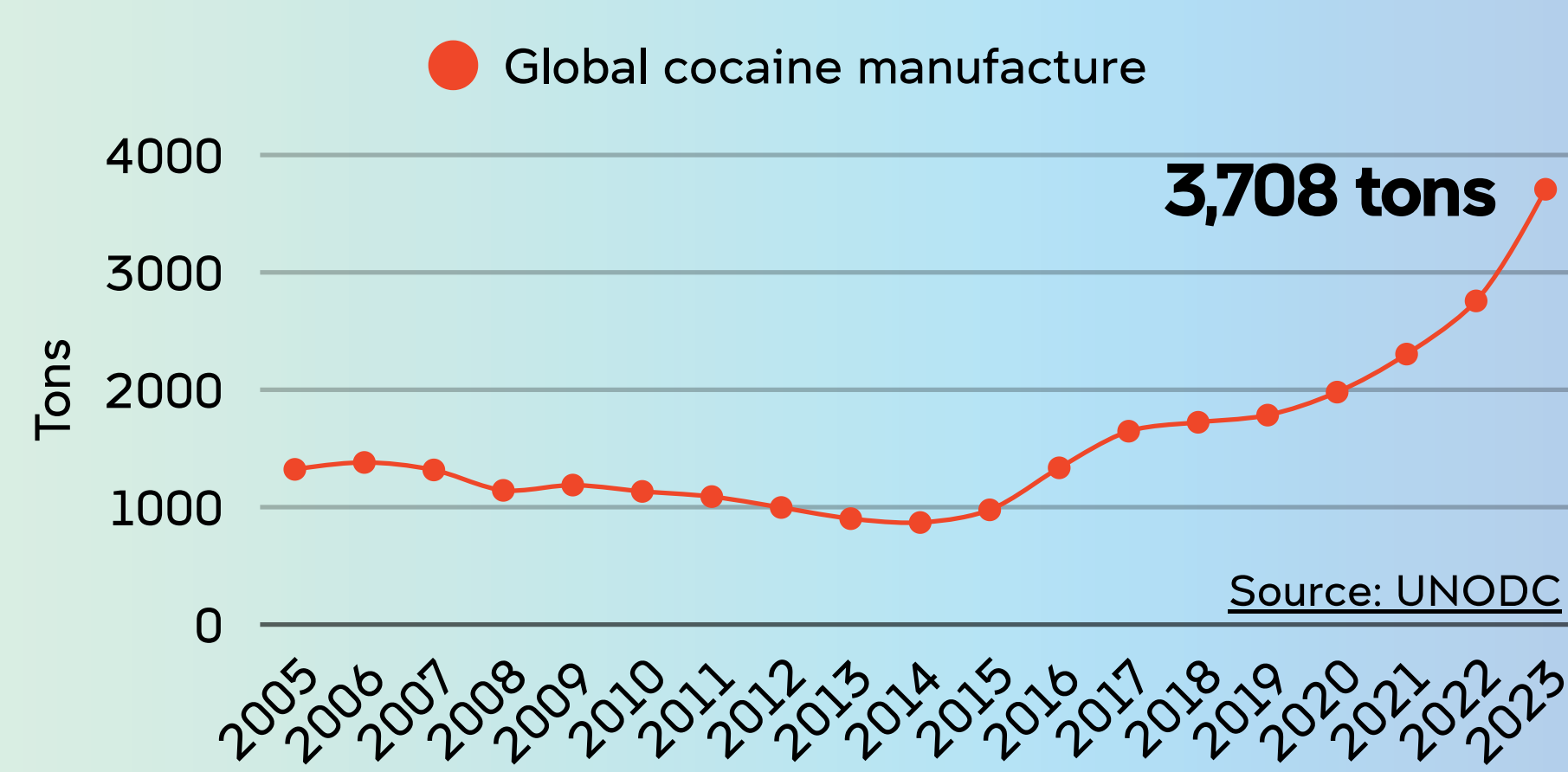


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COCAINE

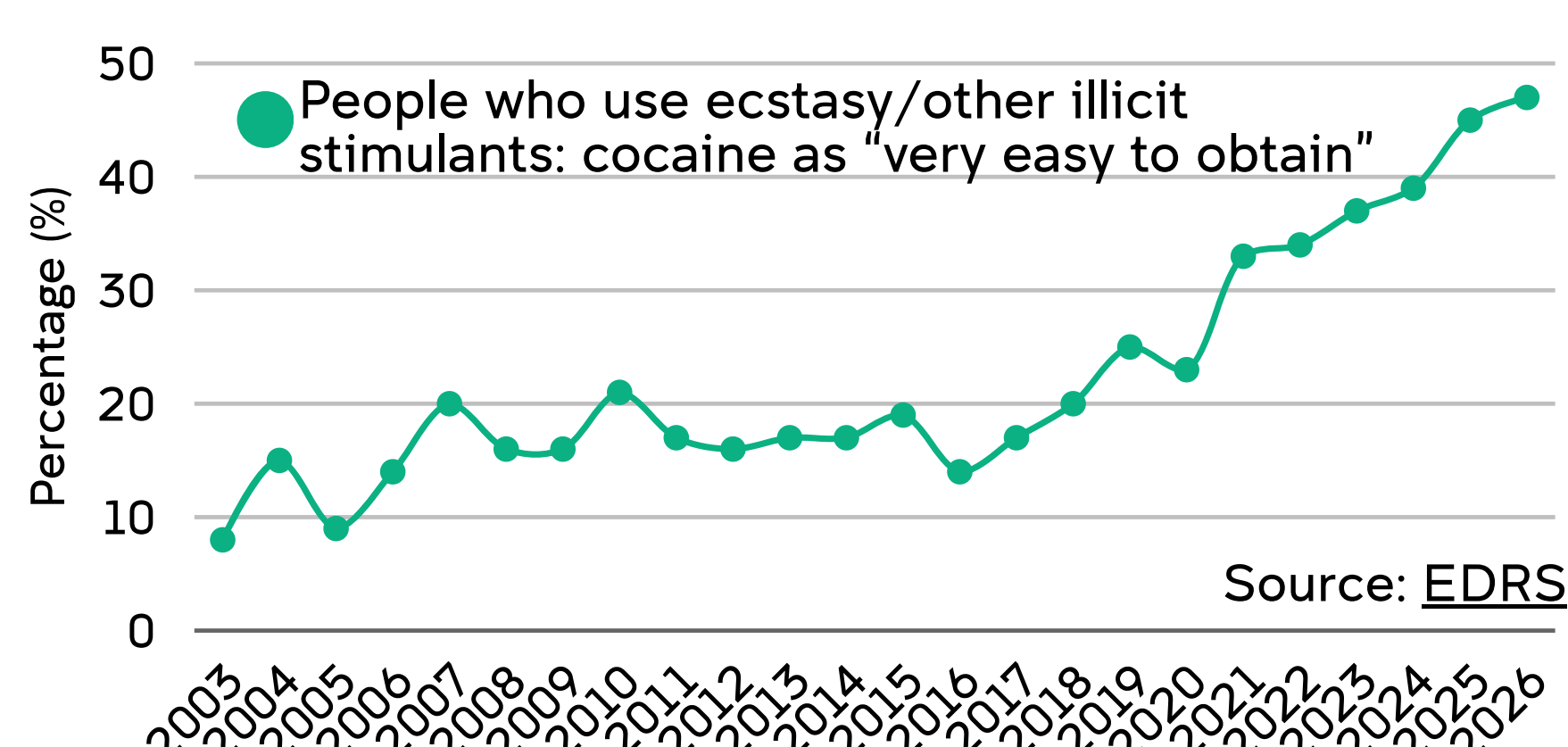
Market

Estimated manufacture of cocaine at 100% purity



