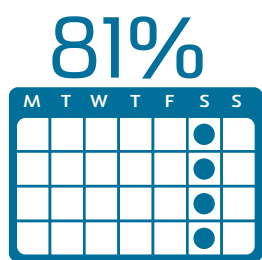


HEROIN



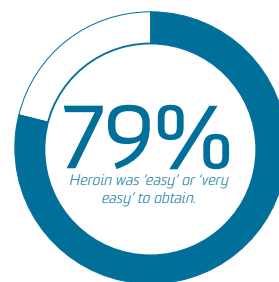
Past 6 month use of heroin remained stable at 75% in the 2021 sample, (78% in 2020).



Of those who had recently consumed heroin, 81% used it weekly or more often, stable from 81% in 2020.

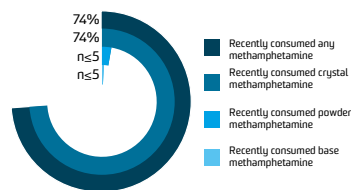


The median reported price for a point of heroin was \$50 in 2021 and \$50 in 2020.

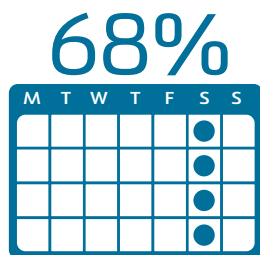


Of those who could comment 79% perceived heroin to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain, an increase from 59% in 2020.

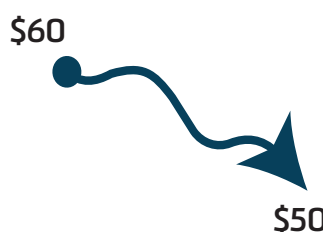
METHAMPHETAMINE



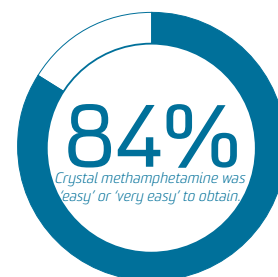
Past 6 month use of any (74%), crystal (74%), and base (n≤5) methamphetamine remained stable in 2021, whereas powder decreased (n≤5).



Of those who had recently used any form of methamphetamine, 68% used it at least weekly, stable from 71% in 2020.



The median reported price for a point of crystal methamphetamine was \$50 in 2021, a decrease from \$60 in 2020.



Of those who could comment, 84% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain in 2021, an increase from 48% in 2020.

OTHER DRUGS

Non-prescribed morphine



Past 6 month use of non-prescribed morphine was stable at 6% in the 2020 sample and 9% in 2021.

Non-prescribed fentanyl



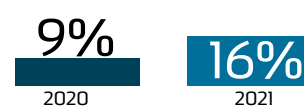
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed fentanyl was stable at 8% in the 2020 sample to 7% in 2021.

Non-prescribed pregabalin



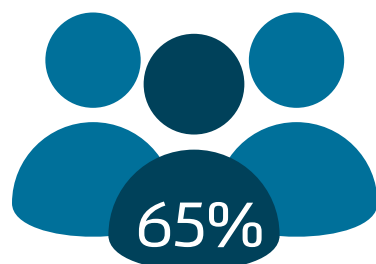
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed pregabalin was stable at 11% in the 2020 sample and 12% in 2021.

GHB/GBL/1,4-BD

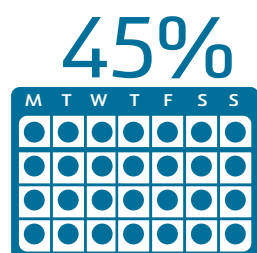


Past 6 month use of GHB/GBL/1,4-BD was stable from 9% in the 2020 sample to 16% in 2021.

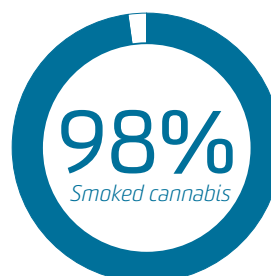
CANNABIS



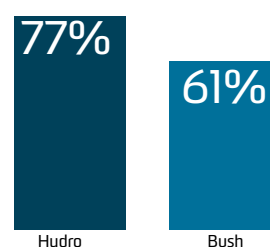
Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 64% in the 2020 sample and 65% in 2021.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, under half reported daily use (45%).



Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 98% had smoked it.

