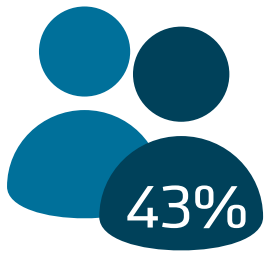
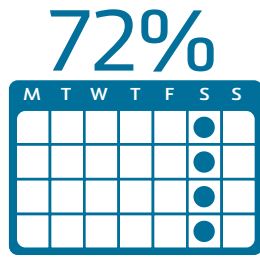


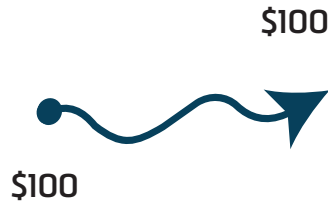
HEROIN



Past 6 month use of heroin was at 43% in the 2021 IDRS sample, a decrease from 64% 2020.



Of those who had recently consumed heroin, 72% used it weekly or more often, stable from 79% in 2020.

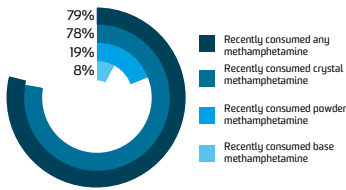


The median reported price for a point of heroin was \$100 in 2021 and \$100 in 2020.

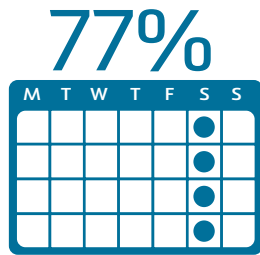


Of those who could comment 90% perceived heroin to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain, stable from 84% in 2020.

METHAMPHETAMINE



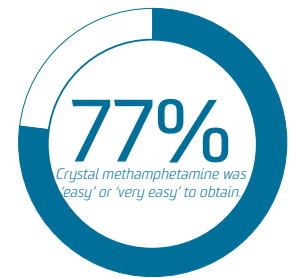
Past 6 month use of any (79%) and crystal methamphetamine (78%) increased from 2020 whereas recent use of powder (19%) and base (8%) remained stable.



Of those who had recently used any form of methamphetamine, 77% used it at least weekly, stable from 69% in 2020.



The median reported price for a point of crystal methamphetamine was \$70 in 2021, stable from \$75 in 2020.



Of those who could comment, 77% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain in 2021, an increase from 41% in 2020.

OTHER DRUGS

Non-prescribed morphine



Past 6 month use of non-prescribed morphine was stable at 21% in the 2020 sample and 18% in 2021.

Non-prescribed fentanyl



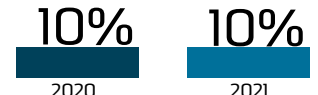
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed fentanyl was stable at n≤5 in the 2020 sample to n≤5 in 2021.

Non-prescribed pregabalin



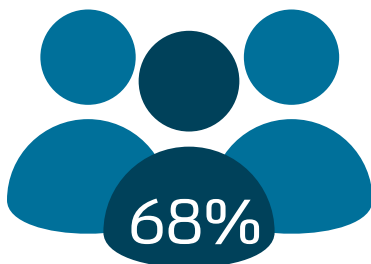
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed pregabalin was stable at 17% in the 2020 sample and 22% in 2021.

GHB/GBL/1,4-BD

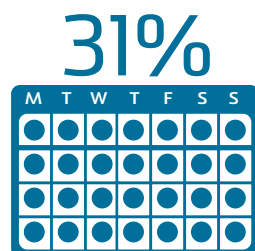


Past 6 month use of GHB/GBL/1,4-BD was stable at 10% in the 2020 sample and 10% in 2021.

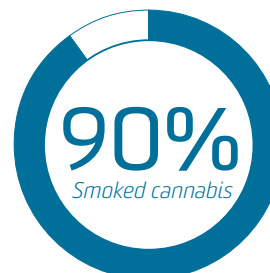
CANNABIS



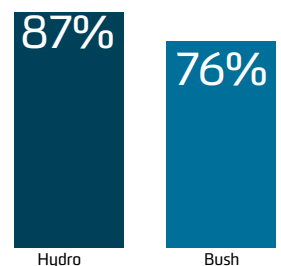
Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 64% in the 2020 sample and 68% in 2021.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, less than one-third reported daily use (31%).



Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 90% had smoked it.

