

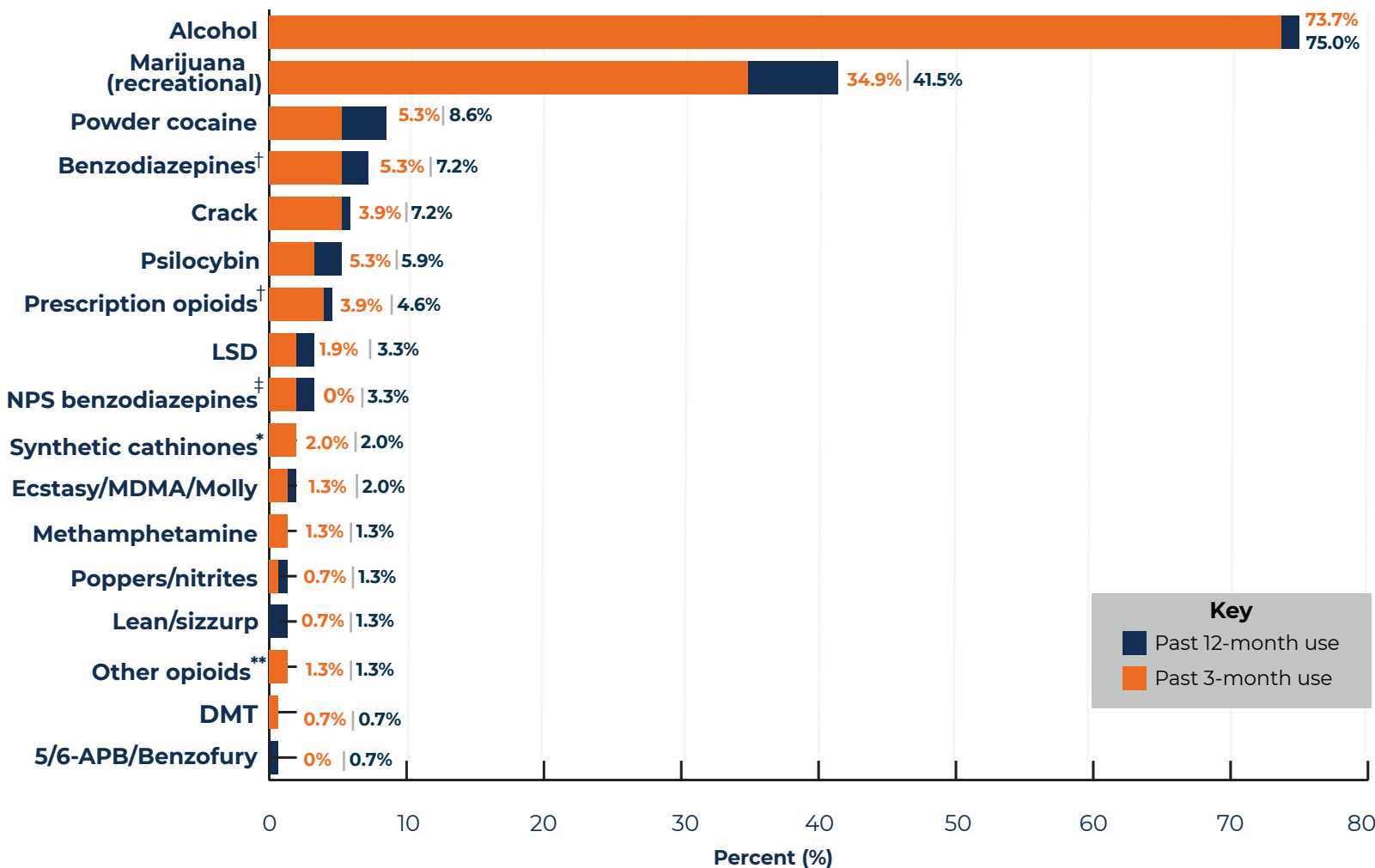
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The National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS) Rapid Street Reporting (RSR) team visited Atlanta, GA, on January 28-30, 2022, for the RSR study. The RSR team conducted surveys within public spaces, such as sidewalks near downtown/college campuses, public parks, shopping mall areas, libraries, farmers' markets, and public transportation stops within Atlanta. Participants' (n=151) zip codes included 19 counties throughout the Atlanta Metro Area.



† Include non-medical use.

‡(NPS) benzodiazepines include: etizolam, pyramzolam, clonazolam, diclazepam, and flubromazepam.

* Synthetic cathinones also known as bath salts.

