Key findings from the Illicit Drug Reporting System interviews, 2018

Annual cross-sectional interviews from 2000 to 2018 with people who inject drugs, recruited from Australian capital cities

High frequency use in the past six months

Drug of choice

- 41% Heroin
- 35% Methamphetamine
- 7% Morphine
- 7% Cocaine
- 2% Cannabis

Use in the past six months

Risks and harms

- 20% of the national sample reported experiencing a non-fatal overdose in the last year
- 58% had heard of take-home naloxone programs
- 8% had been resuscitated by someone who had participated in a program

Main current treatment type

- Methadone
- Subutex
- Suboxone
- Rehabilitation
- Drug counselling
- Other

22% Non-prescribed morphine use
14% Non-prescribed oxycodone use
8% Non-prescribed fentanyl use

29% Powder methamphetamine
17% Crystal methamphetamine
5% Heroin daily
33% Methamphetamine weekly
11% Non-prescribed morphine weekly

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