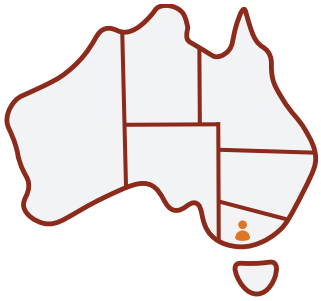
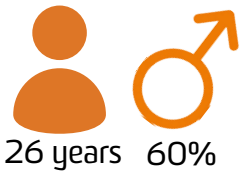
EDRS Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System

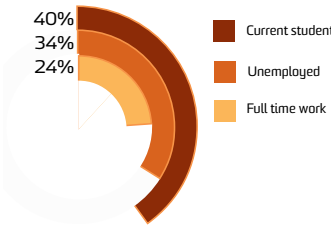
2020 VICTORIAN SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS



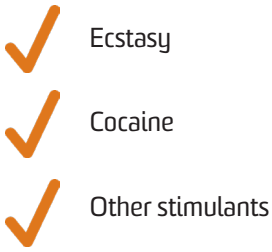
In 2020, 100 people from Melbourne, VIC, participated in EDRS interviews.



The median age in 2020 was 26, and 60% identified as male.

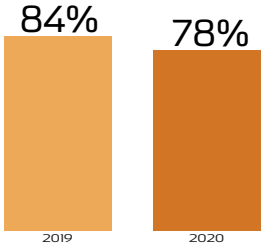


In the 2020 sample, 40% were enrolled students, 34% were unemployed, and 24% were employed full time.

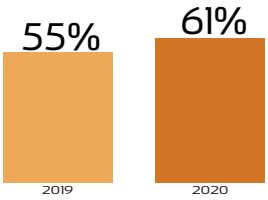


Participants were recruited on the basis that they had consumed ecstasy or other illicit stimulants at least monthly in the past 6 months.

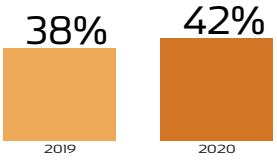
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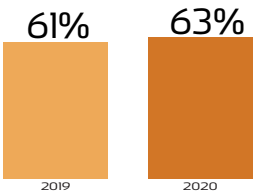
Past 6 month use of ketamine decreased from 84% in 2019 to 78% in the 2020 EDRS sample.



Past 6 month use of LSD increased from 55% in 2019 to 61% in 2020.



Past 6 month use of any amyl nitrite increased from 38% in 2019 to 42% in 2020.

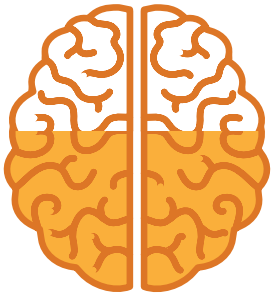


Past 6 month use of any nitrous oxide (nangs) was stable from 2019 (61%) to in 2020 (63%).

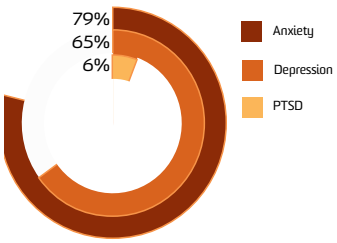
DRUG TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH



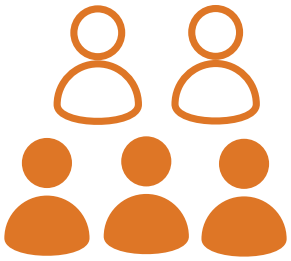
Of the 2020 EDRS sample <5% reported that they were currently receiving drug treatment.



Over two thirds of the sample (70%) self-reported that they had experienced a mental health problem in the previous 6 months.

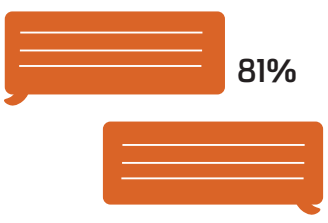


Of those who commented, the most common self-reported mental health concern was anxiety (79%), followed by depression (65%), and PTSD (6%).

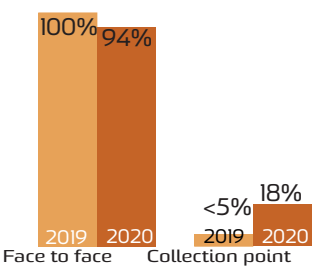


Of those self-reporting a mental health problem, 58% reported seeing a mental health professional in the previous 6 months (40% of the entire sample).

