66.7	9.1	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHARLES	28.3	7.6	36.9	1.1	19.6	1.1	5.4	0.0
CALVERT	12.5	18.8	56.2	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
ST.MARY	8.1	31.4	60.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CMBRDGE	17.1	0.0	82.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HAGERS	55.9	5.9	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0
PGCO	12.4	34.8	38.2	1.1	10.1	0.0	3.4	0.0
MONTCO	14.1	39.7	43.6	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
LRLCITY	13.3	20.0	40.0	0.0	6.7	20.0	0.0	0.0
VASP	36.4	6.8	27.3	4.5	4.5	0.0	20.5	0.0
PWCO	39.1	0.0	56.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
ARLNGTN	12.0	64.0	20.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FAIRFAX	40.7	7.4	29.6	3.7	18.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
WINCHR	0.0	0.0	100.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Percentages are rounded



**APPENDIX 2**

**DECS DRUG ENTRIES BY AGENCY  
07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

AGENCY	PERCENTAGE OF ENTRIES							
	MJ	HCL	CRK	H	PCP	LSD	RX	METH
MSP	31.8	24.5	29.3	3.5	4.8	1.3	4.8	0.0
BCO	35.9	29.9	25.2	3.6	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
BCTY	0.0	78.5	1.5	16.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
AACO	29.9	15.6	40.8	0.0	6.8	0.0	6.8	0.0
ANNPLS	8.3	8.3	83.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HARFORD	7.9	10.5	73.7	5.3	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0
HOWARD	35.3	47.1	0.0	0.0	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
FBI	0.0	84.1	1.4	13.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALTDEA	0.9	40.9	26.1	24.3	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEAMATF	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHARLES	13.5	10.2	67.8	0.0	5.1	3.4	0.0	0.0
CALVERT	23.1	7.7	46.1	0.0	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
ST.MARY	15.4	15.4	68.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0
CMBRDGE	29.4	0.0	70.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HAGERS	80.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PGCO	17.2	25.8	28.0	2.1	14.0	0.0	12.9	0.0
MONTCO	26.9	41.9	26.9	1.1	1.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
LRLCITY	0.0	31.6	57.9	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
VASP	8.3	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0
PWCO	7.1	7.1	84.6	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ARLNGTN	0.0	28.6	71.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FAIRFAX	25.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
WINCHR	25.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Percentages are rounded

**APPENDIX 3**

**DECS ENTRIES BY RACE  
01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

The following table shows the percentage of DECS entries by race for each agency. The systemwide total is based on the total entries from all selected agencies.

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
MSP	61.2%	36.2%	2.6%
BALTO. CO.	51.9%	47.5%	0.6%
BALTO. CITY	40.2%	52.1%	7.7%
ANNE ARUNDEL	75.9%	24.1%	0.0%
ANNAPOLIS	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%
HARFORD	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
HOWARD	57.6%	42.4%	0.0%
FBI	9.5%	85.7%	4.8%
DEA BALTO.	34.1%	64.9%	1.0%
DEA MATF/34	6.1%	90.9%	3.0%
CHARLES	53.8%	46.2%	0.0%
CALVERT	37.5%	62.5%	0.0%
ST. MARY'S	20.2%	78.2%	1.6%
CAMBRIDGE	8.6%	91.4%	0.0%
HAGERSTOWN	64.7%	35.3%	0.0%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	32.6%	67.4%	0.0%
MONTGOMERY	42.9%	51.9%	5.2%
LAUREL CITY	73.3%	26.7%	0.0%
VASP	61.3%	36.4%	2.3%
PRINCE WILLIAM	39.1%	56.5%	4.4%
ARLINGTON	24.0%	72.0%	4.0%
FAIRFAX	81.8%	0.0%	18.2%
WINCHESTER	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
SYSTEMWIDE	51.1%	46.7%	2.2%

**APPENDIX 4**

**DECS ENTRIES BY RACE  
07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

The following table shows the percentage of entries by race for each agency. The systemwide total is based on the total entries from all selected agencies.

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
MSP	59.2%	39.8%	1.0%
BALTO. CO.	54.9%	43.3%	1.8%
BALTO. CITY	26.6%	60.9%	12.5%
ANNE ARUNDEL	70.3%	29.0%	0.7%
ANNAPOLIS	8.3%	91.7%	0.0%
HARFORD	26.3%	73.7%	0.0%
HOWARD	70.6%	29.4%	0.0%
FBI	10.3%	89.7%	0.0%
DEA BALTO.	31.3%	68.7%	0.0%
DEA MATE/34	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
CHARLES	41.4%	58.6%	0.0%
CALVERT	53.8%	46.2%	0.0%
ST. MARY'S	30.8%	67.0%	2.2%
CAMBRIDGE	29.4%	64.7%	5.9%
HAGERSTOWN	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	32.6%	66.3%	1.1%
MONTGOMERY	46.7%	52.2%	1.1%
LAUREL CITY	21.1%	78.9%	0.0%
VASP	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
PRINCE WILLIAM	35.7%	64.3%	0.0%
ARLINGTON	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
FAIRFAX	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%
WINCHESTER	20.0%	75.0%	5.0%
SYSTEMWIDE	48.8%	49.8%	1.4%

**APPENDIX 5**

**DECS ENTRIES BY AGE  
01/01/93 - 06/30/93**

The following table shows the percentage of DECS entries by age for each agency. The systemwide percentage is based on the total entries from all selected agencies.