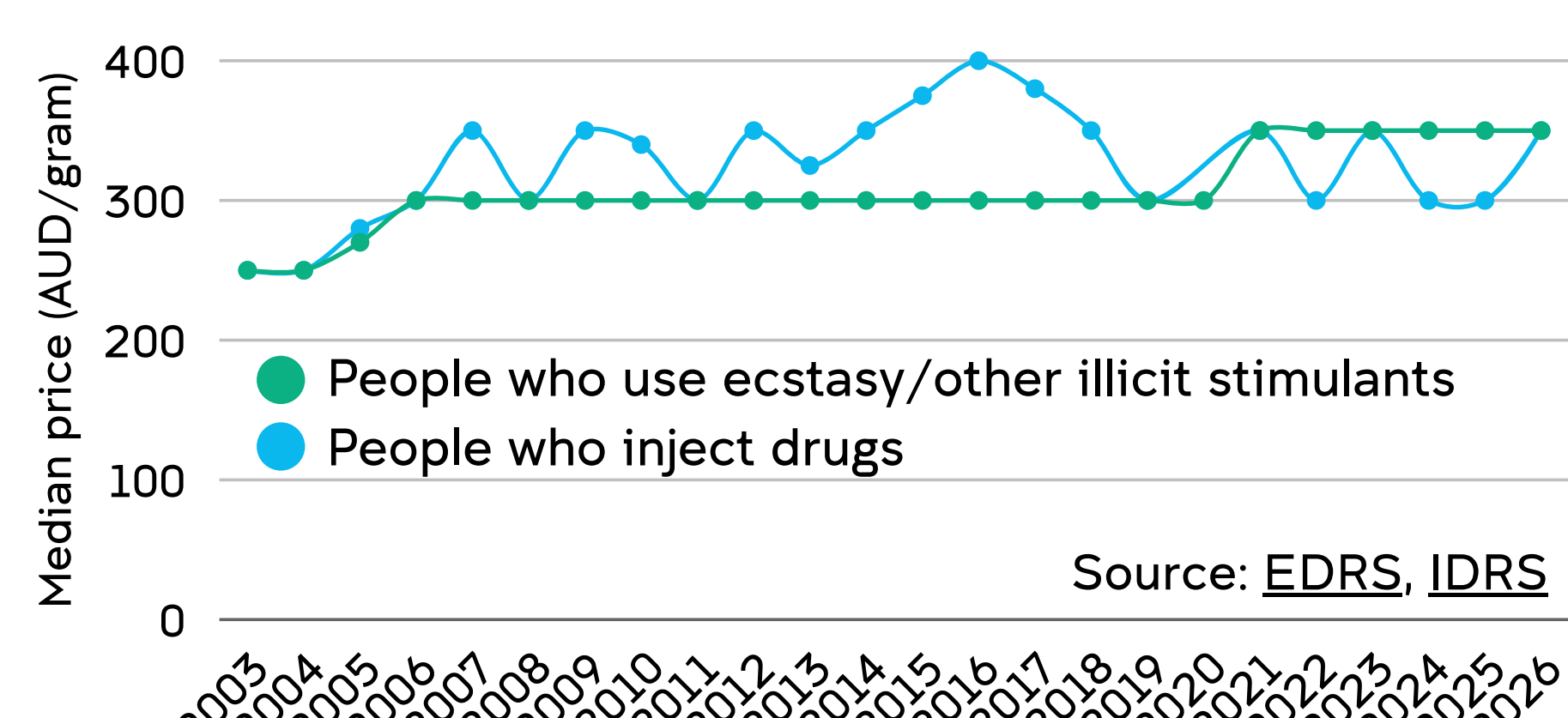
Availability

Perceived availability has risen, with reports of cocaine being 'very easy to obtain' reaching over 40% among people who regularly use illicit stimulants interviewed in 2025.

