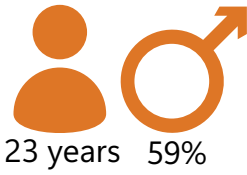


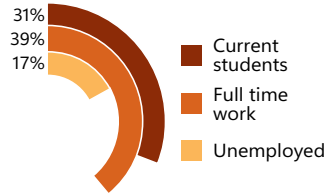
2023 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



In 2023, 100 participants, recruited from Perth, WA were interviewed.



The median age in 2023 was 23, and 59% identified as male.

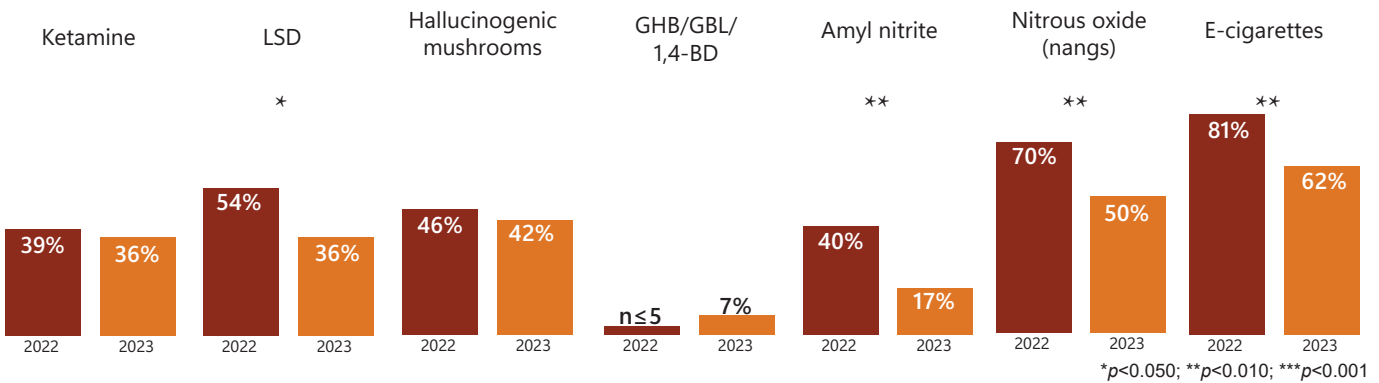


In the 2023 sample, 31% were current students, 39% were employed full time and 17% were unemployed.

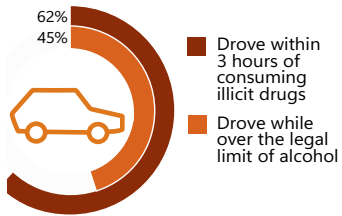
- Ecstasy
- Cocaine
- Other stimulants

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



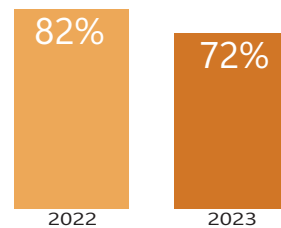
DRUG-RELATED HARMS AND RISKS



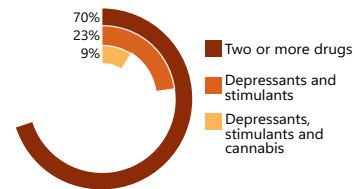
Among recent drivers, 62% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 45% while over the legal limit of alcohol.



In the 2023 sample, 20% reported a non-fatal depressant overdose in the previous 12 months, and 11% reported a non-fatal stimulant overdose.

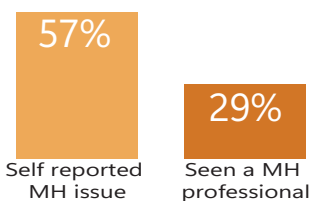


72% of the sample obtained an AUDIT score of eight or more, indicative of past year hazardous alcohol use (82% in 2022).

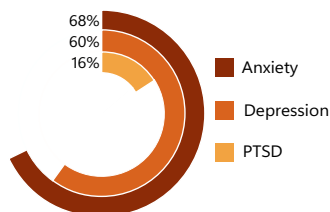


On the last occasion of ecstasy or related drug use, 70% used two or more drugs, 23% used both stimulants and depressants, and 9% used stimulants, depressants and cannabis.

