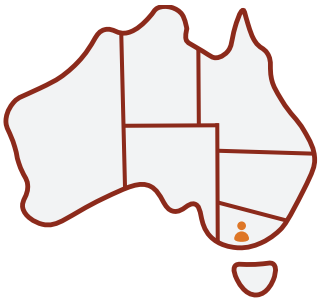
EDRS Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System

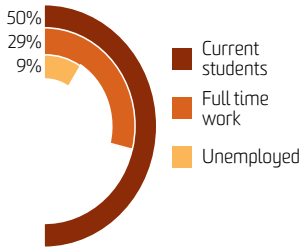
2022 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



In 2022, 100 participants, recruited from Melbourne, VIC were interviewed.

25 years 52%

The median age in 2022 was 25, and 52% identified as male.

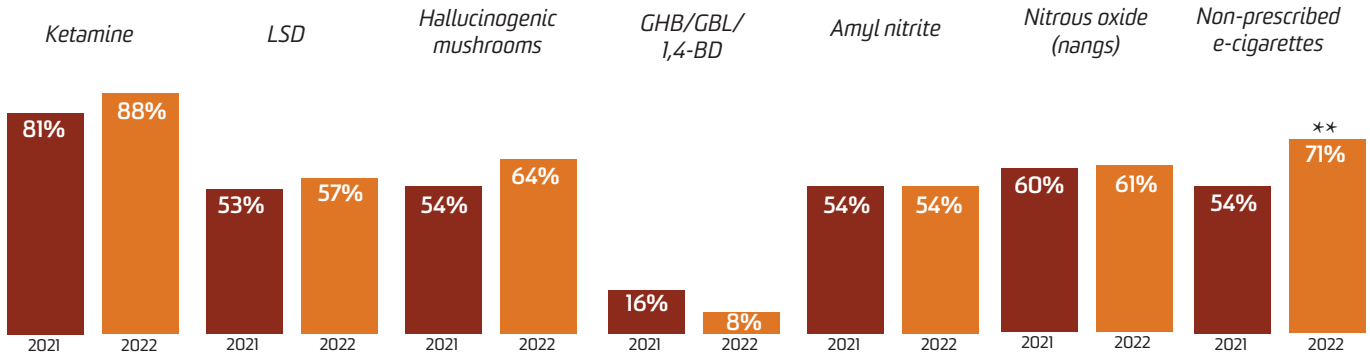


In the 2022 sample, 50% were enrolled students, 29% were employed full time and 9% were unemployed.

- Ecstasy
- Cocaine
- Other stimulants

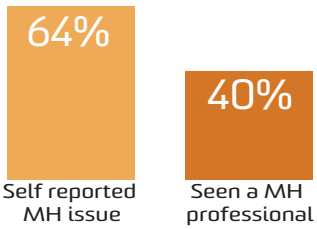
Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy and/or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

PAST 6 MONTH USE OF SELECTED DRUGS

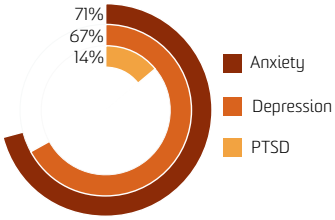


*$p<0.050$; **$p<0.010$; ***$p<0.001$

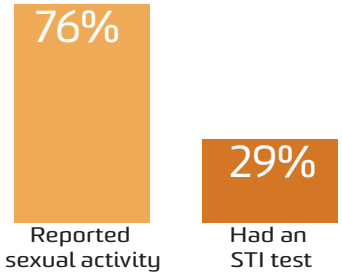
MENTAL HEALTH AND SEXUAL HEALTH BEHAVIOURS



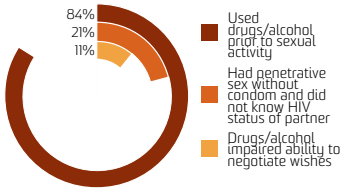
In the total sample, 64% self-reported a mental health issue and 40% had seen a mental health professional in the past 6 months.



Of those who had a mental health condition, the three most common mental health issues reported were anxiety (71%), depression (67%) and PTSD (14%).

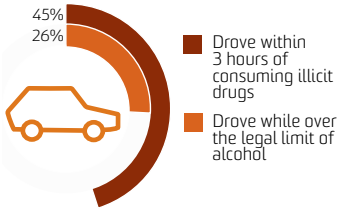


In the total sample, 76% reported sexual activity in the past 4 weeks, and 29% had a sexual health check in the past 6 months.



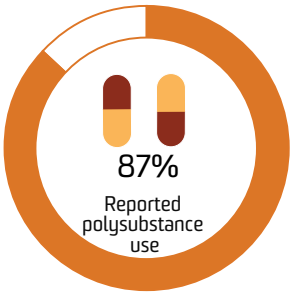
Sexual risk behaviours among those who reported any sexual activity in the past four weeks and were able to comment.

OTHER RISK BEHAVIOURS

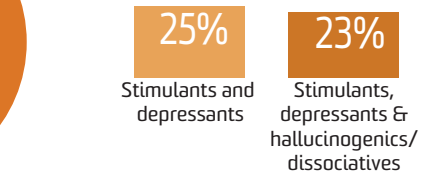


Among recent drivers, 45% reported driving a vehicle within 3 hours of consuming illicit drugs and 26% while over the legal limit of alcohol.