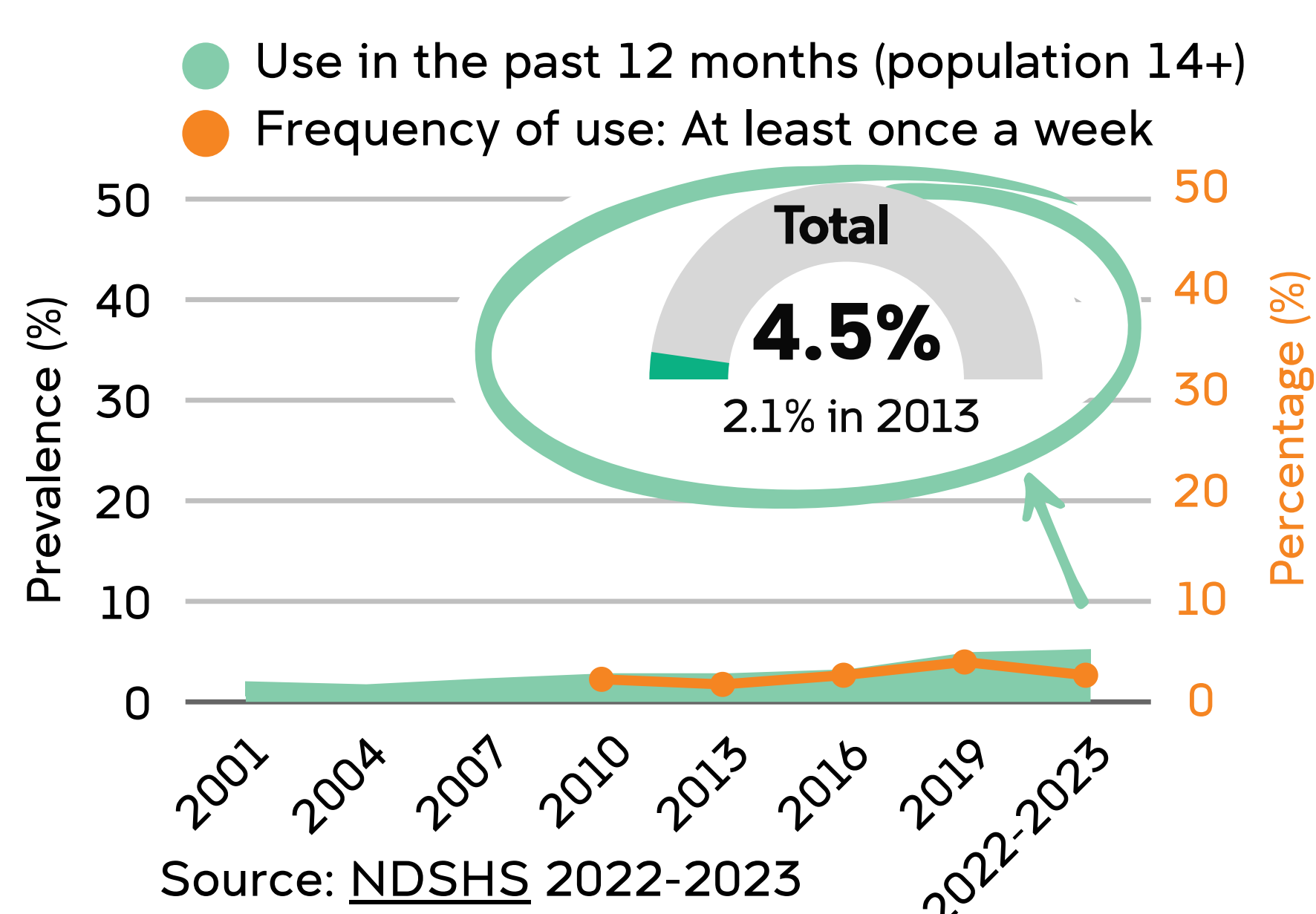


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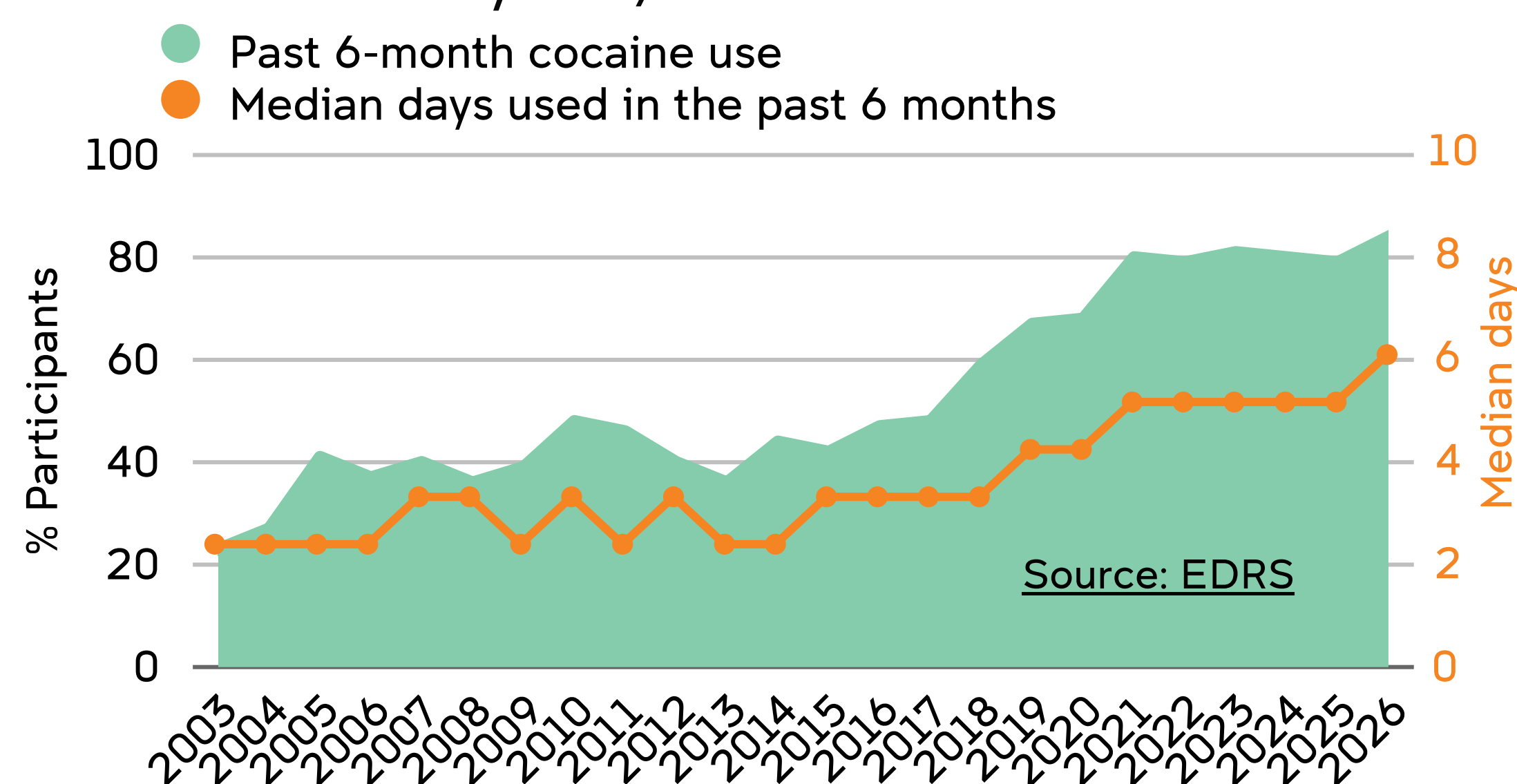
Median domestic retail prices have remained relatively stable in recent years and are substantially above international street prices (US\$50-\$150 per gram in North America and Europe; [UNODC](#)).



