

Table 7: Means of purchasing illicit drugs in the past 12 months, Northern Territory, 2020-2021

	2019	2020	2021
% Purchasing approaches in the last 12 months[^]	n=100	n=100	n=99
Face-to-face	90	69	86**
Surface web	.	-	-
Darknet market	6	-	-
Social networking applications	56	66	66
Text messaging	71	49	55
Phone call	54	37	40
Grew/made my own	/	-	-
Other	0	0	0
% Means of obtaining drugs in the last 12 months^{^~}	n=98	n=100	n=100
Face-to-face	100	98	97
Collection point	15	27	10**
Post	7	8	-
% Source of drugs in the last 12 months[^]	n=99	n=99	n=100
Friend/relative/partner/colleague	87	90	85
Known dealer/vendor	67	65	51
Unknown dealer/vendor	35	38	34

Note. - not reported, due to small numbers (n≤5 but not 0). [^] participants could endorse multiple responses. [~] 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.