In the 2022 sample, 18% reported a non-fatal depressant overdose in the previous 12 months, stable relative to 2021 (14%).

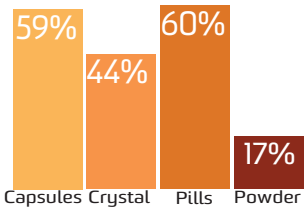


In the total sample, 87% reported concurrent use of two or more substances on the last occasion of ecstasy or related drug use.

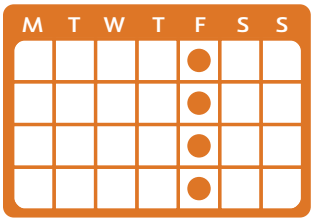


The most commonly used combinations of drug classes on the last occasion of ecstasy or related drug use.

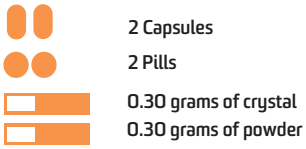
ECSTASY



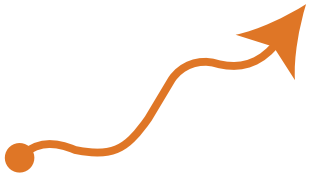
Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2022.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 12% reported weekly or more frequent use.

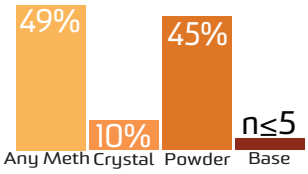


Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.

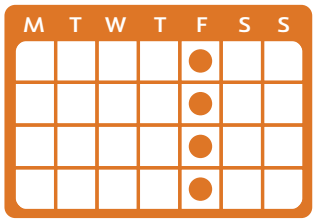


In 2022, more participants perceived the availability of pills and capsule forms as 'difficult' relative to 2021.

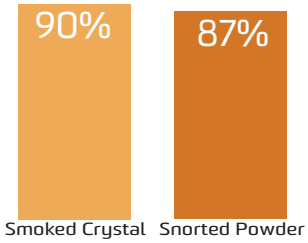
METHAMPHETAMINE



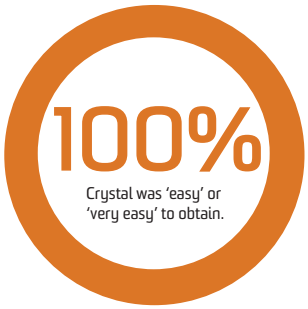
Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine, crystal, powder and base in 2022.



Of those who had recently consumed methamphetamine, 16% reported weekly or more frequent use.

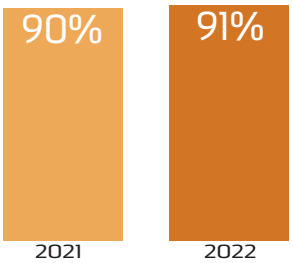


90% of participants who had recently used crystal smoked it. Of those who had recently used powder, 87% snorted it.

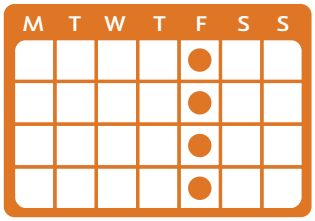


Of those who could comment, all participants perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE

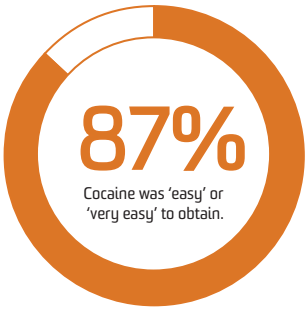


Past 6 month use of any cocaine remained stable between 2021 and 2022.



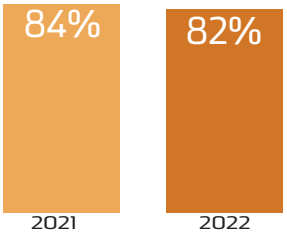
Of those who had recently consumed cocaine, 9% reported weekly or more frequent use.

In 2022, the median price of a gram of cocaine remained stable at $350.

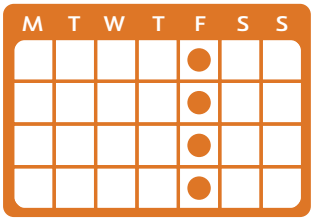


Of those who could comment, 87% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

CANNABIS AND/OR CANNABINOID RELATED PRODUCTS

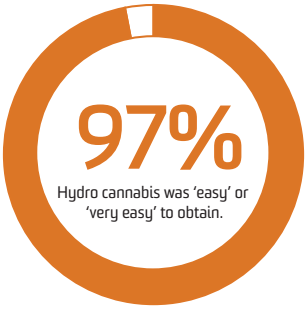


Past 6 month use of non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid related products remained stable between 2021 and 2022.



Of those who had recently consumed non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid related products, 60% reported weekly or more frequent use.

Of participants who had consumed non-prescribed cannabis and/or cannabinoid related products in the last 6 months, 91% had smoked it.



Of those who could comment, 97% perceived hydro to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.