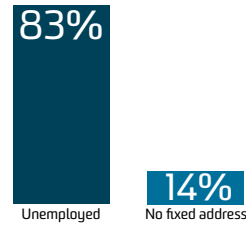
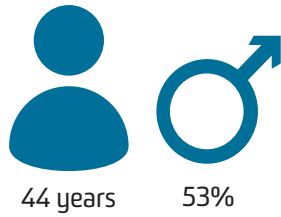


Of those who could comment 87% perceived hydro and 76% perceived bush to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

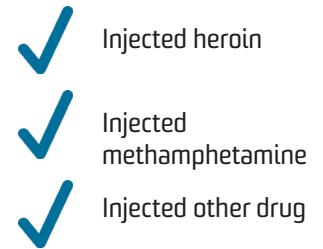
2021 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



In 2021, 101 people from Greater Brisbane Area, QLD participated in IDRS interviews. The mean age in 2021 was 44, and 53% identified as male.

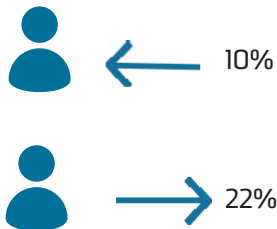


In the 2021 sample, 83% were unemployed and 14% had no fixed address.

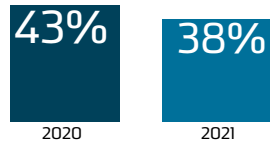


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had injected drugs at least monthly in the previous 6 months.

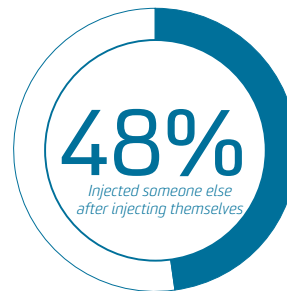
INJECTING RELATED RISKS AND HARMS



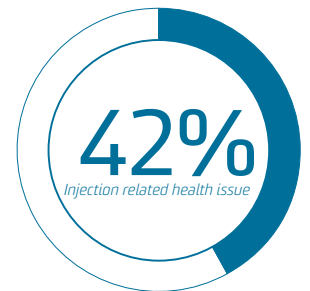
In 2021, 10% of the IDRS sample reported receptive needle sharing, and 22% reported distributive needle sharing.



The number of people who re-used their own needles remained stable from 43% in 2020 to 38% in 2021.

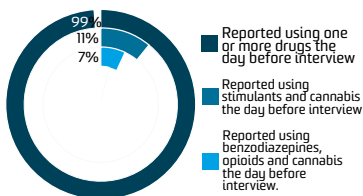


In the QLD sample, 48% of participants reported injecting someone else after injecting themselves.

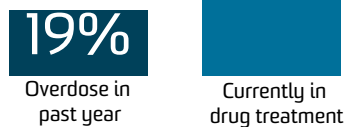


In 2021, 42% of the QLD sample reported having an injection-related health issue in the month preceding interview.

OTHER HARMS AND HELP-SEEKING



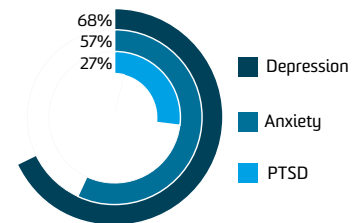
IDRS participants' use of drugs the day before interview participation, 2021.



In the 2021 sample, 19% had experienced a non-fatal overdose in the previous 12 months and 45% were currently in drug treatment.

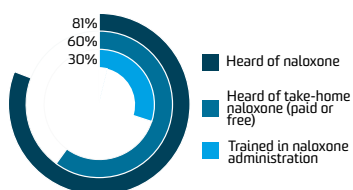


In the sample, 61% self reported a mental health problem in the six months prior to interview, and 37% had seen a mental health professional.

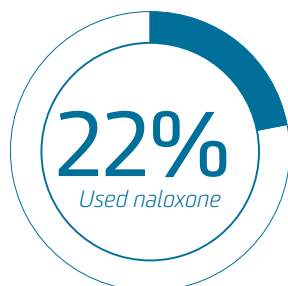


Of those who commented, the three most common mental health issues reported were depression (68%), anxiety (57%) and PTSD (27%).

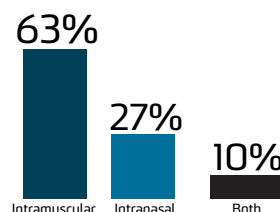
NALOXONE AND HARM REDUCTION



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



Of those who reported having heard of naloxone, 22% had used naloxone to resuscitate someone who had overdosed.



Of those who reported ever accessing naloxone, 63% received intramuscular naloxone, 27% intranasal naloxone and 10% both.



In 2021, 8% 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.