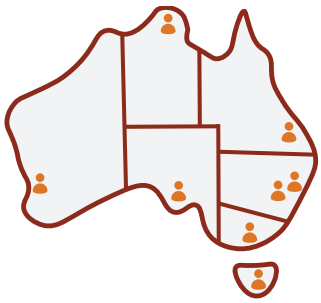
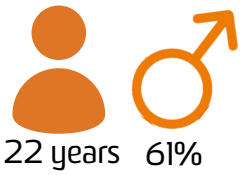
EDRS Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System

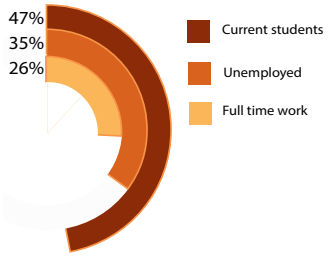
2020 SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



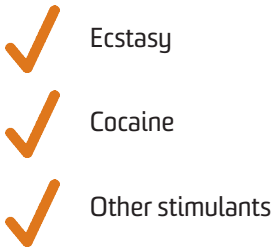
In 2020, 805 people from all Australian capital cities participated in EDRS interviews.



The median age in 2020 was 22 (IQR = 19 - 27), and 61% identified as male.

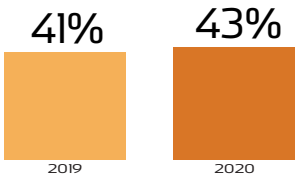


In the 2020 sample, 47% were enrolled students, 35% were unemployed, and 27% were employed full time.

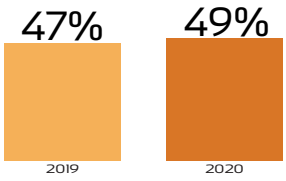


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

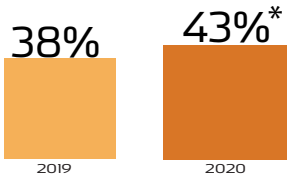
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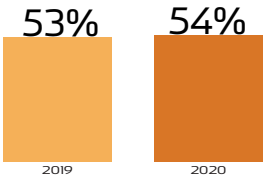
Past 6 month use of any ketamine was stable from 41% in 2019 to 43% in the 2020 EDRS sample.



Past 6 month use of LSD was stable at 49% in the 2020 EDRS sample (47% in 2019).



Past 6 month use of any amyl nitrite increased significantly from 38% in 2019 to 43% in the 2020 EDRS sample.

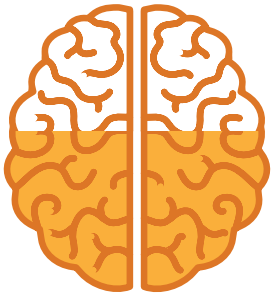


Past 6 month use of any nitrous oxide (nangs) was stable at 54% in the 2020 EDRS sample (53% in 2019).

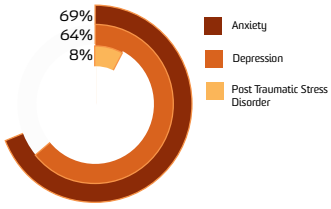
DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH



Of the 2020 EDRS sample, 3% reported that they were currently receiving drug treatment.



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

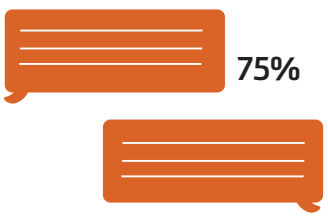


Of those who commented, the most common self-reported mental health concern was anxiety (69%), followed by depression (64%), and PTSD (8%).

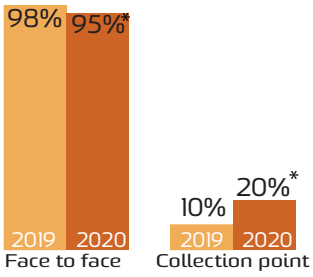


Of those self-reporting a mental health problem, 60% reported seeing a mental health professional in the previous 6 months (31% of the entire sample).

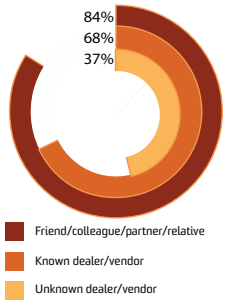
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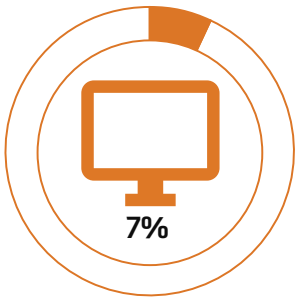
75% of participants organised the purchase of illicit or non-prescribed drugs via social networking in the last 12 months.