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>&lt;18</b>	<b>18-25</b>	<b>26-30</b>	<b>31-44</b>	<b>&gt;44</b>
MSP	4.1%	39.6%	16.8%	34.3%	5.2%
BALTO. CO.	3.0%	38.3%	26.3%	28.6%	3.8%
BALTO. CITY	0.0%	47.3%	14.0%	24.7%	14.0%
ANNE ARUNDEL	1.2%	32.9%	19.1%	43.9%	2.9%
ANNAPOLIS	0.0%	36.4%	27.3%	27.3%	9.0%
HARFORD	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	10.0%	10.0%
HOWARD	0.0%	44.8%	31.0%	20.7%	3.5%
FBI	0.0%	14.3%	19.0%	47.6%	19.0%
DEA BALTO.	2.0%	29.4%	21.8%	32.5%	14.2%
DEA MATF/34	0.0%	36.4%	13.6%	40.9%	9.1%
CHARLES	2.4%	45.2%	23.8%	23.8%	4.8%
CALVERT	6.7%	6.7%	20.0%	60.0%	6.7%
ST. MARY'S	2.0%	32.7%	24.7%	35.6%	5.0%
CAMBRIDGE	8.6%	31.4%	22.9%	31.4%	5.7%
HAGERSTOWN	8.8%	38.2%	11.8%	35.3%	5.9%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	2.7%	51.3%	9.5%	31.1%	5.4%
MONTGOMERY	0.0%	36.1%	23.6%	26.4%	13.9%
LAUREL CITY	21.4%	28.6%	14.3%	35.7%	0.0%
VASP	4.8%	19.0%	16.7%	50.0%	9.5%
PRINCE WILLIAM	0.0%	45.0%	30.0%	25.0%	0.0%
ARLINGTON	0.0%	50.0%	16.7%	29.2%	4.1%
FAIRFAX	0.0%	60.0%	10.0%	30.0%	0.0%
WINCHESTER	0.0%	28.6%	14.3%	42.8%	14.3%
SYSTEMWIDE	3.1%	38.3%	19.5%	32.5%	6.6%

**APPENDIX 6**

**DECS ENTRIES BY AGE  
07/01/93 - 12/31/93**

The following table shows the percentage of DECS entries by age for each agency. The systemwide percentage is based on the total entries from all selected agencies.

AGENCY	<18	18-25	26-30	31-44	>44
MSP	4.2%	32.5%	19.2%	34.9%	9.2%
BALTO. CO.	1.7%	45.0%	15.8%	30.8%	6.7%
BALTO. CITY	1.8%	37.5%	21.4%	23.3%	16.1%
ANNE ARUNDEL	1.4%	35.7%	21.4%	39.3%	2.1%
ANNAPOLIS	4.2%	54.2%	20.8%	12.5%	8.3%
HARFORD	5.3%	34.2%	31.6%	28.9%	0.0%
HOWARD	0.0%	33.3%	26.7%	40.0%	0.0%
FBI	0.0%	39.0%	15.2%	35.6%	10.2%
DEA BALTO.	0.9%	40.4%	14.4%	33.7%	10.6%
DEA MATF/34	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
CHARLES	3.0%	33.3%	36.4%	27.3%	0.0%
CALVERT	8.4%	33.3%	25.0%	33.3%	0.0%
ST. MARY'S	5.9%	50.0%	23.5%	14.7%	5.9%
CAMBRIDGE	0.0%	52.9%	17.6%	23.5%	5.9%
HAGERSTOWN	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	3.5%	31.85	17.6%	32.9%	14.1%
MONTGOMERY	7.5%	36.3%	15.0%	38.7%	2.5%
LAUREL CITY	0.0%	52.6%	36.8%	10.5%	0.0%
VASP	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	83.3%	16.7%
PRINCE WILLIAM	0.0%	44.4%	33.3%	22.2%	0.0%
ARLINGTON	0.0%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FAIRFAX	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%
WINCHESTER	0.0%	21.0%	26.3%	31.6%	21.0%
SYSTEMWIDE	3.4%	33.8%	21.0%	33.6%	8.2%

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