

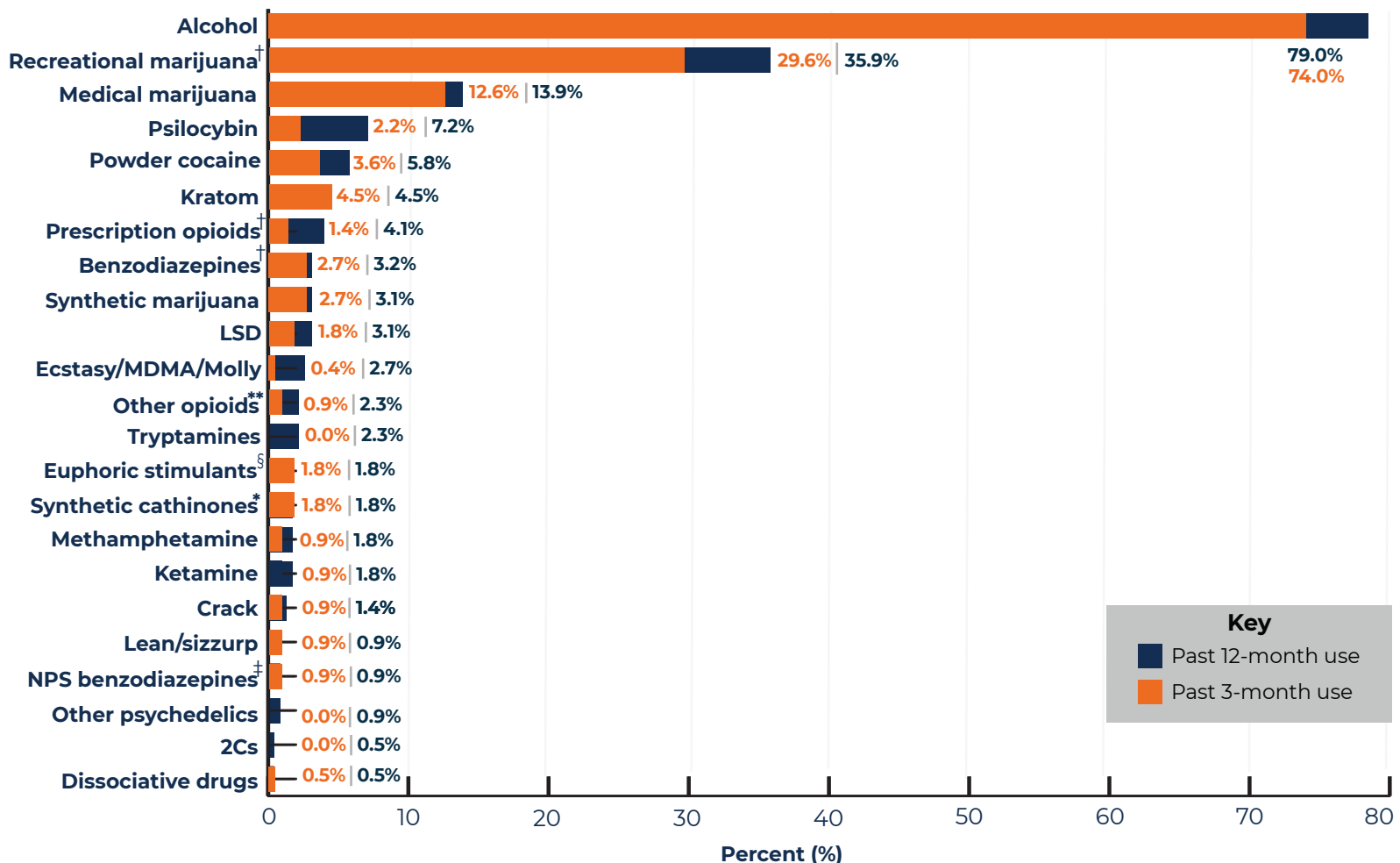
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### Special Hotspot Alert Location

The National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS) Rapid Street Reporting (RSR) team visited Tampa, FL on February 18-20, 2022. Tampa was chosen as a Hotspot location based on recent increases in drug-related 911 emergency medical services dispatches reported by biospatial.io. The RSR team conducted surveys in public spaces, including sidewalks near pedestrian walkways, downtown areas, public parks, shopping mall areas, skate parks, and nightlife areas such as bars and clubs within Tampa.



† Nonmedical use.

\*\* Other opioids include fentanyl, heroin, and other fentanyl-like substances such as carfentanyl.

§ Euphoric stimulants include substances other than MDMA/ecstasy.

‡ NPS benzodiazepines include clonazepam and flubromazepam.

