

**Table 9: Means of purchasing illicit drugs in the past 12 months, NSW, 2020-2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>% Purchasing approaches in the last 12 months<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>n=98</b>	<b>n=102</b>
Face-to-face	<b>64</b>	61
Surface web	<b>7</b>	11
Darknet market	<b>7</b>	11
Social networking applications	<b>80</b>	68
Text messaging	<b>34**</b>	58
Phone call	<b>29</b>	40
Grew/made my own	-	-
Other	<b>0</b>	0
<b>% Means of obtaining drugs in the last 12 months<sup>^~</sup></b>	<b>n=98</b>	<b>n=103</b>
Face-to-face	<b>96</b>	95
Collection point	<b>13</b>	23
Post	<b>11</b>	16
<b>% Source of drugs in the last 12 months<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>n=98</b>	<b>n=101</b>
Friend/relative/partner/colleague	<b>82</b>	76
Known dealer/vendor	<b>74</b>	73
Unknown dealer/vendor	<b>38</b>	45

Note. - not reported, due to small numbers (n≤5 but not 0). <sup>^</sup> participants could endorse multiple responses. <sup>~</sup> The face-to-face response option in 2021 was combined by those responding, 'I went and picked up the drugs', 'The drugs were dropped off to my house by someone' and/or 'Was opportunistic – I arranged and collected at the same time (e.g. at an event/club.' \*p < 0.050;

\*\*p < 0.010; \*\*\*p < 0.001 for 2020 versus 2021.