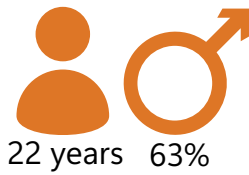


2023 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

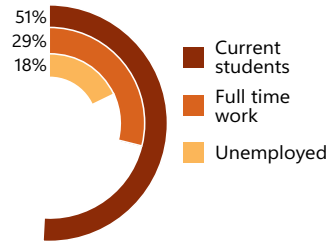


In 2023, 100 participants, recruited from Canberra, ACT were interviewed.

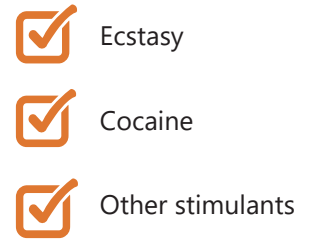


22 years 63%

The median age in 2023 was 22, and 63% identified as male.

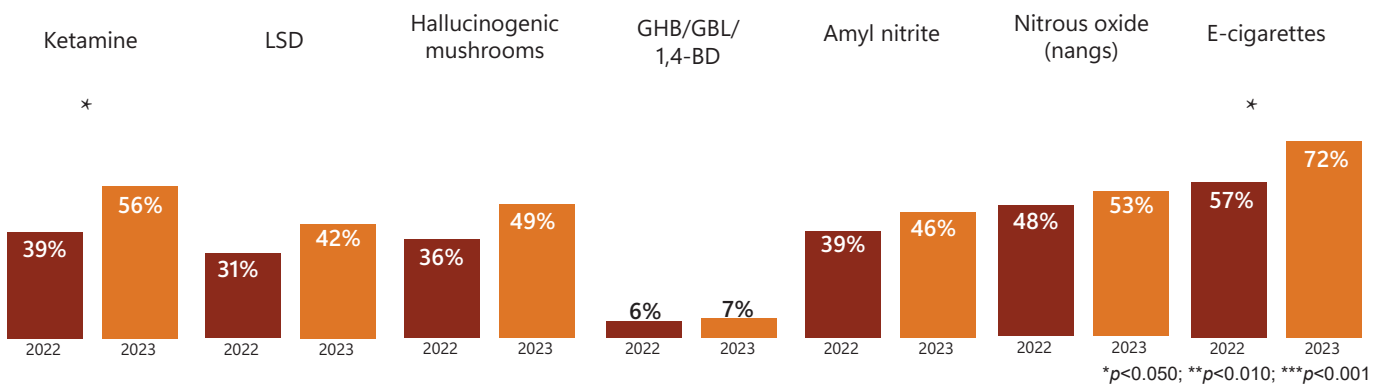


In the 2023 sample, 51% were current students, 29% were employed full time and 18% were unemployed.

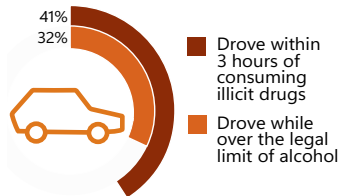


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy and/or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

PAST 6 MONTH USE OF OTHER DRUGS



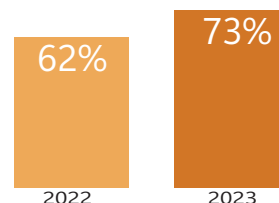
DRUG-RELATED HARMS AND RISKS



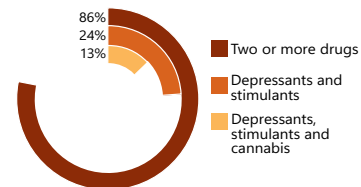
Among recent drivers, 41% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 32% while over the legal limit of alcohol.



In the 2023 sample, 15% reported a non-fatal depressant overdose in the previous 12 months, and 7% reported a non-fatal stimulant overdose.

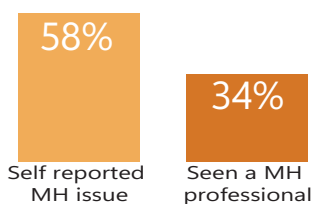


73% of the sample obtained an AUDIT score of eight or more, indicative of past year hazardous alcohol use (62% in 2022).

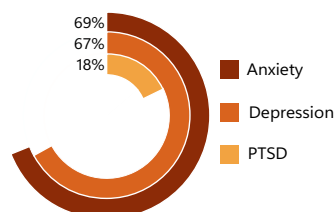


On the last occasion of ecstasy or related drug use, 86% used two or more drugs, 24% used both stimulants and depressants, and 13% used stimulants, depressants and cannabis.

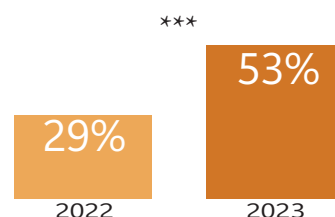
OTHER BEHAVIOURS



In the total sample, 58% self reported a mental health issue and 34% had seen a mental health professional in the past 6 months.



Of those who commented, the three most common mental health issues reported were anxiety (69%), depression (67%) and PTSD (18%).



