

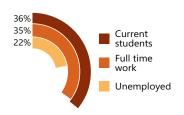
## 2023 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



In 2023, 102 participants, recruited from Brisbane/Gold Coast, QLD were interviewed.



The median age in 2023 was 26, and 59% identified as male.



In the 2023 sample, 36% were current students, 35% were employed full time and 22% were unemployed.



**Ecstasy** 



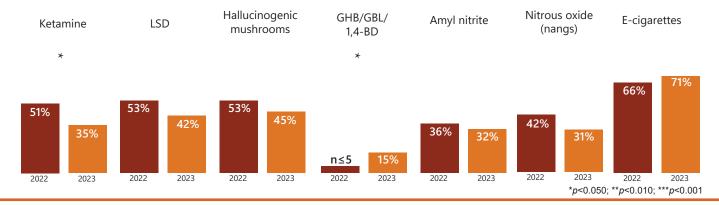
Cocaine



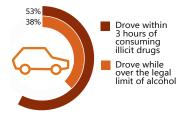
Other stimulants

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**



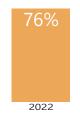
Among recent drivers, 53% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 38% while over the legal limit of alcohol.



60%

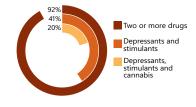
17% Stimulant

In the 2023 sample, 31% reported a non-fatal depressant overdose in the previous 12 months, and 17% reported a non-fatal stimulant overdose.



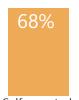
74%

74% of the sample obtained an AUDIT score of eight or more, indicative of past year hazardous alcohol use (76% in 2022).



On the last occasion of ecstasy or related drug use, 92% used two or more drugs, 41% used both stimulants and depressants, and 20% used stimulants, depressants and cannabis.

## OTHER BEHAVIOURS



Self reported MH issue



professional

In the total sample, 68%

self reported a mental health issue

and 49% had seen a mental health professional in the past 6 months.

Of those who commented, the three most common mental health issues reported were depression (60%), anxiety (59%), and PTSD (10%).

Anxiety

PTSD

Depression



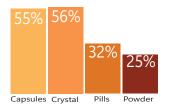
24% 2023

24% 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.

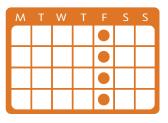


27% of the sample reported experiencing stigma because of their illicit drug use in the six months preceding interview, most commonly from police or a GP.

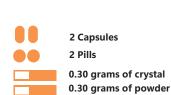
#### **ECSTASY**



Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2023.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 12% used it weekly or more frequently.

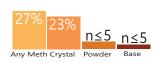


Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.

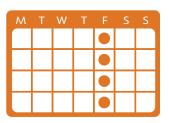


In 2023, more participants perceived the availability of ecstasy crystal as 'easy' or 'very easy' relative to 2022.

### **METHAMPHETAMINE**



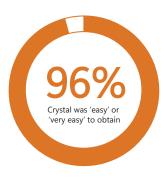
Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine, crystal, powder and base in 2023.



Of those who had recently consumed methamphetamine, 46% used it weekly or more frequently.

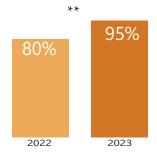


91% of participants who had recently used crystal smoked it.

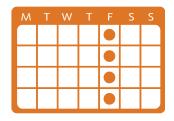


Of those who could comment 96% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

## **COCAINE**



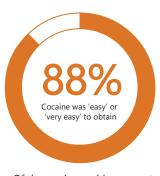
Past 6 month use of any cocaine significantly increased from 80% in 2022 to 95% in 2023.



Of participants who had consumed cocaine recently, 6% reported weekly or more frequent use.



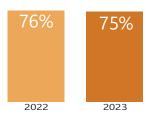
In 2023, the median price of a gram of cocaine was \$350.



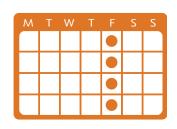
Of those who could comment 88% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

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

# CANNABIS AND/OR CANNABINOID-RELATED PRODUCTS



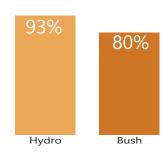
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid-related products remained stable between 2022 and 2023.



Of those who had consumed non-prescribed cannabis recently, 57% reported weekly or more frequent use.



Of participants who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 95% had smoked it (35% swallowed and 30% vaped it).



Of those who could comment, the majority perceived both hydro and bush to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.