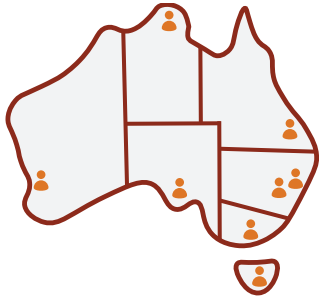


2023 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

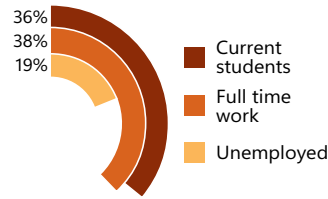


In 2023, 708 participants, recruited from all capital cities across Australia, were interviewed.

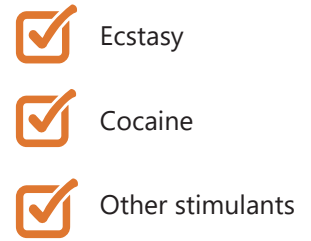


25 years 58%

The median age in 2023 was 25, and 58% identified as male.

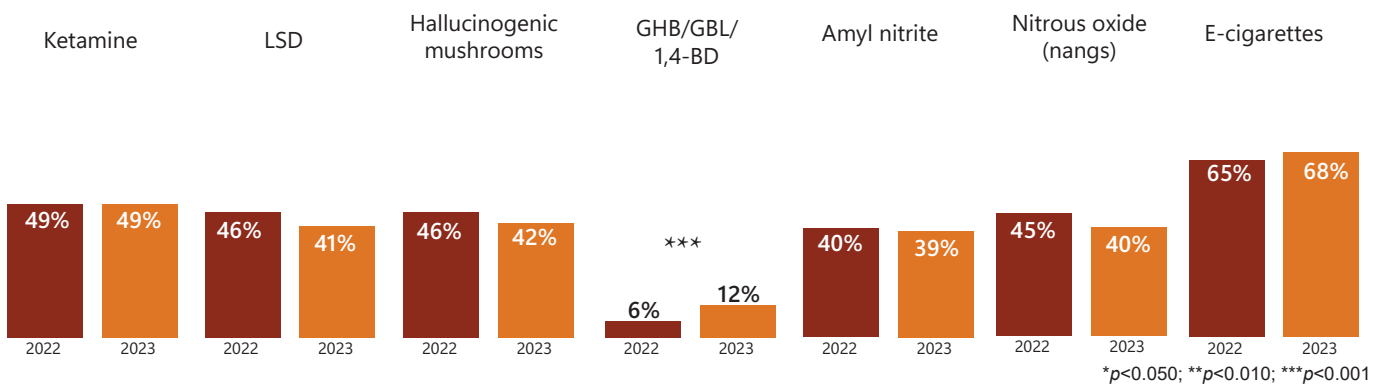


In the 2023 sample, 36% were current students, 38% were employed full time and 19% were unemployed.

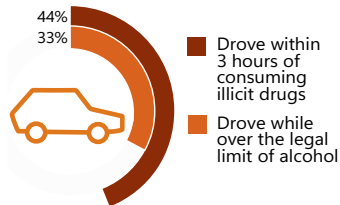


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy and/or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

PAST 6 MONTH USE OF OTHER DRUGS



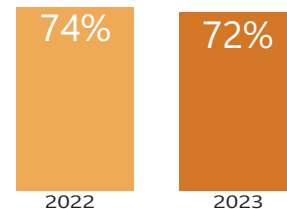
DRUG-RELATED HARMS AND RISKS



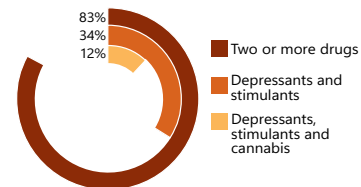
Among recent drivers, 44% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 33% while over the legal limit of alcohol.



In the 2023 sample, 22% reported a non-fatal depressant overdose in the previous 12 months, and 15% reported a non-fatal stimulant overdose.

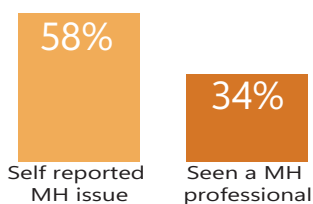


72% of the sample obtained an AUDIT score of eight or more, indicative of past year hazardous alcohol use (74% in 2022).

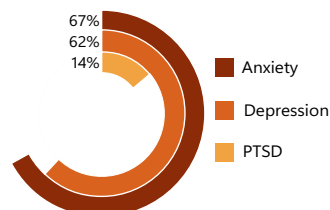


On the last occasion of ecstasy or related drug use, 83% used two or more drugs, 34% used both stimulants and depressants, and 12% used stimulants, depressants and cannabis.

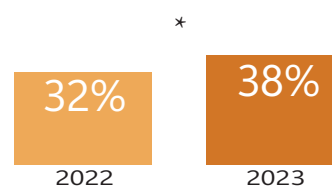
OTHER BEHAVIOURS



In the total sample, 58% self-reported a mental health issue and 34% 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 (67%), depression (62%) and PTSD (14%).



