Perceived changes in health ratings

Mental Health Physical Health 35% 39% 37% 37% 54% 53% 26% 33% 35% 36% 22% 24% 35% 32% 28% 27% 26% 23% Wave 1 (n=228) Wave 2 (n=228) Wave 3 (n=225) Wave 1 (n=223) Wave 2 (n=229) Wave 3 (n=224) Stable Worse Stable Worse Better Better

- Ratings of perceived 'better' mental health have increased by 9% between Wave 2 (26%) and Wave 3 (35%)
- Ratings of perceived 'better' physical health have increased slightly between Wave 2 (28%) and Wave 3 (32%)
- However, those reporting 'worse' ratings still remained the highest proportion for both mental and physical health (39% and 35% respectively).

Wave 1 completed 29 Apr 2020 – 15 Jun 2020 Wave 2 completed 29 Jun 2020 – 22 Sep 2020 Wave 3 completed 29 Oct 2020 – 13 Jan 2021 Note: 'Perceived changes' are based on perceptions of current health as compared to before March 2020 (i.e., before COVID-19 restrictions)



Substance use in past four weeks



- Alcohol, cannabis and tobacco were the main substances used in the past four weeks at each time point
- At Wave 3, e-cigarettes (26%) were the fourth most commonly used substance, overtaking MDMA (24%) for the first time.

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Drug use behaviours

At Wave 3, participants reported the following drug use behaviours in the past four weeks:



12% reported injecting any drug in the past four weeks (vs 10% at Wave 2, 9% at Wave 1).

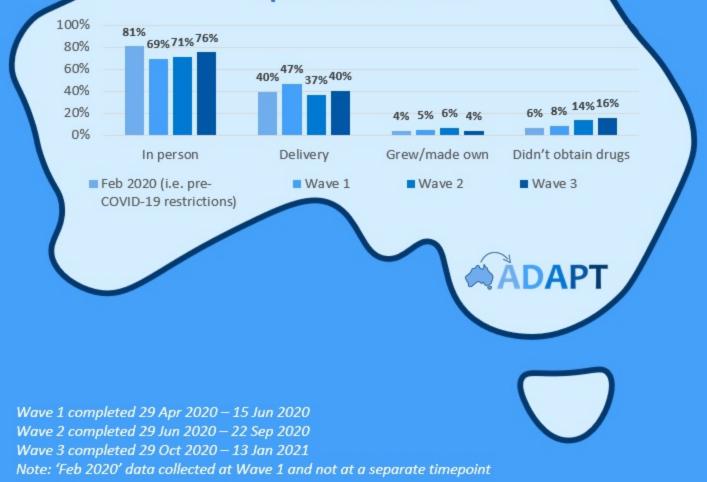
59% reported that they had used drugs alone in the past four weeks; a slight decrease from Wave 2 (65%) and Wave 1 (66%).

11% of participants reported attending a virtual night club/dance party since the beginning of March 2020. Of these virtual night club/dance party attendees, the largest proportion reported using alcohol (72%) and/or cannabis (48%), followed by cocaine, MDMA and ketamine (16%).

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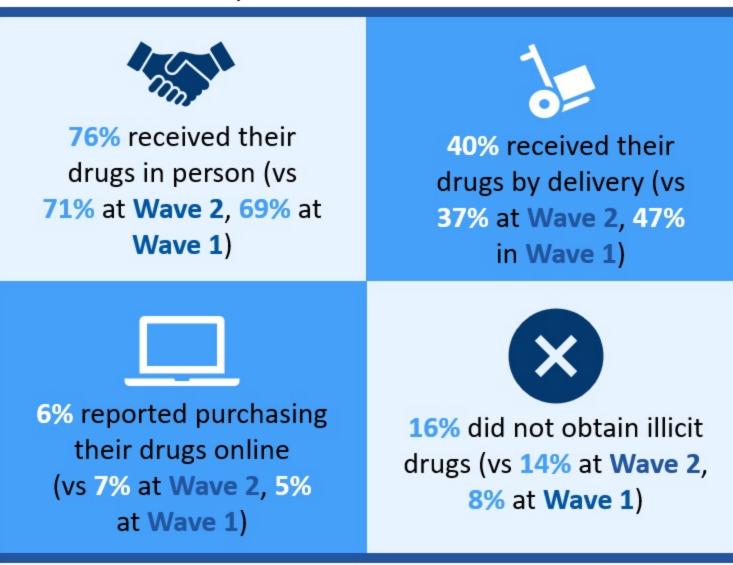


Methods of receiving drugs in past four weeks



Methods of obtaining and receiving drugs

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