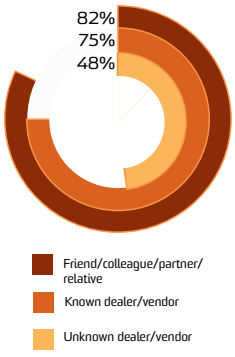
MODES OF PURCHASING



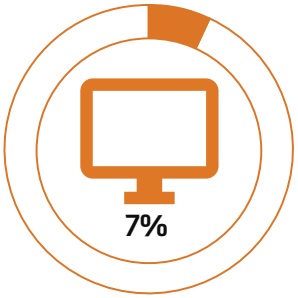
In 2020, 81% of participants organised the purchase of illicit or non-prescribed drugs via social networking.



When asked about how they received drugs, 94% said face to face, and 18% said via a pre-arranged collection point.

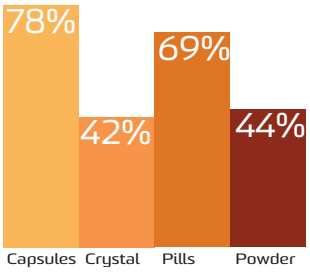


The majority of participants reported obtaining drugs from someone they knew personally (82%).



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.

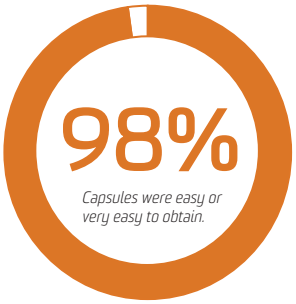


Of those who had recently consumed ecstasy, 1 in 3 (29%) used it weekly.



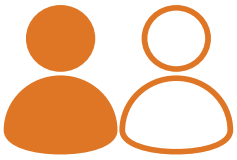
2 Capsules
2 Pills
0.50 grams of crystal
0.50 grams of powder

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

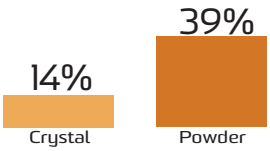


Of those who could comment 98% perceived ecstasy capsules to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain,

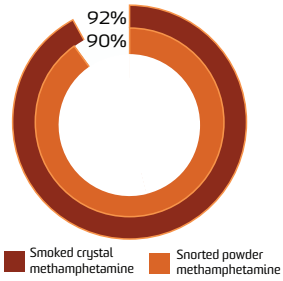
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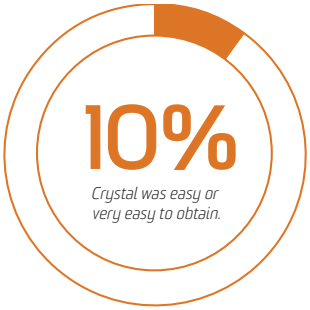
Past 6 month use of any methamphetamine was stable at 46% in 2019 and 49% in 2020.



Of the entire sample, 39% had recently consumed powder, and 14% crystal methamphetamine.



92% of people who had recently used crystal smoked it, and 90% of those who had used powder snorted it.

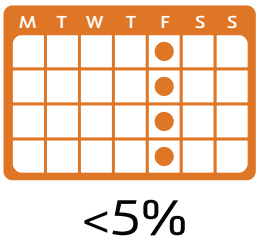


Of those who could comment 10% perceived crystal methamphetamine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

COCAINE



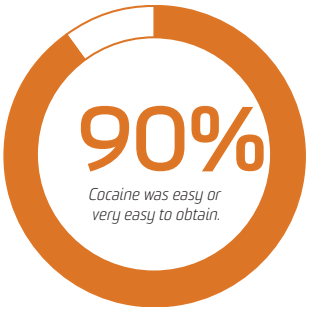
Past 6 month use of any cocaine was stable at 80% in 2019 and 76% in 2020.



Of people who had consumed cocaine recently, <5% reported weekly or more frequent use.

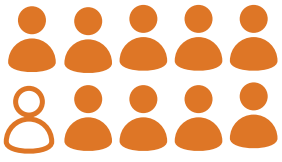


Of people who had consumed cocaine in the last 6 months, 100% had snorted it.

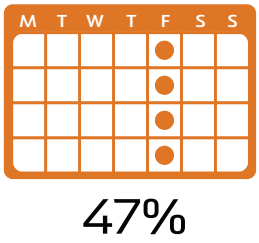


Of those who could comment 90% perceived cocaine to be 'easy' or 'very easy' to obtain.

CANNABIS



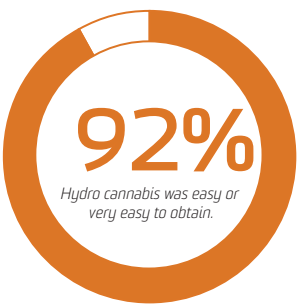
Past 6 month use of any cannabis was stable at 86% in 2019 and 89% in 2020.



Of those who had consumed cannabis recently, under half (47%)
reported weekly or more frequent



Of people who had consumed cannabis in the last 6 months, 91% had smoked it.



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