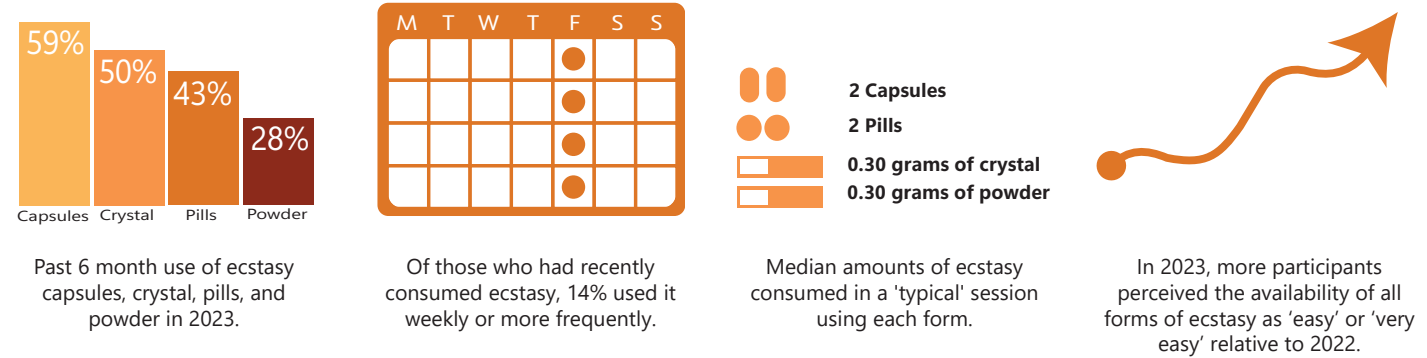
38% of the sample reported that they or someone else had tested the content and/or purity of their illicit drugs in Australia in the past year.



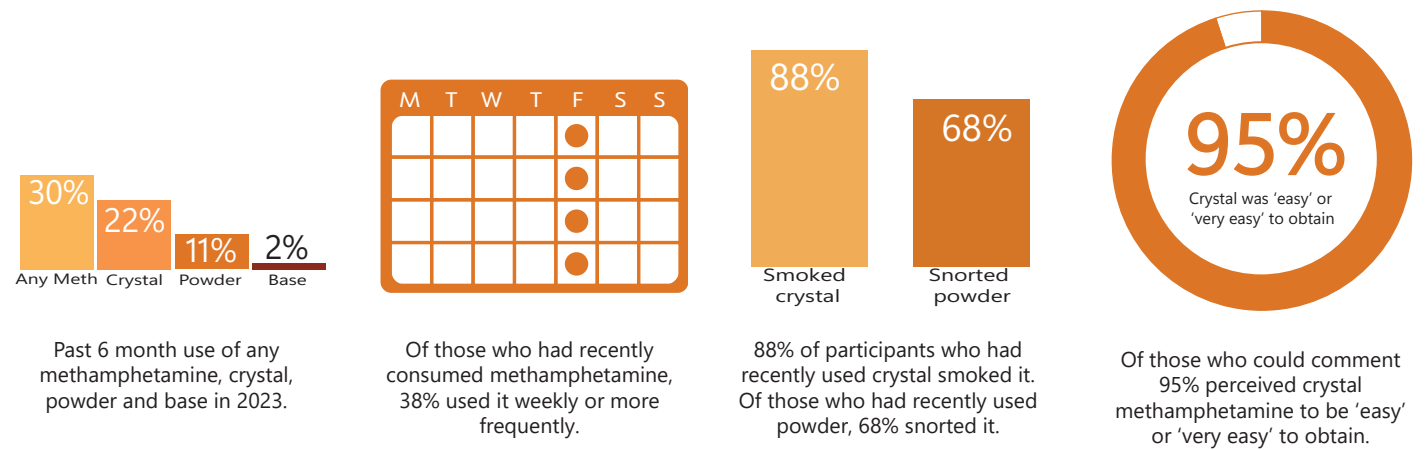
25% of the sample reported experiencing stigma because of their illicit drug use in the six months preceding interview, most commonly from police or a GP.

* $p < 0.050$; ** $p < 0.010$; *** $p < 0.001$

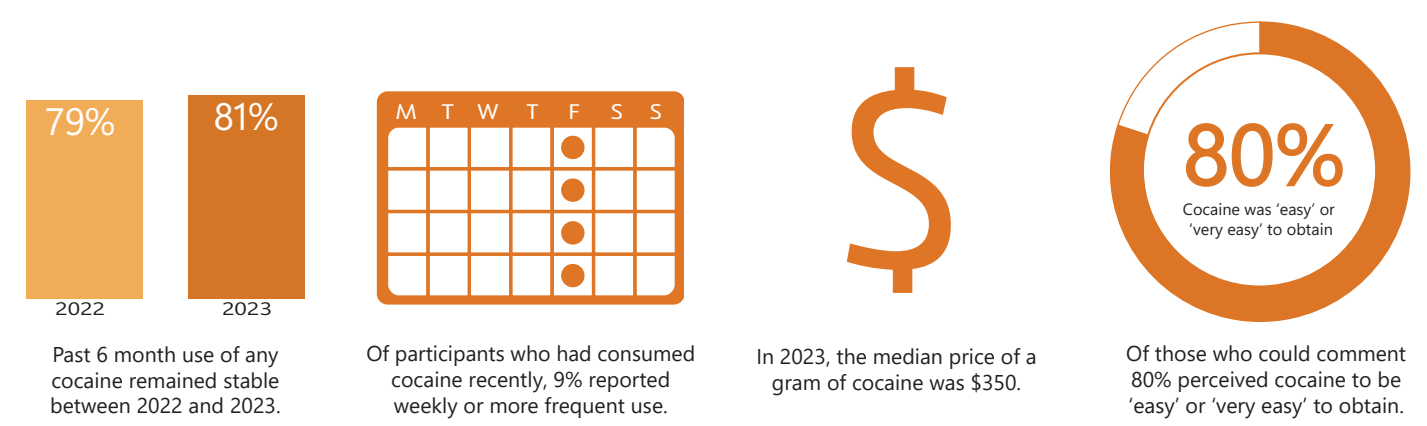
ECSTASY



METHAMPHETAMINE



COCAINE



CANNABIS AND/OR CANNABINOID-RELATED PRODUCTS

