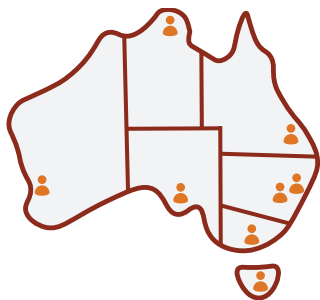
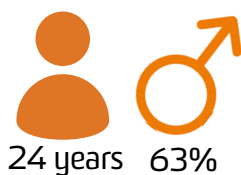


2021 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

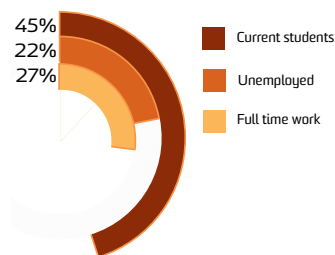


In 2021, 774 people from all Australian capital cities participated in EDRS interviews.

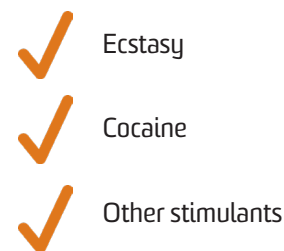


24 years 63%

The median age in 2021 was 24 (IQR = 21 - 29), and 63% identified as male.

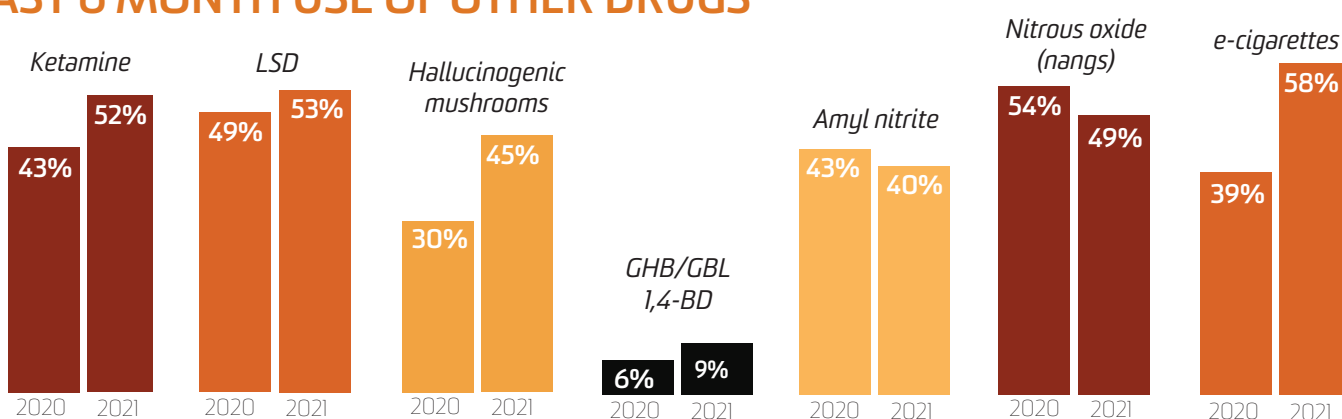


In the 2021 sample, 45% were enrolled students, 22% were unemployed, and 27% were employed full time.

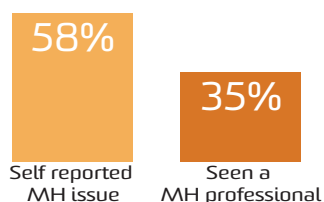


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

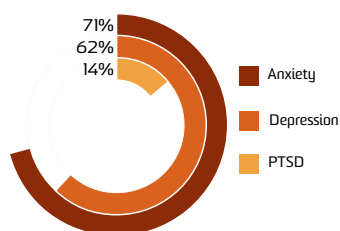
PAST 6 MONTH USE OF OTHER DRUGS



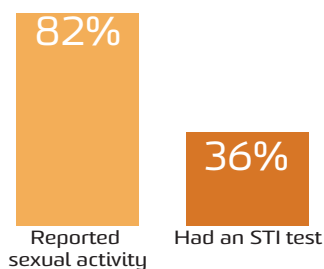
MENTAL HEALTH AND SEXUAL HEALTH BEHAVIOURS



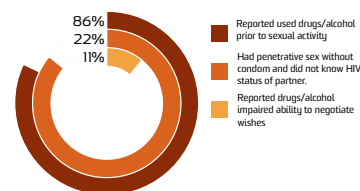
In the total sample, 58% self-reported a mental health issue and 35% had seen a mental health professional in the past 6 months.



Of those who commented, the top three most common mental health issues reported were anxiety (71%), depression (62%) and PTSD (14%).

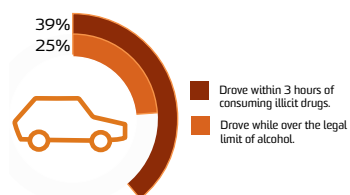


In the total sample, 82% reported sexual activity in the past 4 weeks, and 36% had a sexual health check in the past 6 months.

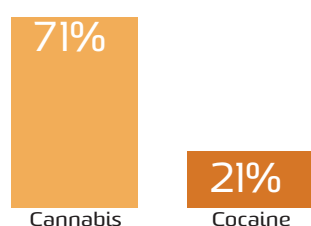


Sexual risk behaviours among those who reported any sexual activity in the past four weeks (82%) and were able to comment.

