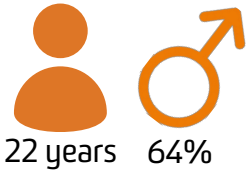
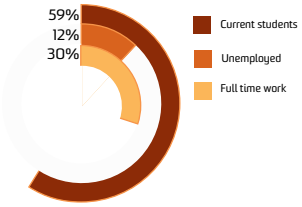
EDRS Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System

2021 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

In 2021, 100 people from Perth, WA, participated in EDRS interviews.



The median age in 2021 was 22 (IQR = 19 - 26), and 64% identified as male.

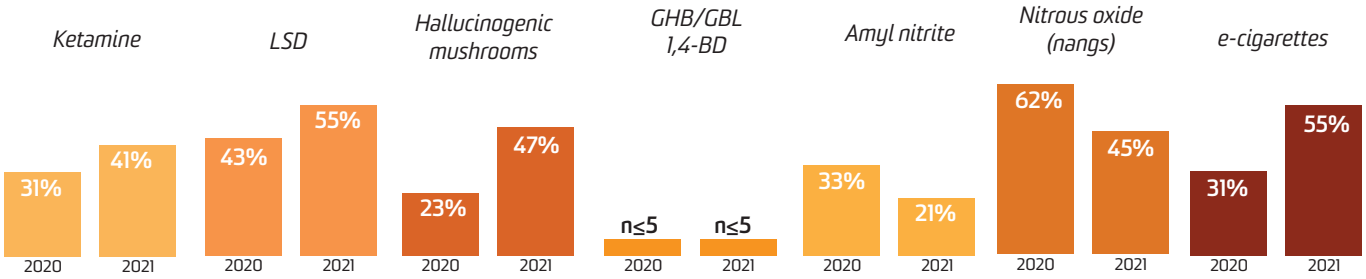


In the 2021 sample, 59% were enrolled students, 12% were unemployed, and 30% were employed full time.

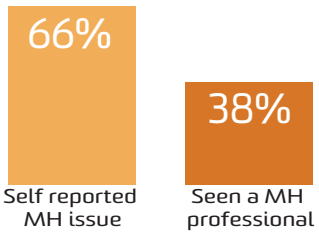
- Ecstasy
- Cocaine
- Other stimulants

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

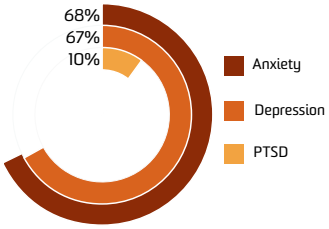
PAST 6 MONTH USE OF OTHER DRUGS



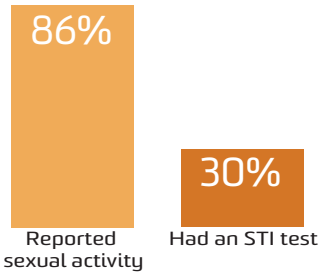
MENTAL HEALTH AND SEXUAL HEALTH BEHAVIOURS



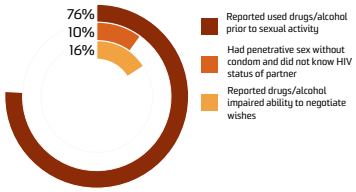
In the total sample, 66% self-reported a mental health issue and 38% had seen a mental health professional in the past 6 months.



Of those who commented, the top three most common mental health issues reported were anxiety (68%), depression (67%) and PTSD (10%).

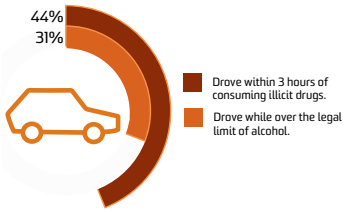


In the total sample, 86% reported sexual activity in the past 4 weeks, and 30% had a sexual health check in the past 6 months.

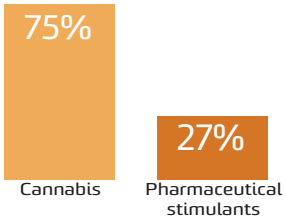


Sexual risk behaviours among those who reported any sexual activity in the past four weeks (86%) and were able to comment.

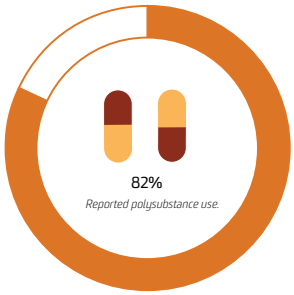
OTHER RISK BEHAVIOURS



In the total sample, 44% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 31% while over the legal limit of alcohol.