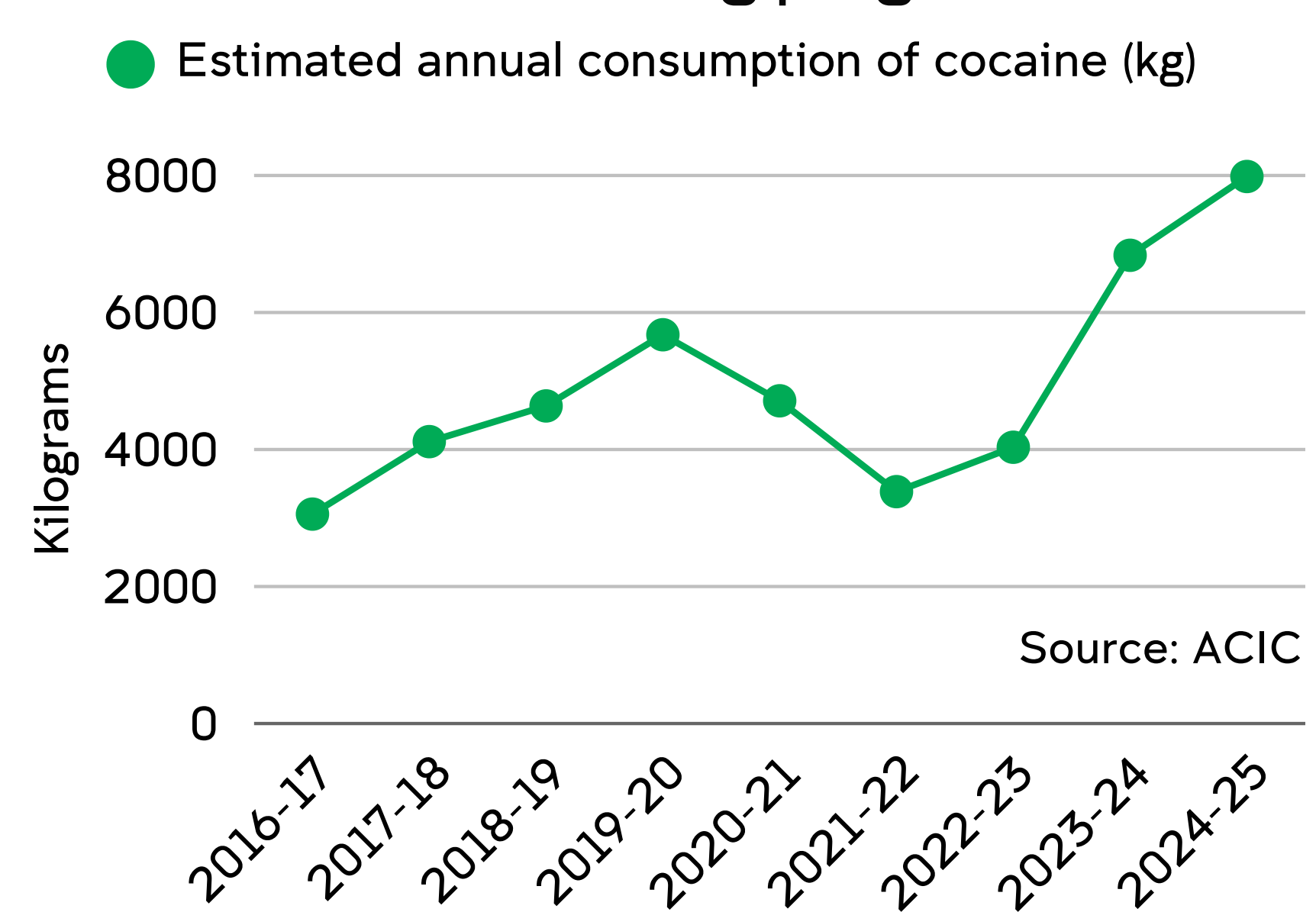
Use



Use among people who regularly use ecstasy and/or other stimulants



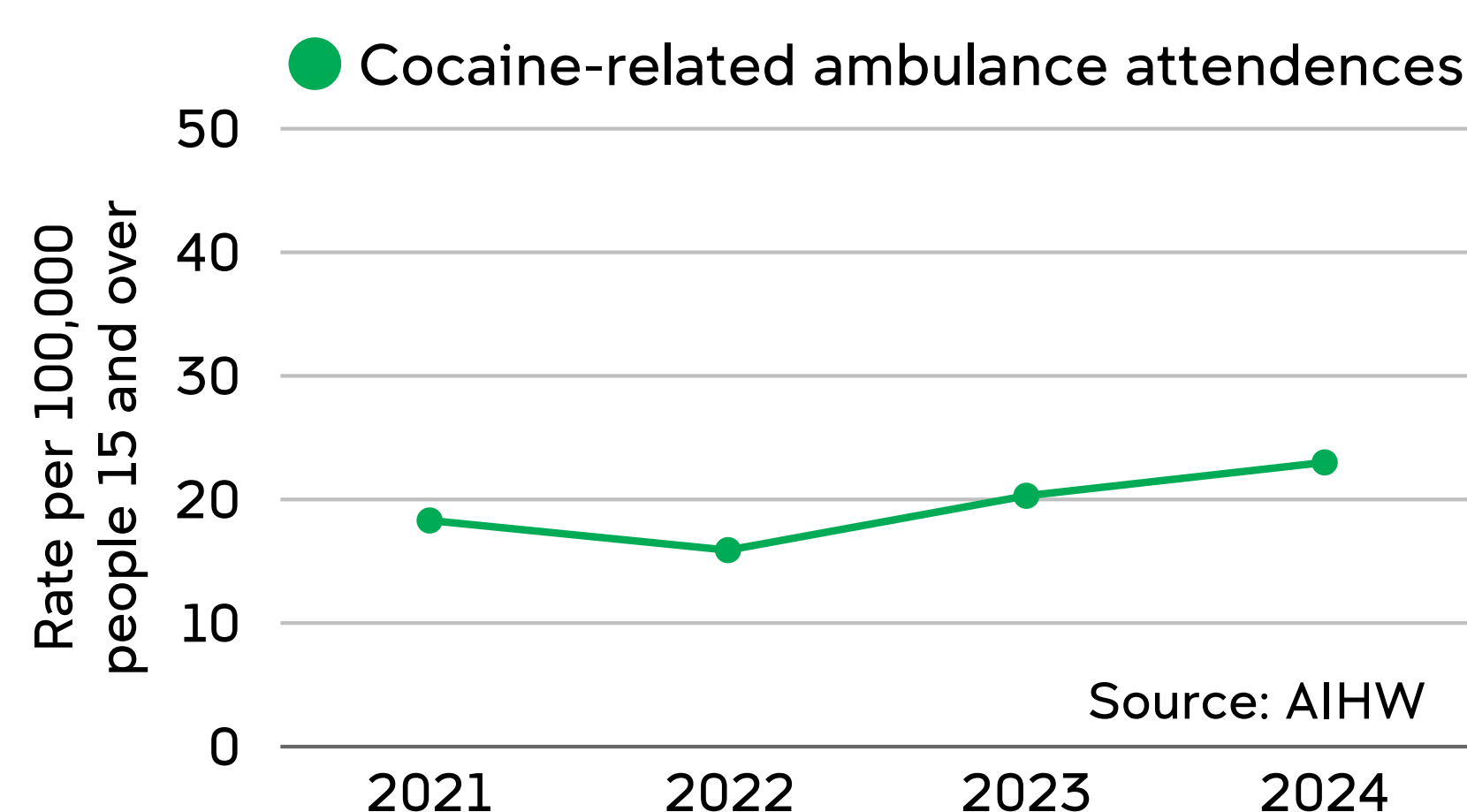