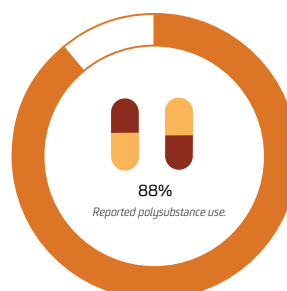
OTHER RISK BEHAVIOURS



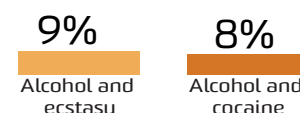
In the total sample, 39% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 25% while over the legal limit of alcohol.



The most common drugs used prior to driving were cannabis (71%) and cocaine (21%).

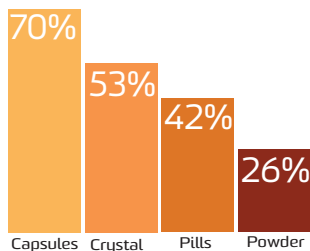


In the total sample, 88% reported concurrent use of two or more substances on the last occasion of ecstasy/stimulant use.

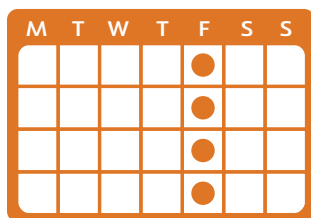


The most commonly used combinations of drug classes were alcohol and MDMA (9%), followed by alcohol and cocaine (8%).

ECSTASY



Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2021.



13%

Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 13% used it weekly or more frequently.



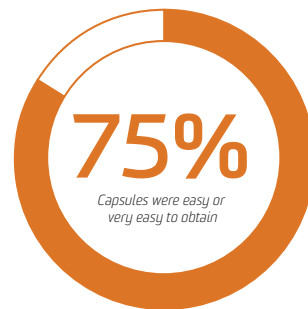
2 Capsules

2 Pills

0.30 grams of crystal

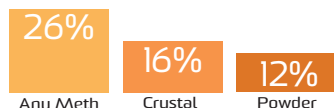
0.30 grams of powder

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

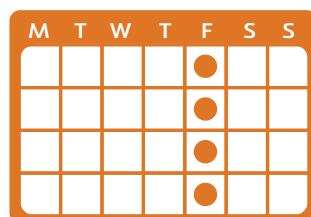


Of those who could comment 75% perceived ecstasy capsules to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain,

METHAMPHETAMINE



Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine (26%), crystal (16%), powder (12%) and base (<5) in 2021.



28%

Of those who had recently consumed methamphetamine, 28% used it weekly or more frequently.

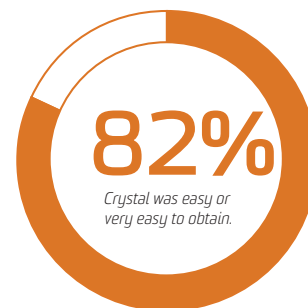


Smoked crystal



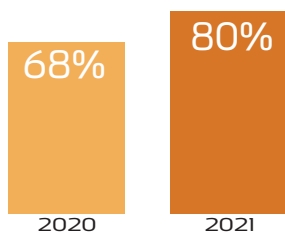
Snorted powder

93% of people who had recently used crystal smoked it. Of those who had recently used powder, 78% snorted it.

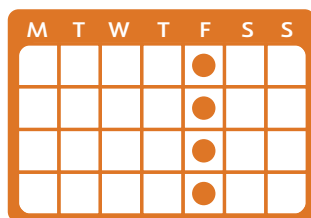


Of those who could comment 82% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE



Past 6 month use of any cocaine increased significantly from 2020 (68%) to 2021 (80%).

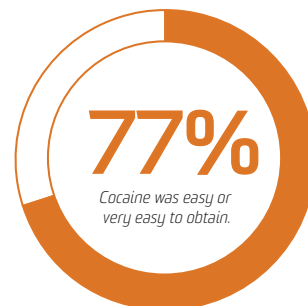


7%

Of people who had consumed cocaine recently, 7% reported weekly or more frequent use.

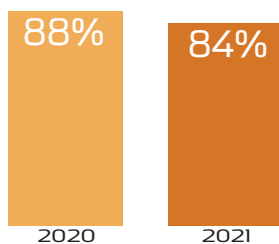


Of people who had consumed cocaine in the last 6 months, 98% had snorted it.

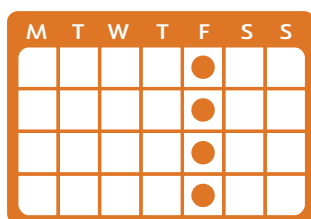


Of those who could comment 77% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

CANNABIS



Past 6 month use of any cannabis decreased from 88% in 2020 to 84% in 2021.

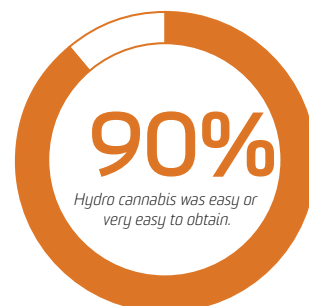


64%

Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, 64% reported weekly or more frequent use.



Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 95% had smoked it.



Of those who could comment 90% perceived hydro to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.