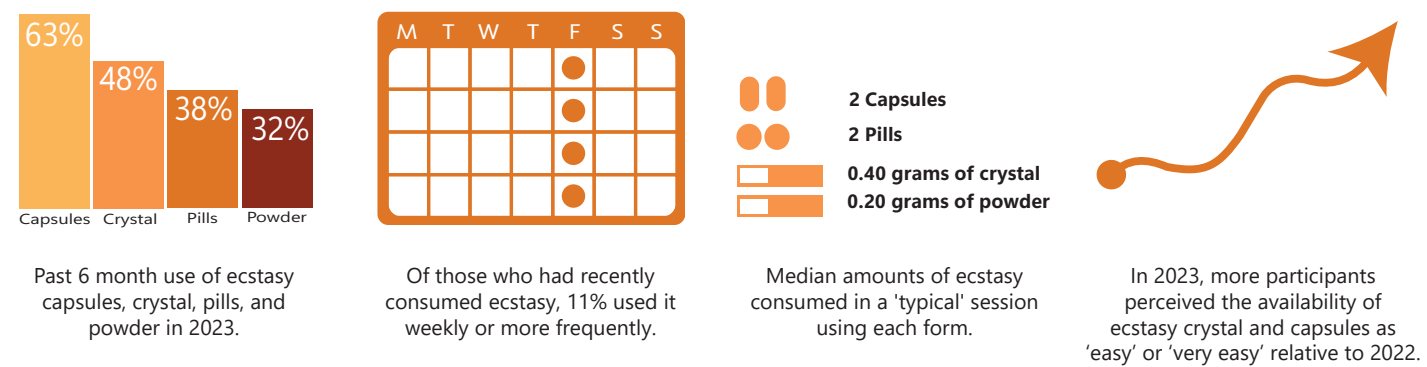
53% of the sample reported that they or someone else had tested the content and/or purity of their illicit drugs in Australia in the past year.



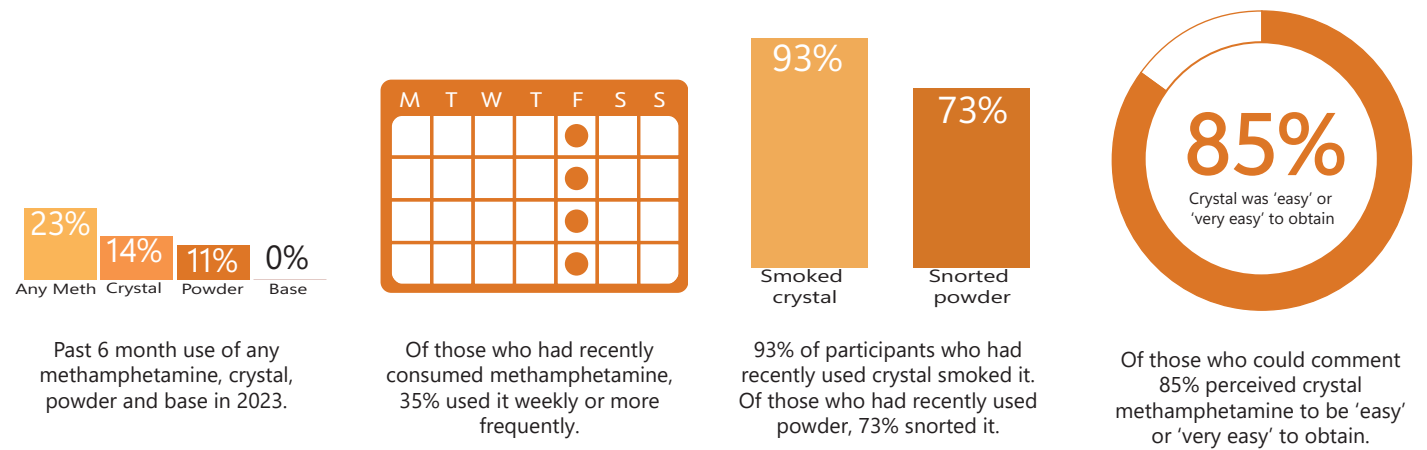
29% of the sample reported experiencing stigma because of their illicit drug use in the six months preceding interview, most commonly from police or a GP.

*p<0.050; **p<0.010; ***p<0.001

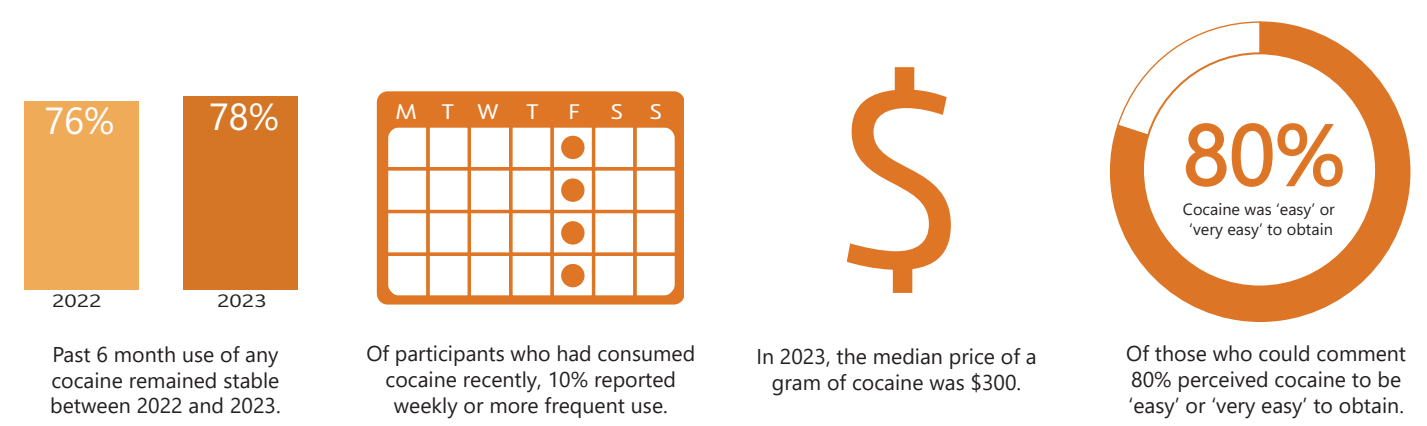
ECSTASY



METHAMPHETAMINE



COCAINE



CANNABIS AND/OR CANNABINOID-RELATED PRODUCTS

