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Past 6 month use of heroin remained stable at 55% in the 2019 IDRS sample (54% 2018).

Of those who had recently consumed heroin, almost 4 in 5 used it weekly.

The percentage reporting heroin use in the past six months varied substantially by jurisdiction.

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METHAMPHETAMINE

Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine was stable at 78% of the 2019 IDRS sample (77% in 2018).

Of the entire sample, 23% had recently consumed powder, and 76% crystal methamphetamine.

Injection was the main route of administration for powder (94%), crystal (97%) and base (95%) among those who had consumed each form.

Of those who could comment 95% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain in 2019.

PHARMACEUTICAL OPIOIDS

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed morphine significantly decreased from 22% in 2018 to 18% in 2019.

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed fentanyl was stable at 9% in the 2019 IDRS sample (7% in 2018).

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed methadone was stable at 15% in the 2019 IDRS sample (16% in 2018).

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed oxycodone was stable at 15% in the 2019 IDRS sample (14% in 2018).

CANNABIS

Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 74% in the 2019 IDRS sample (73% in 2018).

Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, almost 4 in 5 reported weekly or more frequent use.

Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 99% had smoked it.

Of those who could comment high percentages perceived bush and hydro to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.