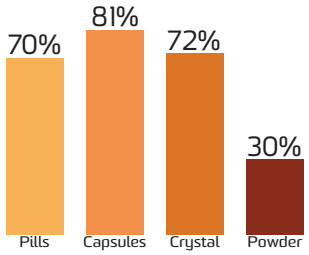
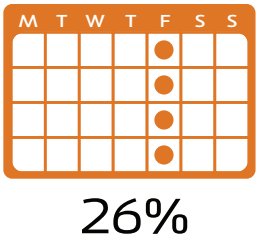
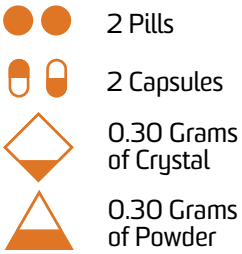
ECSTASY



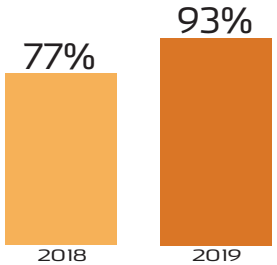
Past 6 month use of ecstasy pills, capsules, crystal, and powder in 2019.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 26% used it weekly or more often.



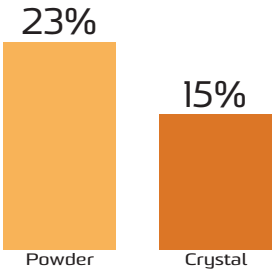
Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.



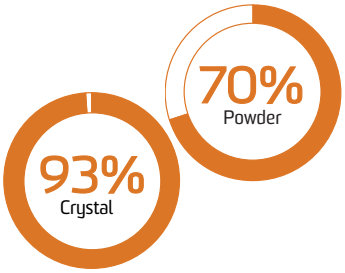
Of those who could comment 93% perceived ecstasy capsules to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

METHAMPHETAMINE

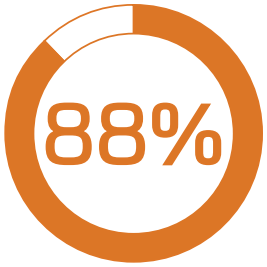
33% of people in the ACT EDRS sample had used methamphetaime in the previous 6 months.



Of the entire sample, 23% had recently consumed powder, and 15% crystal methamphetamine.



93% of people who had recently used crystal smoked it. Of those who had recently used powder, 70% snorted it.

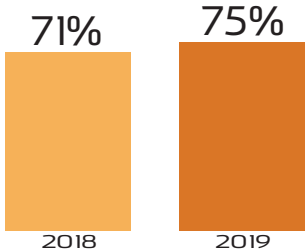


Of those who could comment 88% perceived crystal methmphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE

75% of the entire sample used cocaine in the past 6 months.

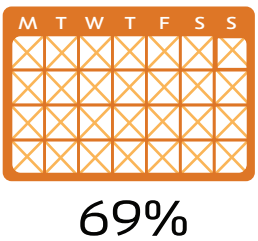
Of people who had consumed cocaine in the last 6 months, 100% had snorted it.



Of those who could comment 75% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

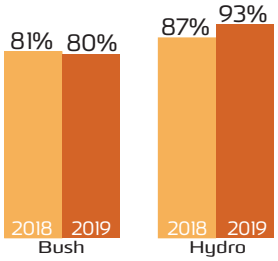
CANNABIS

81% of the sample had used cannabis in the previous 6 months.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, 69% reported weekly or more frequent use.

Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 99% had smoked it.

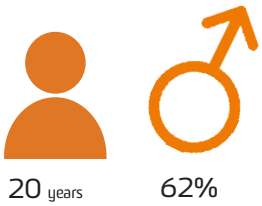


Of those who could comment 93% perceived hydro to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

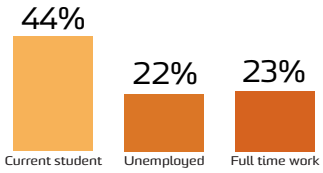
EDRS Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System

2019 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

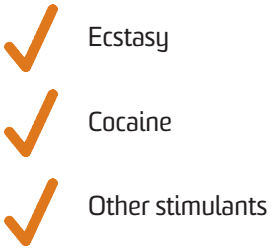
In 2019, 100 people from the ACT participated in EDRS interviews.