When asked about how they received drugs in the last 12 months, 95% said face to face, and 20% said via a pre-arranged collection point.

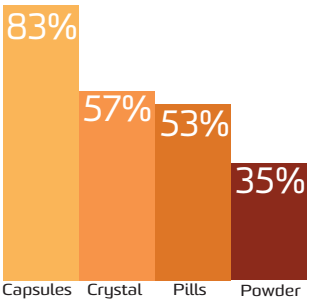


The majority of participants reported obtaining drugs from someone they knew personally (84%).

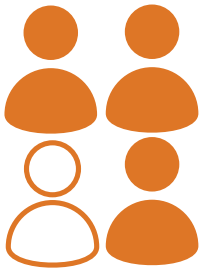


In 2020, 7% of the EDRS sample reported buying drugs off the darknet in the previous 12 months.

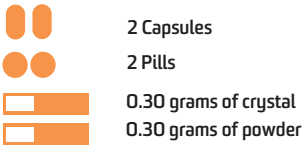
ECSTASY



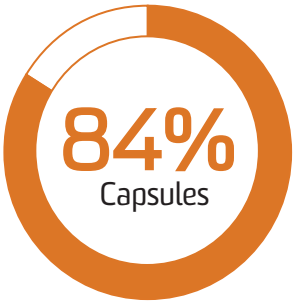
Past 6 month use of ecstasy capsules, crystal, pills, and powder in 2020.



Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 1 in 4 used it weekly.

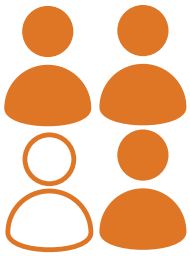


Median amounts of ecstasy consumed in a 'typical' session using each form.

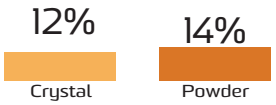


Of those who could comment 84% perceived ecstasy capsules to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

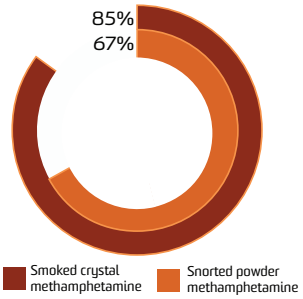
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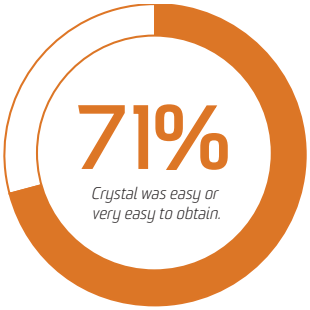
Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine significantly decreased in the 2020 sample (24%) compared to 2019 (33%).



Of the entire sample, 14% had recently consumed powder, and 12% crystal methamphetamine.



85% of people who had recently used crystal smoked it. Of those who had recently used powder, 67% snorted it.

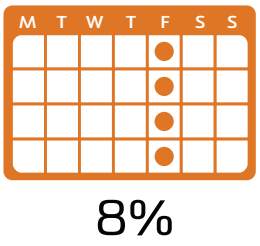


Of those who could comment 71% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE



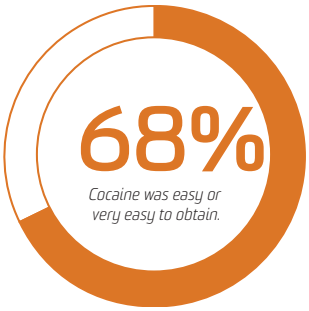
Two in three participants reported past six month use of cocaine in 2020 (68%).



Of people who had consumed cocaine recently, 8% reported weekly or more frequent use.



Of people who had consumed cocaine in the last 6 months, 99% had snorted it.

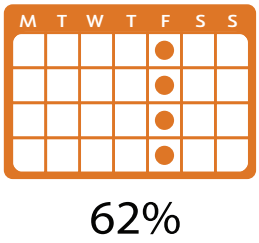


Of those who could comment 68% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

CANNABIS



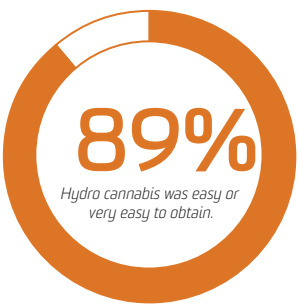
Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 88% in 2020 and 85% in 2019.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, 2 in 3 reported weekly or more frequent use.



Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 95% had smoked it.



Of those who could comment 89% perceived hydro to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.