Wastewater drug monitoring program



Harms

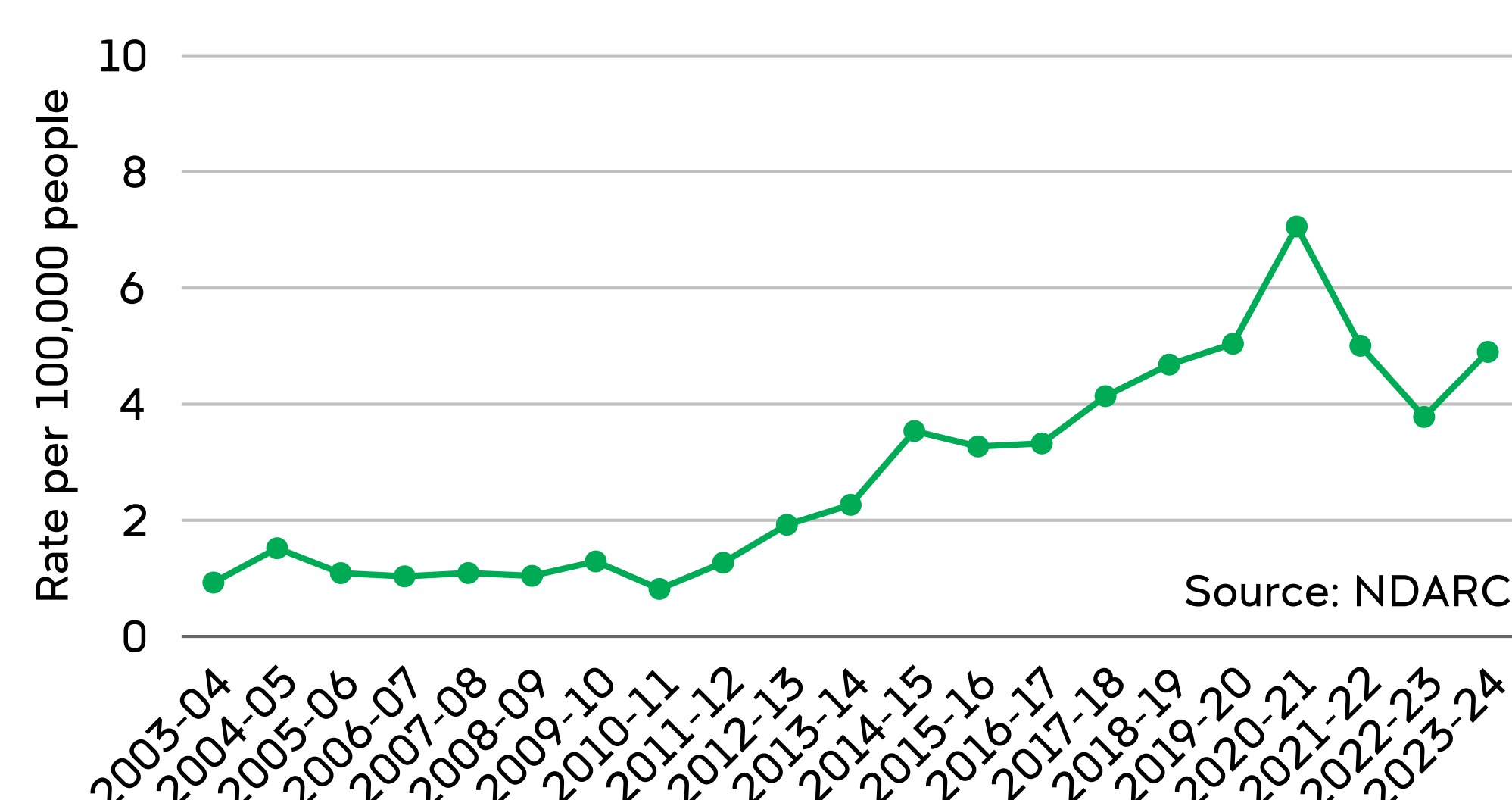
Ambulance attendances

(NSW, Vic, Qld, Tas, ACT and NT)