\* Synthetic cathinones also known as bath salts.

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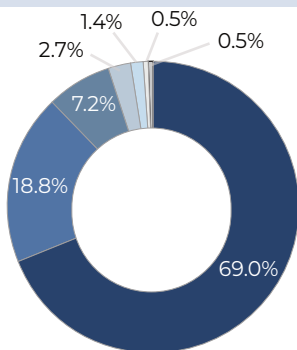
#### Notes from NDEWS Florida Site Director: Bruce Goldberger, PhD

"The Rapid Street Reporting survey in Tampa illustrates the widespread use of alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other drugs by the participants. Other social elements related to the use of drugs were mentioned including COVID restrictions, homelessness, and incarceration."

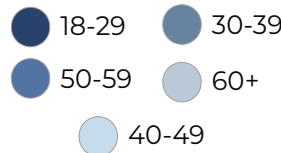
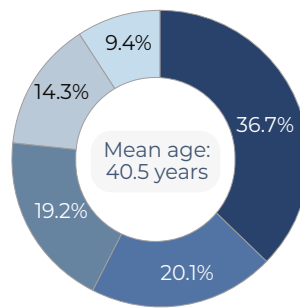
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#### Demographics of Tampa Participants

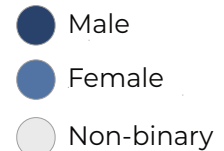
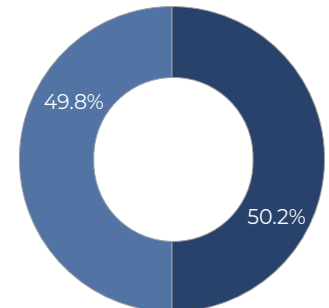
##### Race



##### Age



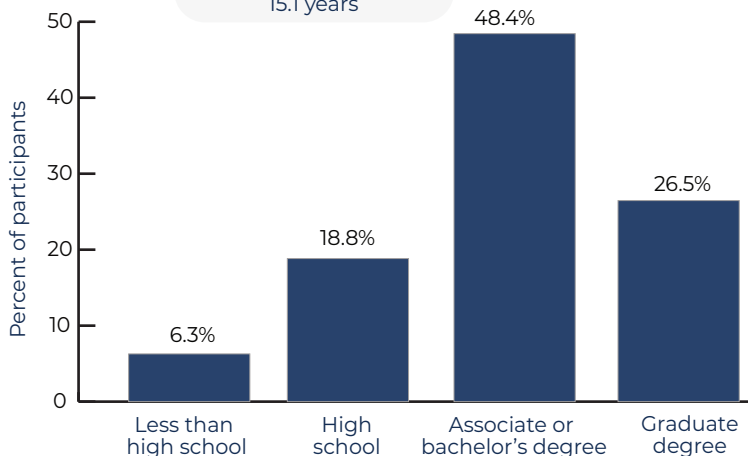
##### Gender identity



13.5% of participants identified as Latino/Hispanic

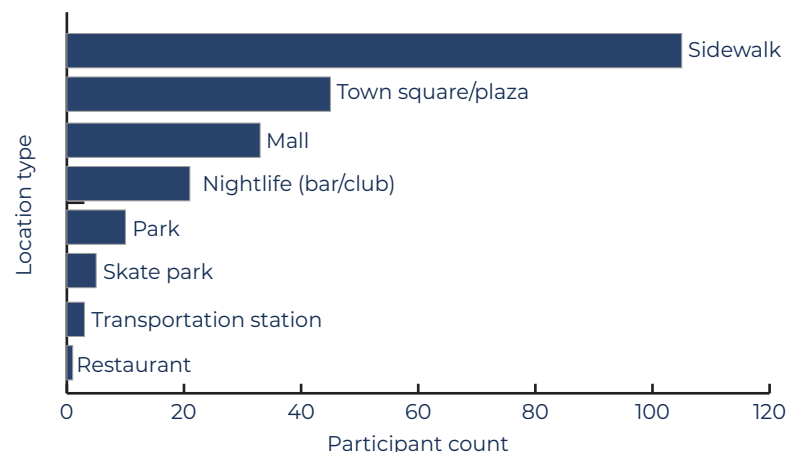
##### Years of education

Mean years of education: 15.1 years



##### Location of survey

\*Each site type included multiple venues



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### Tampa Free-Response Word Cloud

At the conclusion of the RSR survey, participants were asked: "Is there anything we may have missed that you think we should know about new drugs or drugs trends in your community?" (N=49). The below word cloud is a visual representation of the responses. Increased size represents an increase in the number of times the word or phrase was used.

