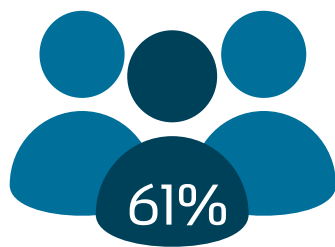
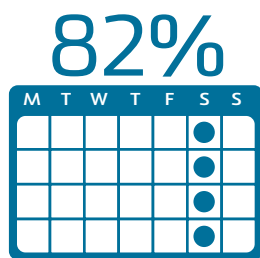


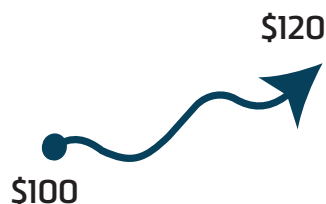
HEROIN



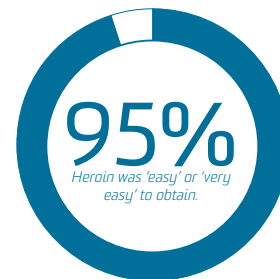
Past 6 month use of heroin was stable at 61% in the 2021 IDRS sample (69% in 2020).



Of those who had recently consumed heroin, 82% used it weekly or more often, stable from 82% in 2020.

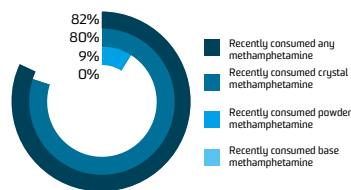


The median reported price for a point of heroin was \$120 in 2021 and \$100 in 2020.

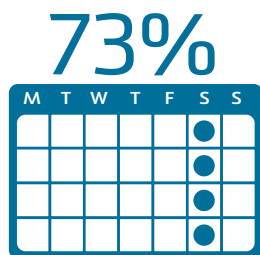


Of those who could comment 95% perceived heroin to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain, an increase from 67% in 2020.

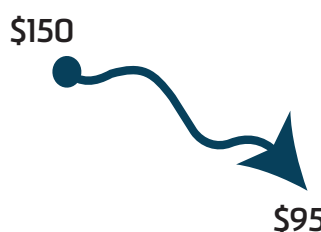
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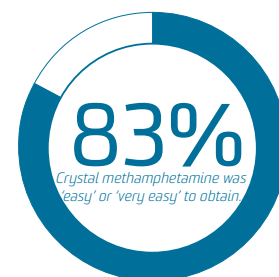
Past 6 month use of any (82%) and crystal methamphetamine (80%) was stable since 2020 whereas recent use of powder decreased (9%).



Of those who had recently used any form of methamphetamine, 73% used it at least weekly, stable from 67% in 2020.



The median reported price for a point of crystal methamphetamine was \$95 in 2021, a decrease from \$150 in 2020.



Of those who could comment, 83% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain in 2021, an increase from 37% in 2020.

OTHER DRUGS

Non-prescribed morphine



Past 6 month use of non-prescribed morphine was stable at 18% in the 2020 sample and 16% in 2021.

Non-prescribed fentanyl



Past 6 month use of non-prescribed fentanyl was stable at 11% in the 2020 sample to 6% in 2021.

Non-prescribed pregabalin



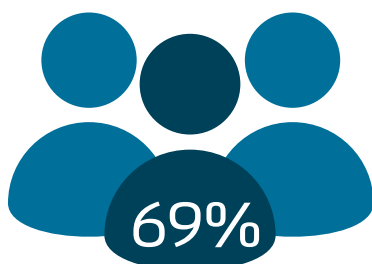
Past 6 month use of non-prescribed pregabalin was stable at 21% in the 2020 sample and 19% in 2021.

GHB/GBL/1,4-BD

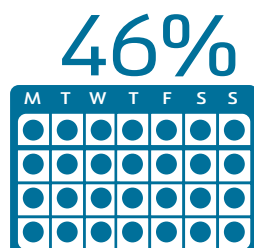


Past 6 month use of GHB/GBL/1,4-BD was stable at 13% in the 2020 sample and 12% in 2021.

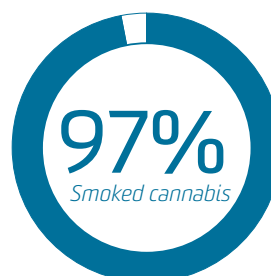
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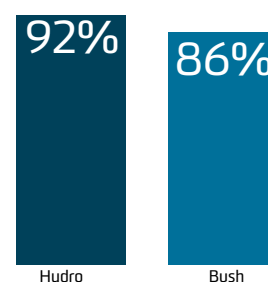
Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 66% in the 2020 sample and 69% in 2021.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, under half reported daily use (46%).



Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 97% had smoked it.

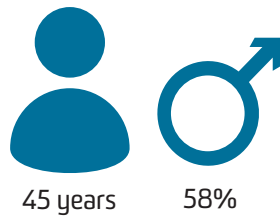


Of those who could comment 92% perceived hydro and 86% perceived bush to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

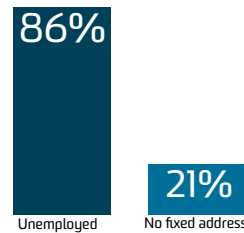
2021 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



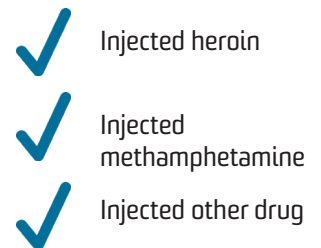
In 2021, 99 people from Perth, WA participated in IDRS interviews.



The mean age in 2021 was 45, and 58% identified as male.

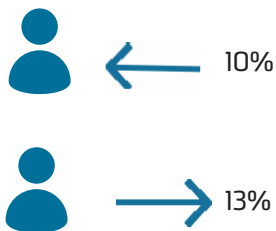


In the 2021 sample, 86% were unemployed and 21% had no fixed address.

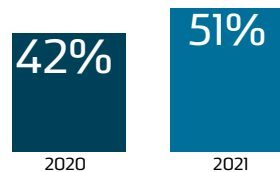


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had injected drugs at least monthly in the previous 6 months.

INJECTING RELATED RISKS AND HARMS



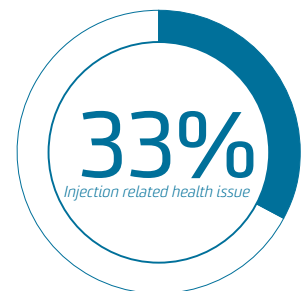
In 2021, 10% of the IDRS sample reported receptive needle sharing, and 13% reported distributive needle sharing.



The number of people who re-used their own needles remained stable from 42% in 2020 to 51% in 2021.

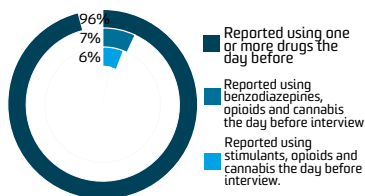


In the WA sample, 36% of participants reported injecting someone else after injecting themselves.

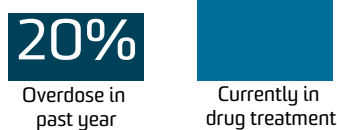


In 2021, 33% of the WA sample reported having an injection-related health issue in the month preceding interview.

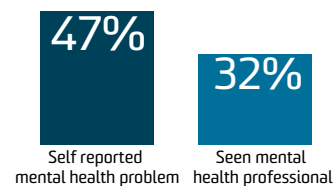
OTHER HARMS AND HELP-SEEKING



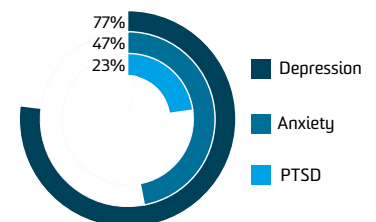
IDRS participants' use of drugs the day before interview participation, 2021.



In the 2021 sample, 20% had experienced a non-fatal overdose in the previous 12 months and 46% were currently in drug treatment.

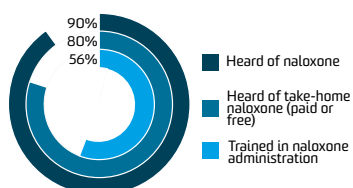


In the sample, 47% self reported a mental health problem in the six months prior to interview, and 32% had seen a mental health professional.

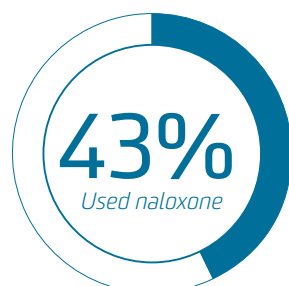


Of those who commented, the three most common mental health issues reported were depression (77%), anxiety (47%) and PTSD (23%).

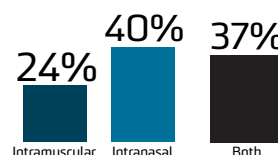
NALOXONE AND HARM REDUCTION



There was an increase in IDRS participants' knowledge of, and participation in, the take-home naloxone program in 2021.



Of those who reported having heard of naloxone, 43% had used naloxone to resuscitate someone who had overdosed.



Of those who reported ever accessing naloxone, 24% received intramuscular naloxone, 40% intranasal naloxone and 37% both.



In 2021, 9% 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.