The median age in 2019 was 20 (IQR = 19-23), and 62% identified as male.

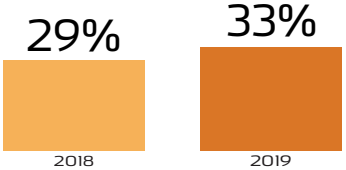


In the 2019 sample, 44% were students, 22% were unemployed, and 23% were employed full time.

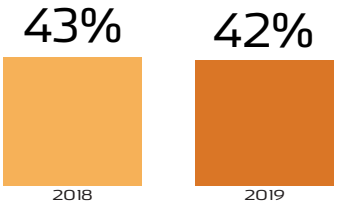


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

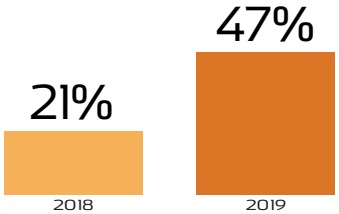
OTHER DRUGS



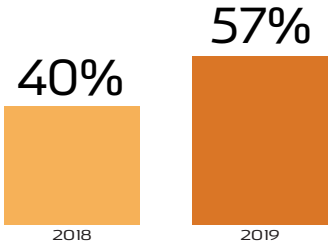
Past 6 month use of ketamine was reported by one-third (33%) of the 2019 EDRS sample, stable to 29% in 2018.



Past 6 month use of LSD was stable, from 43% in 2018 to 42% in the 2019 EDRS sample.



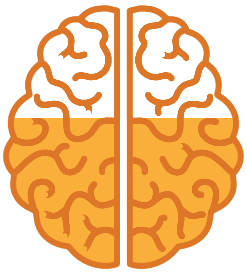
Past 6 month use of amyl nitrite increased from 21% in 2018 to 47% in the 2019 EDRS sample.



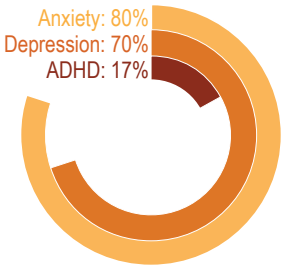
Past 6 month use of nitrous oxide (nangs) increased from 40% in 2018 to 57% in the 2019 EDRS sample.

DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH

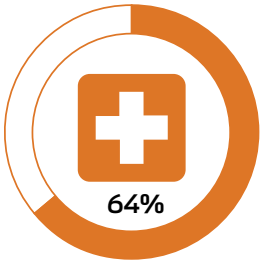
Of the 2019 EDRS sample 7% reported that they were currently receiving drug treatment.



Over half of the ACT sample (57%) self-reported that they had experienced a mental health problem in the previous 6 months.

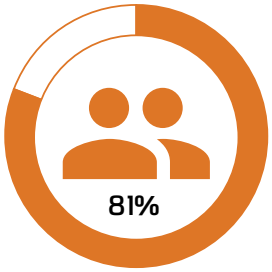


Of those who commented, the most common self-reported mental health concern was anxiety (80%), followed by depression (70%), and ADHD (17%).

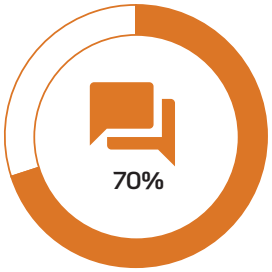


Of those self-reporting a mental health problem, 64% reported seeing a mental health professional in the previous 6 months.

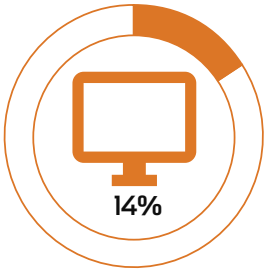
MODES OF PURCHASING



In 2019, 81% of the EDRS sample reported buying drugs face to face in the previous 12 months.



In 2019, 70% of the EDRS sample reported buying drugs off social networking applications in the previous 12 months.



In 2019, 14% of the EDRS sample reported buying drugs off the darknet in the previous 12 months.