** Other opioids include fentanyl, heroin, U-47700/U4, pink and pinky.

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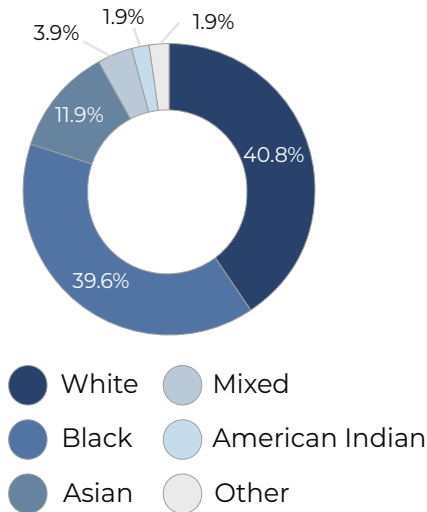
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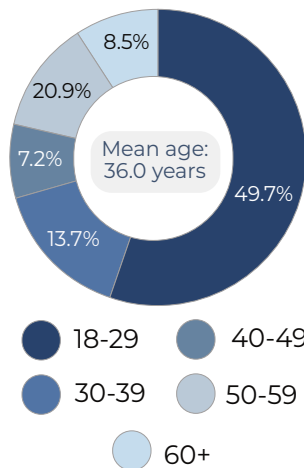
"The survey information gathered by the NDEWS Rapid Street Reporting Team gives us an illuminating look at the diversity in current drug trends. The Atlanta area, much like other areas around the world, has experienced unprecedented growth in the scope of abused substances over recent years. Data from drug seizures and surveys indicate that traditional drugs like methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana retain high prevalence in the population, but dozens of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) are now commonplace. These NPS may be target drugs of abuse themselves, but they also appear as counterfeits of other drugs. Users often unaware of what they are taking and the potential risks."

Demographics of Atlanta Metro Participants

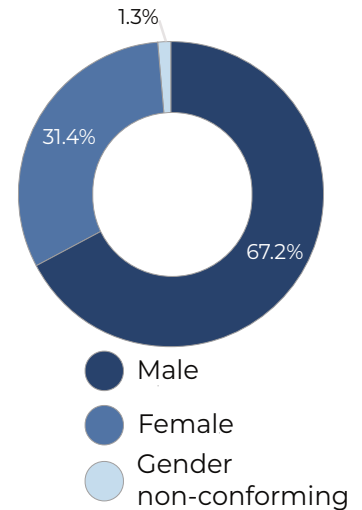
Race



Age

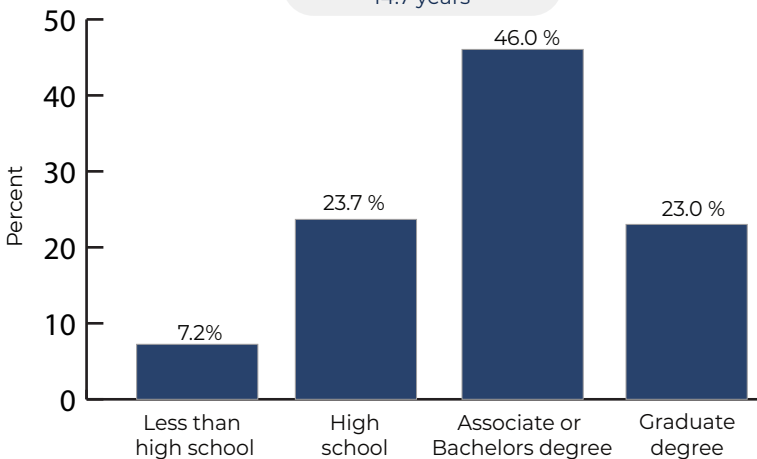


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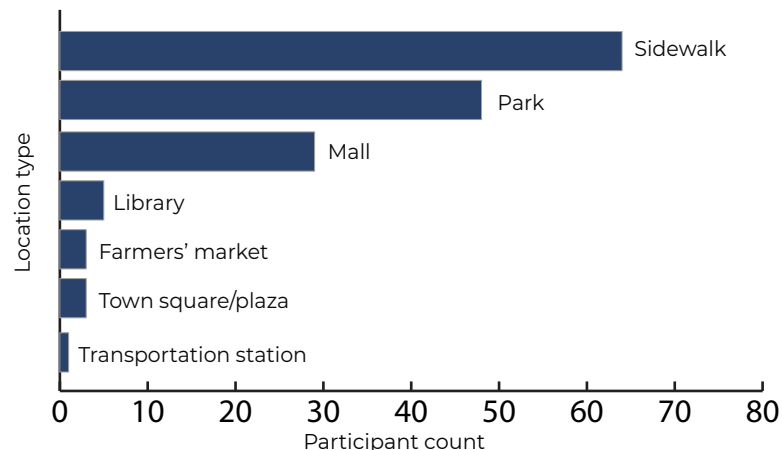
Years of education

Mean years of education: 14.7 years



Location of survey

*Each site type included multiple venues



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Atlanta Metro Area Free-Response Word Cloud

At the conclusion of the RSR survey, participants were asked the following free-response question: "Is there anything we may have missed that you think we should know about new drugs or drugs trends in your community?". The word cloud below is a visual representation of the responses (N=52). Increased size represents an increase in the number of times the word or phrase was used.

