

### **2022 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS**



In 2022, 70 participants, recruited from Darwin, NT, were interviewed.



The mean age in 2022 was 47, and 61% identified as male.



Unemployed

In the 2022 sample, 86% were unemployed and few had no fixed address (n≤5).



Injected heroin



Injected methamphetamine



Injected other illicit or non-prescribed drugs

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

# **INJECTING RELATED RISKS AND HARMS**

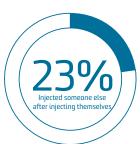




In 2022, few (n≤5) participants reported receptive sharing and distributive sharing in the past month.



20% of participants reported re-using their own needles in the past month, stable from 2021 (14%).

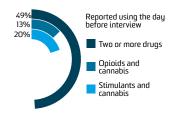


23% of participants reported injecting someone else after injecting themselves in the past month, stable from 2021 (14%).



16% of participants reported having an injection-related health issue in the past month, an increase relative to 2021 (n≤5).

## OTHER HARMS AND HELP-SEEKING



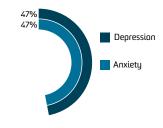
The most common patterns of poly substance use on the day preceding interview were cannabis and opioids, and cannabis and stimulants



Past year non-fatal overdose (0%) and past 6-month drug treatment (10%) remained stable in 2022 relative to 2021

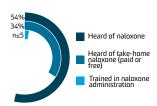


In 2022, 22% of participants reported a mental health problem in the 6 months preceding interview, and few had seen a mental health professional (n≤5).



Among those who reported a mental health problem, the two most common mental health issues were depression and anxiety.

#### NALOXONE AND HARM REDUCTION



Knowledge of naloxone remained stable in 2022, however fewer participants reported knowledge of take-home naloxone programs and ever being trained in using naloxone.



Few (n≤5) of the sample reported using naloxone to resuscitate someone who had overdosed at least once in their lifetime.



88% of the sample reported to have last injected at home, stable to 2021 (91%).

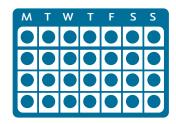


In 2022, few (n≤5) reported that they or someone else had tested the content and/or purity of their illicit drugs in Australia in the past year.

#### LICIT AND OTHER DRUGS



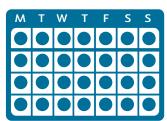
Past 6 month use of alcohol remained stable in 2022 (47%) relative to 2021 (50%).



Of those who had recently consumed alcohol, 27% reported daily use, stable from 2021 (32%).

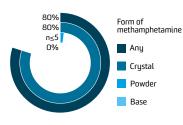


Past 6 month use of tobacco remained stable in 2022 (90%) relative to 2021 (91%).

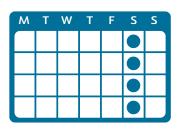


Of those who had recently used tobacco, 95% reported daily use, stable from 2021 (100%).

#### **METHAMPHETAMINE**



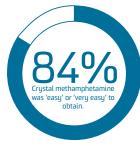
Past 6 month use of all forms of methamphetamine remained stable in 2022 relative to 2021.



Of those who had recently used any form of methamphetamine, 75% reported weekly or more frequent use, stable from 2021 (81%).



In 2022, the median reported price for a point of crystal methamphetamine increased from \$100 in 2021 to \$120 in 2022.



Of those who could comment, 84% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain in 2022, stable relative to 2021 (85%).

## **OTHER DRUGS**

Non-prescribed morphine

2021

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed morphine remained stable between 2021 and 2022.

Non-prescribed fentanyl

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed fentanyl remained stable between 2021 and 2022.

Non-prescribed pregabalin

Past 6 month use of non-prescribed pregabalin remained stable between

2021 and 2022.

GHB/GBL/1,4-BD

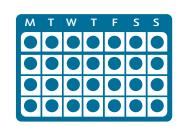
2022

Past 6 month use of GHB/GBL/1,4-BD remained stable between 2021 and 2022.

## CANNABIS AND/OR CANNABINOID RELATED PRODUCTS



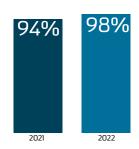
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid related products remained stable in 2022 (70%) relative to 2021 (59%).



Of those who had recently used non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid related products, half reported daily use (55%), stable from 2021 (55%).



Of participants who had consumed non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid related products in the last 6 months, all had smoked it.



Of those who could comment, the majority perceived hydroponic cannabis to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain (98%), stable from 2021 (94%).