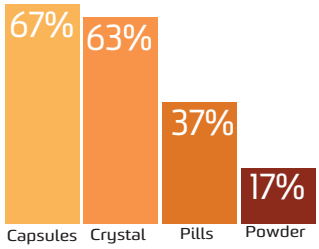
The most common drugs used prior to driving were cannabis (75%) and non-prescribed pharmaceutical stimulants (27%).



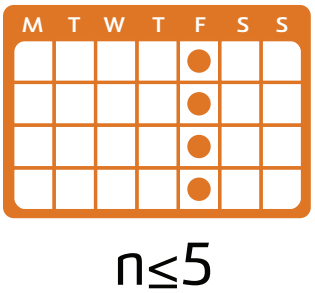
In the total sample, 82% reported concurrent use of two or more substances on the last occasion of ecstasy/stimulant use.

In the total sample, 27% reported to have used stimulants and depressants on one occasion whereas 17% reported using stimulants, depressants and cannabis.

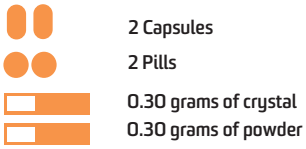
ECSTASY



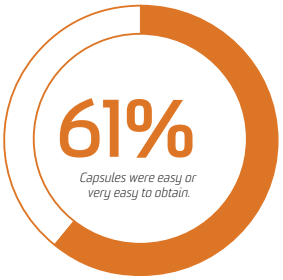
Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2021.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, n≤5 used it weekly or more frequently.



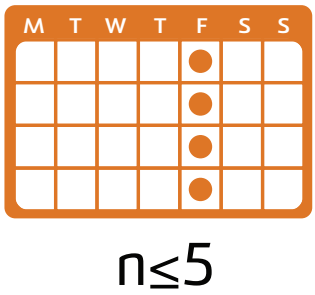
Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.



Of those who could comment 61% perceived ecstasy capsules to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

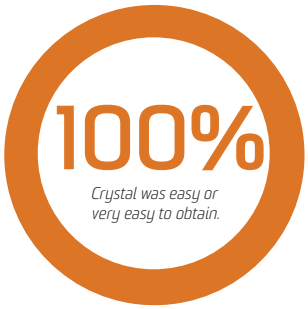
METHAMPHETAMINE

Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine (13%), crystal (10%), powder (n≤5) and base (n≤5) in 2021.



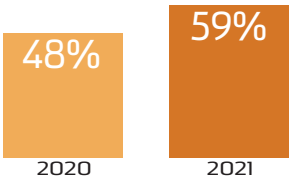
Of those who had recently consumed methamphetamine, n≤5 used it weekly or more frequently.

100% of people who had recently used crystal smoked it.

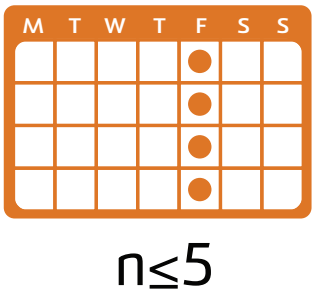


Of those who could comment 100% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE

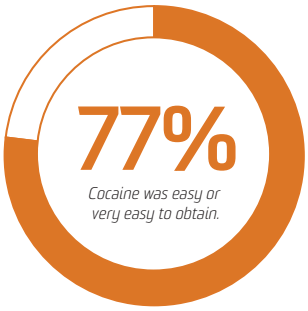


Past 6 month use of any cocaine remained stable from 2020 (48%) to 2021 (59%).



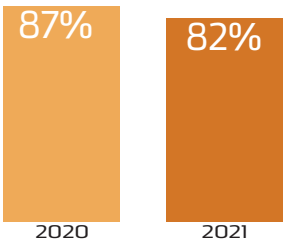
Of those who had consumed cocaine recently, n≤5 reported weekly or more frequent use.

Of those who had consumed cocaine in the last 6 months, the vast majority had snorted it (98%).

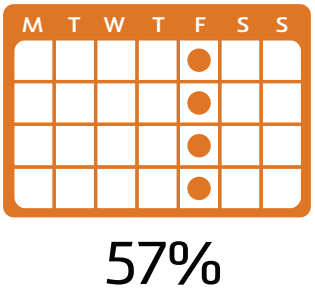


Of those who could comment 77% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

CANNABIS

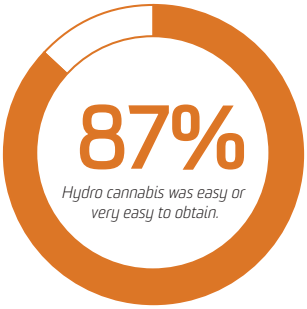


Past 6 month use of any cannabis remained stable from 87% in 2020 to 82% in 2021.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, 57% reported weekly or more frequent use.

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



Of those who could comment 87% perceived hydro to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.