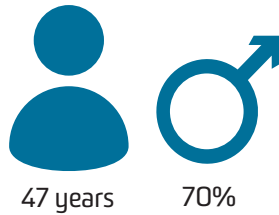


Of those who could comment 77% perceived hydro and 61% perceived bush to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

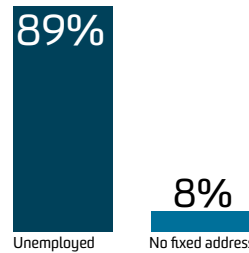
2021 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



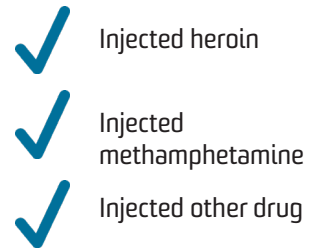
In 2021, 150 people from Sydney, NSW participated in IDRS interviews.



The mean age in 2021 was 47, and 70% identified as male.

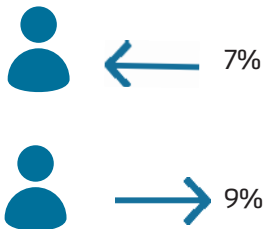


In the 2021 sample, 89% were unemployed and 8% had no fixed address.

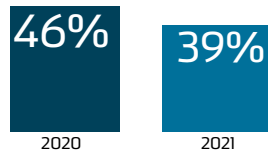


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had injected drugs at least monthly in the previous 6 months.

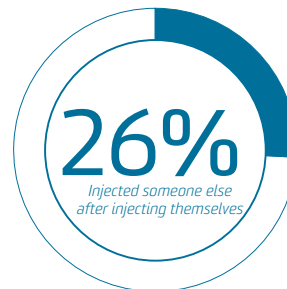
INJECTING RELATED RISKS AND HARMS



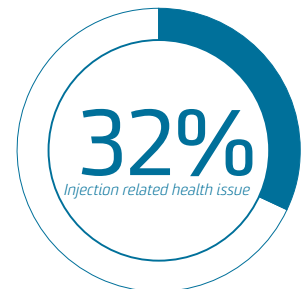
In 2021, 7% of the IDRS sample reported receptive needle sharing, and 9% reported distributive needle sharing.



The number of people who re-used their own needles remained stable from 46% in 2020 to 39% in 2021.

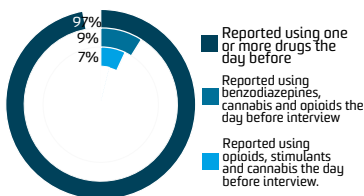


In the NSW sample, 26% of participants reported injecting someone else after injecting themselves.

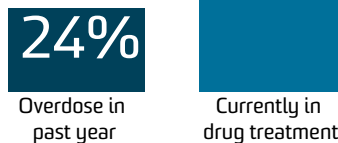


In 2021, 32% of the NSW sample reported having an injection-related health issue in the month preceding interview.

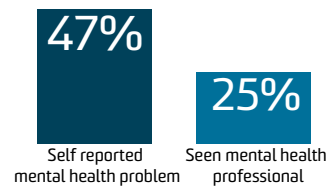
OTHER HARMS AND HELP-SEEKING



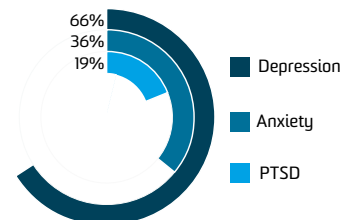
IDRS participants' use of drugs the day before interview participation, 2021.



In the 2021 sample, 24% had experienced a non-fatal overdose in the previous 12 months and 50% were currently in drug treatment.

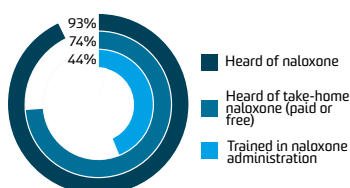


In the sample, 47% self reported a mental health problem in the six months prior to interview, and 25% had seen a mental health professional.

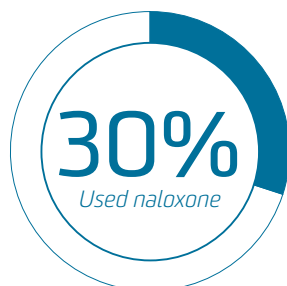


Of those who commented, the three most common mental health issues reported were depression (66%), anxiety (36%) and PTSD (19%).

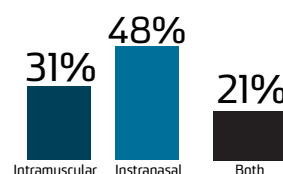
NALOXONE AND HARM REDUCTION



IDRS participants' knowledge of, and participation in, the take-home naloxone program remained stable in 2021.



Of those who reported having heard of naloxone, 30% had used naloxone to resuscitate someone who had overdosed.



Of those who reported ever accessing naloxone, 31% received intramuscular naloxone, 48% intranasal naloxone and 21% both.



In 2021, 13% 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.