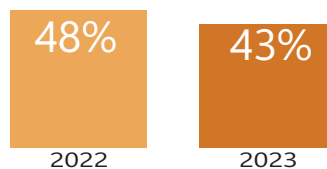
OTHER BEHAVIOURS



In the total sample, 57% self reported a mental health issue and 29% 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 (68%), depression (60%) and PTSD (16%).

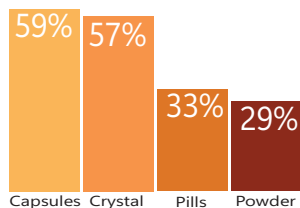


43% of the sample reported that they or someone else had tested the content and/or purity of their illicit drugs in Australia in the past year.

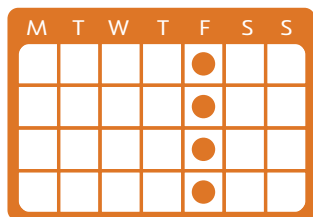


24% of the sample reported experiencing stigma because of their illicit drug use in the six months preceding interview, most commonly from police and GP.

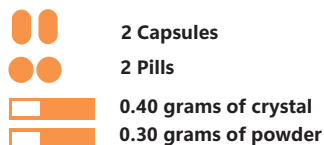
ECSTASY



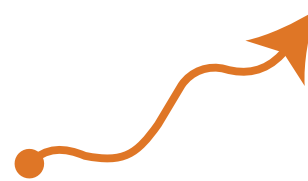
Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2023.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 18% used it weekly or more frequently.

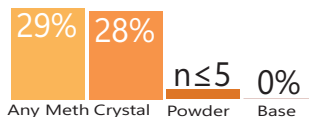


Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.

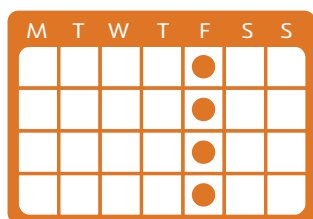


In 2023, more participants perceived the availability of ecstasy powder, pills and capsules as 'easy' or 'very easy' relative to 2022.

METHAMPHETAMINE



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



Of those who had recently consumed methamphetamine, 41% used it weekly or more frequently.

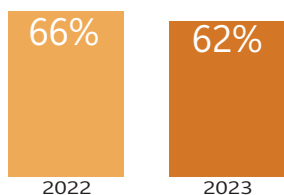


82% of participants who had recently used crystal smoked it.

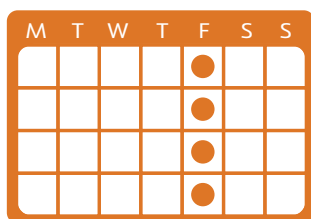


Of those who could comment 100% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE



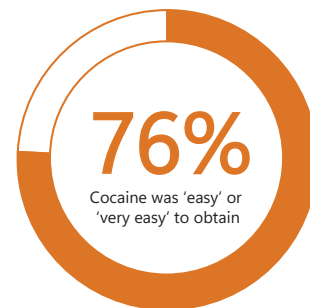
Past 6 month use of any cocaine remained stable between 2022 and 2023.



Of participants who had consumed cocaine recently, few (n≤5) reported weekly or more frequent use.

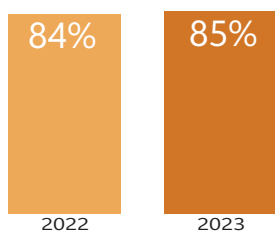


In 2023, the median price of a gram of cocaine was \$400.

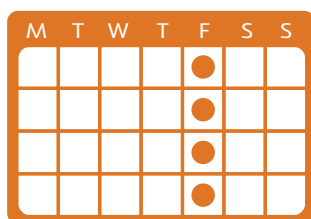


Of those who could comment 76% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

CANNABIS AND/OR CANNABINOID-RELATED PRODUCTS



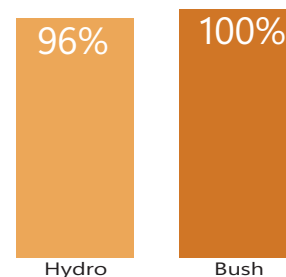
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid-related products remained stable between 2022 and 2023.



Of those who had consumed non-prescribed cannabis recently, 66% reported weekly or more frequent use.



Of participants who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 95% had smoked it (11% swallowed and 13% vaped it).



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