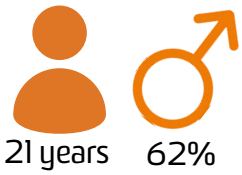
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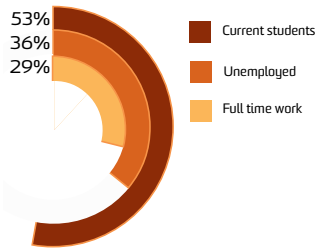
# 2020 NEW SOUTH WALES SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



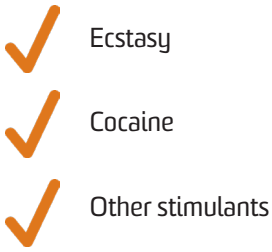
In 2020, 103 people from Sydney, NSW, participated in EDRS interviews.




The median age in 2020 was 21, and 62% identified as male.

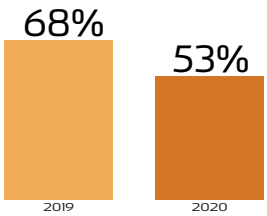



In the 2020 sample, 53% were enrolled students, 36% were unemployed, and 29% were employed full time.

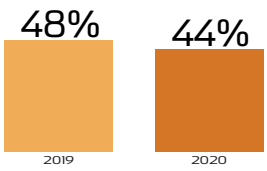



Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

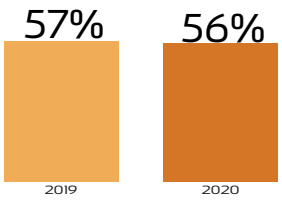
# OTHER DRUGS



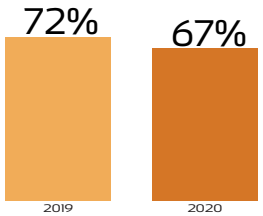

Past 6 month use of ketamine decreased from 68% in 2019 to 53% in the 2020 EDRS sample.




Past 6 month use of LSD was stable from 2019 (48%) to 2020 (44%).




Past 6 month use of any amyl nitrite was stable from 2019 (57%) to 2020 (56%).

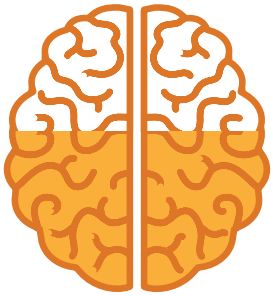



Past 6 month use of any nitrous oxide (nangs) decreased from 72% in the 2019 EDRS sample to 67% in 2020.

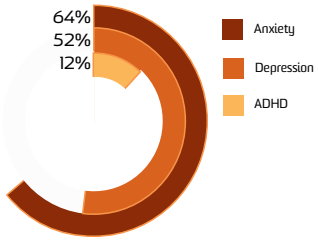
# DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH



Of the 2020 EDRS sample <5% reported that they were currently receiving drug treatment.



Just over half of the sample (52%) self-reported that they had experienced a mental health problem in the previous 6 months.

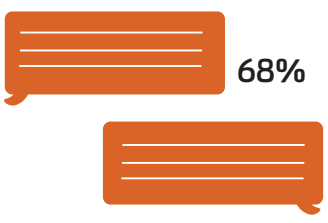



Of those who commented, the most common self-reported mental health concern was anxiety (64%), followed by depression (52%), and ADHD (12%).

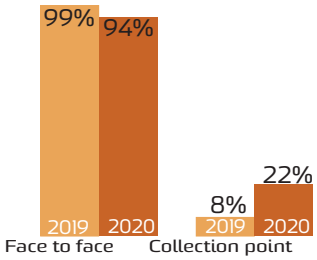


Of those self-reporting a mental health problem, 60% reported seeing a mental health professional in the previous 6 months (30% of the entire sample).

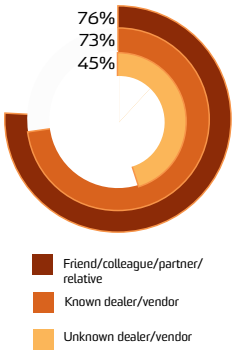
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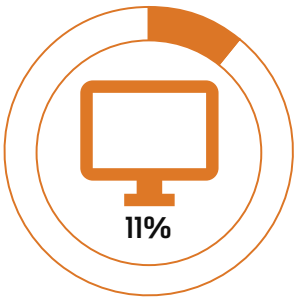

In 2020, 68% of participants organised the purchase of illicit or non-prescribed drugs via social networking.




When asked about how they received drugs, 94% said face to face, and 22% said via a pre-arranged collection point.