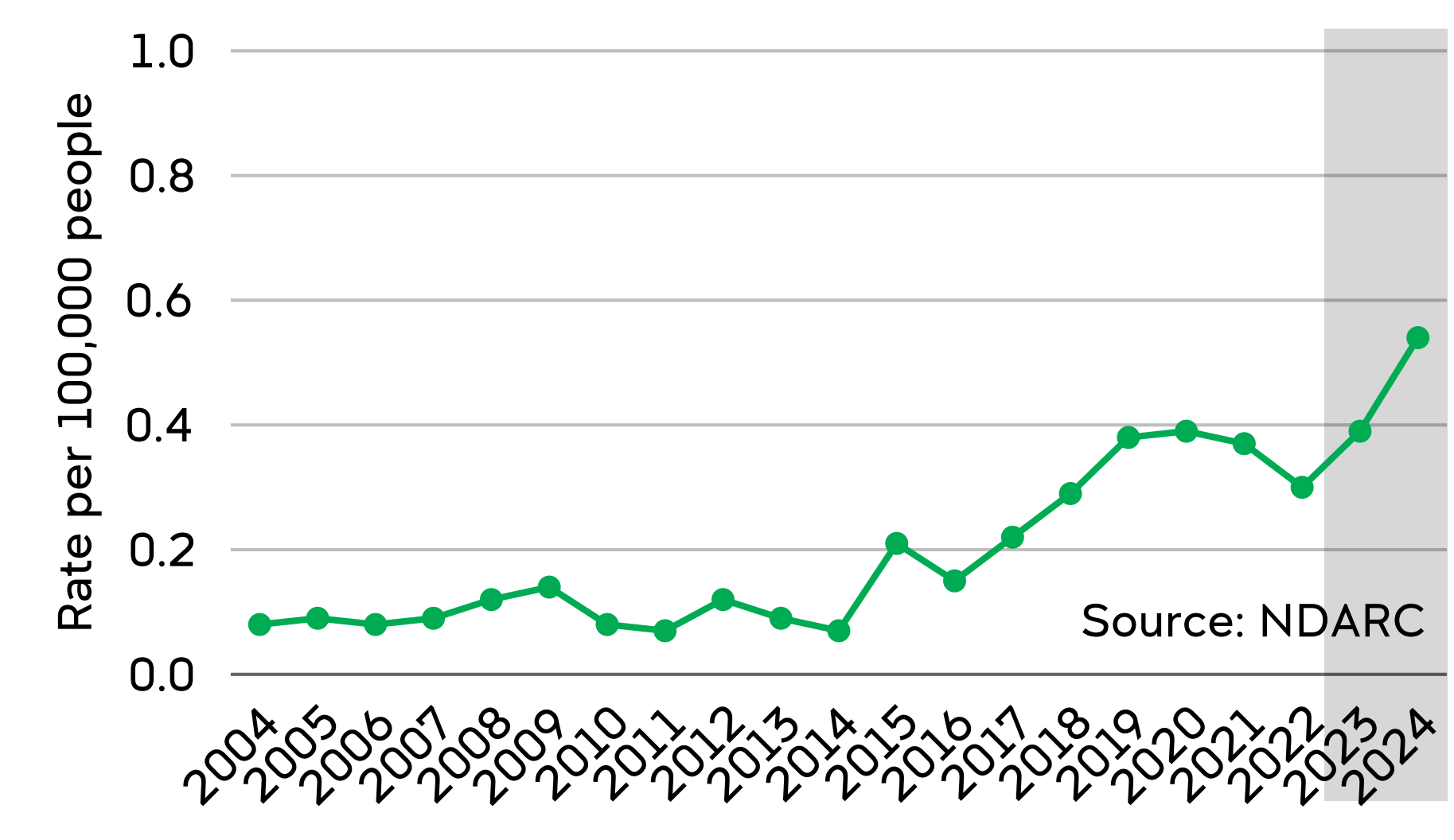
Hospitalisations

● Cocaine-related hospitalisations as the principal diagnosis



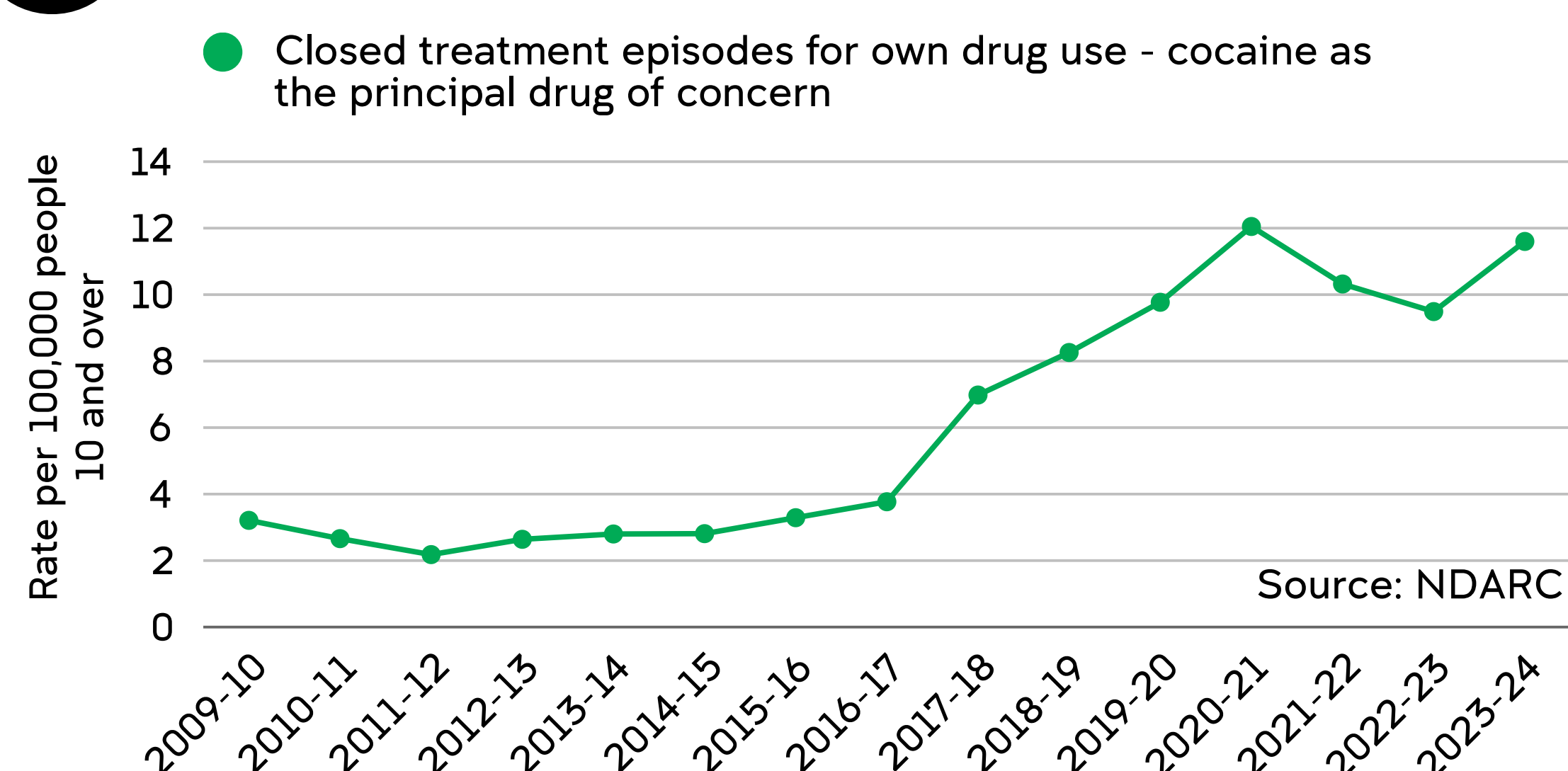
Deaths

● Drug overdose deaths involving cocaine



Treatment

Treatment



Latest drug alerts about cocaine

- Multiple alerts: Opioids found in cocaine; opioid overdoses following use of cocaine (2024-2026 NSW, ACT, VIC)
- N-ethylhexedrone found in cocaine sample (2026 ACT)
- N-Isopropyl butylone found in a cocaine sample (2026 VIC)
- Bromazolam and 2C-B found in white powder thought to be cocaine (2024 NSW)

Source: [The Know](#)

Policy implications and responses

COORDINATED PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE



DRUG CHECKING

Early warning and risk reduction at the point of use



PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING

Data-driven surveillance and wastewater monitoring



EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

Targeted prevention and early support for individuals and communities



TREATMENT AND HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Timely, evidence-based care and support services

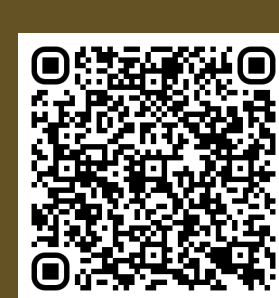


RISK COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Timely, trusted information to reduce harm

Key message

Current indicators suggest that cocaine availability and use in Australia are likely to remain elevated in the near term, driven by record global production, sustained demand, and the continued profitability of the Australian market. Wastewater data, seizure activity, and increasing availability all point to an expanding and increasingly established cocaine market in Australia.



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