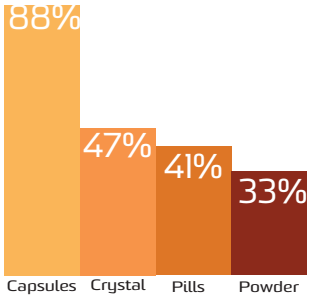



The majority of participants reported obtaining drugs from someone they knew personally (76%).

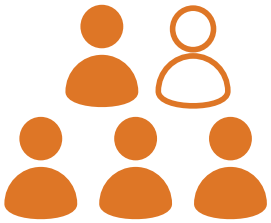



In 2020, 11% of the EDRS sample reported buying drugs off the darknet in the previous 12 months.

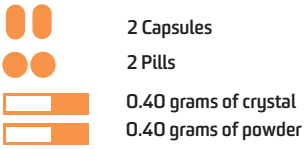
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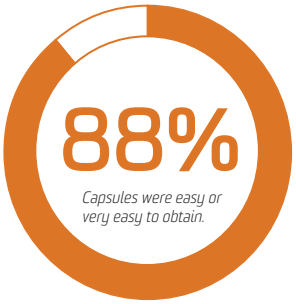

Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2020.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 1 in 5 (21%) used it weekly.

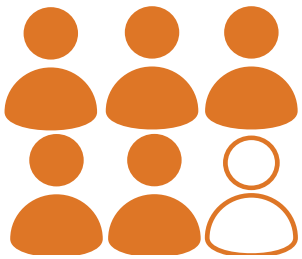



Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.

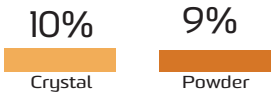



Of those who could comment 88% perceived ecstasy capsules to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

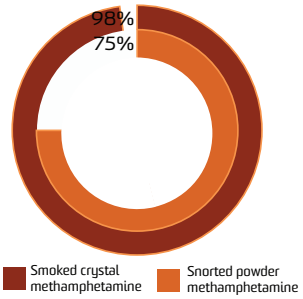
# METHAMPHETAMINE



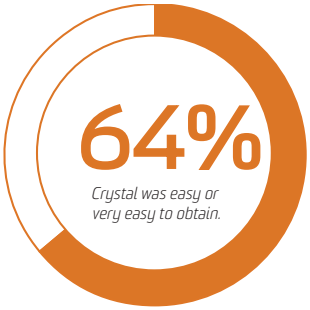
Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine decreased from 26% in 2019 to 17% in 2020.




Of the entire sample, 9% had recently consumed powder, and 10% crystal methamphetamine.

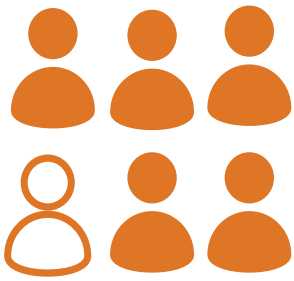



98% of people who had recently used crystal smoked it. Of those who had recently used powder, 75% snorted it.

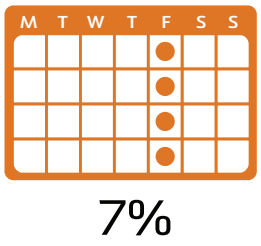



Of those who could comment 64% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

# COCAINE



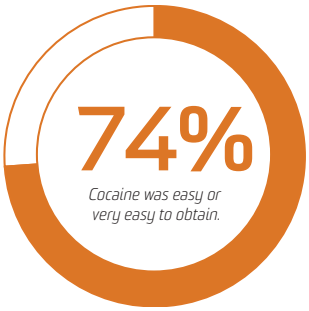
Past 6 month use of any cocaine was stable from 2019 (83%) to 2020 (84%).




Of people who had consumed cocaine recently, 7% reported weekly or more frequent use.

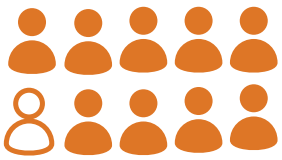


Of people who had consumed cocaine in the last 6 months, 100% had snorted it.

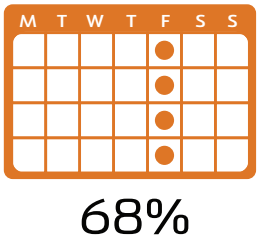



Of those who could comment 77% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

# CANNABIS



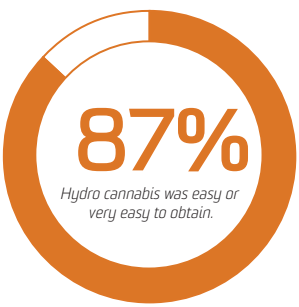
Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 88% in 2020 and 81% in 2019.




Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, over half (68%) 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.