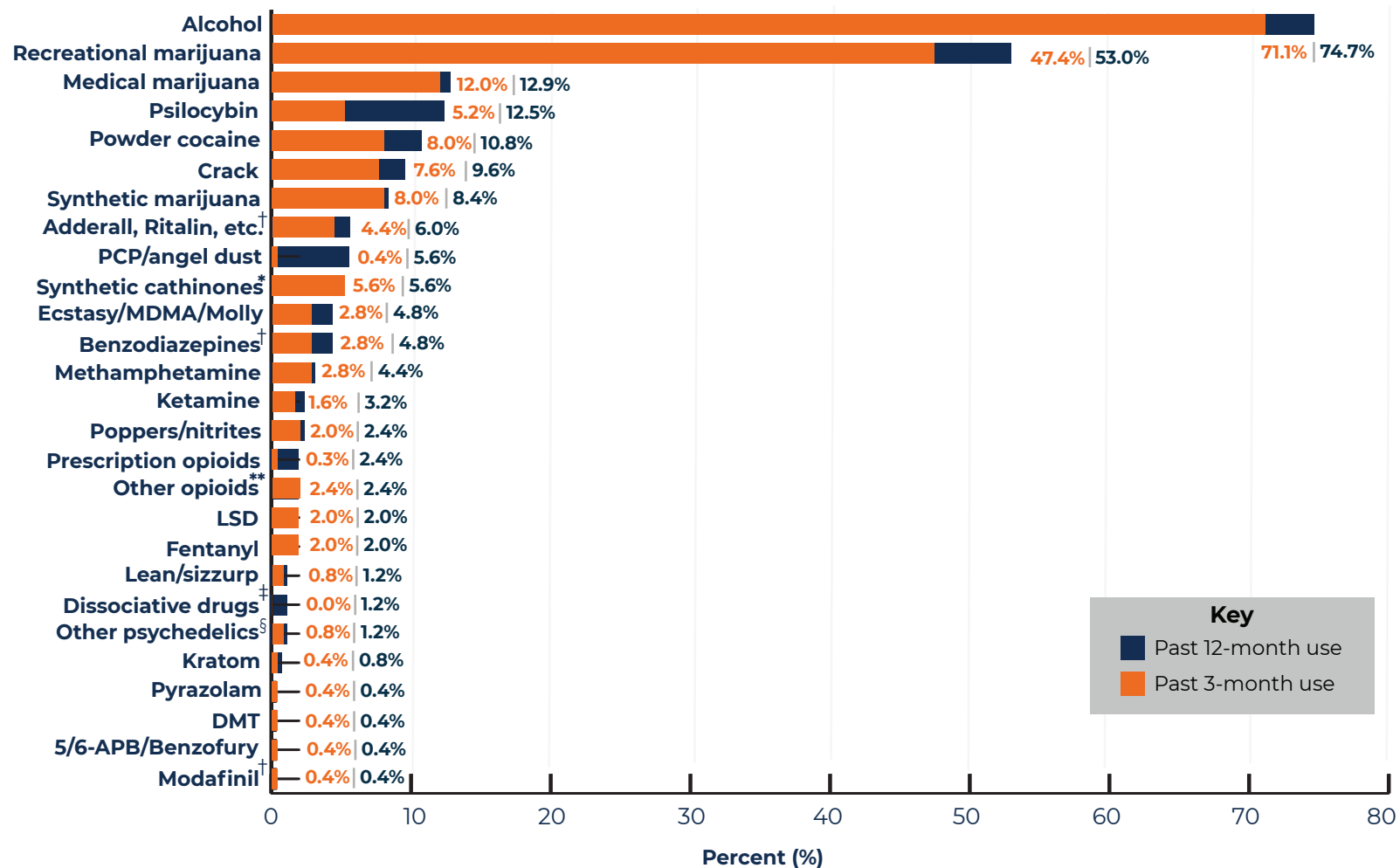


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Survey dates: April 15–17, 2022
N=249



The National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS) Rapid Street Reporting (RSR) team visited Washington DC on April 15-17, 2022. The RSR team conducted surveys (N=249) in public spaces, including parks, national monuments, nightlife areas such as bars and clubs, transportation stations including bus and subway stations, housing resource centers, and pedestrian walkways within Washington DC.



† Nonmedical use.

* Synthetic cathinones also known as bath salts.

** Other opioids include heroin and other fentanyl such as carfentanyl.

‡ Dissociative drugs include 2-MeO-Ketamine, 3-MeO-PCP, and 4-MeO-PCP.

§ Other psychedelics include ayahuasca, morning glory and 1P-LSD.

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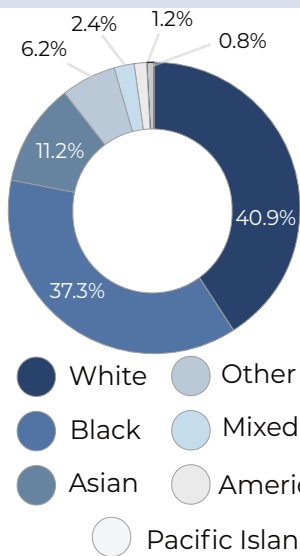
Notes from NDEWS Washington DC Site Director: Lisa Wiederlight, MPP

"It is alarming, but not surprising, to see the high prevalence of use of such dangerous drugs as powder cocaine and crack in the Washington, DC market. Our research here using numerous metrics also confirms that cocaine is one of the four primary drug threats in our region. The high percentage of respondents using PCP is not as surprising, given the region's history of PCP use. It is notable that over 75% of respondents had either some college or graduate-level education. This provides opportunities for drug prevention/intervention activities at institutions of higher learning to increase public health."

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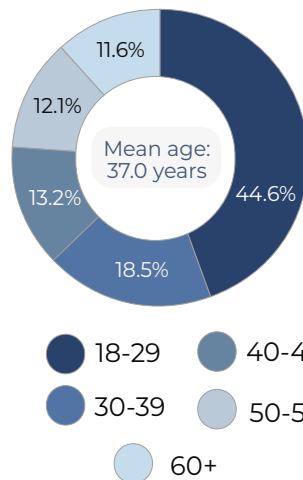
Demographics of Washington DC Participants

Race

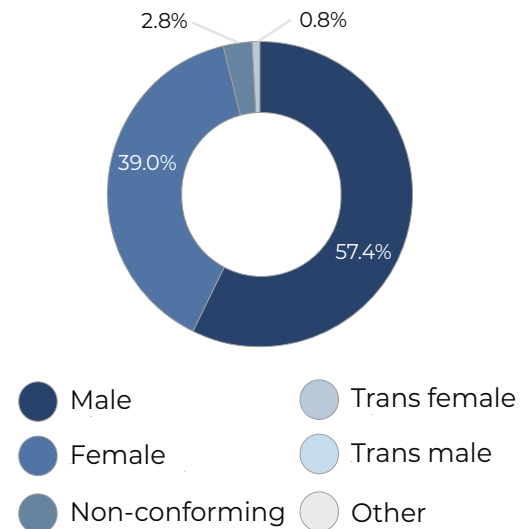


12.9% of participants identified as Latino/Hispanic

Age

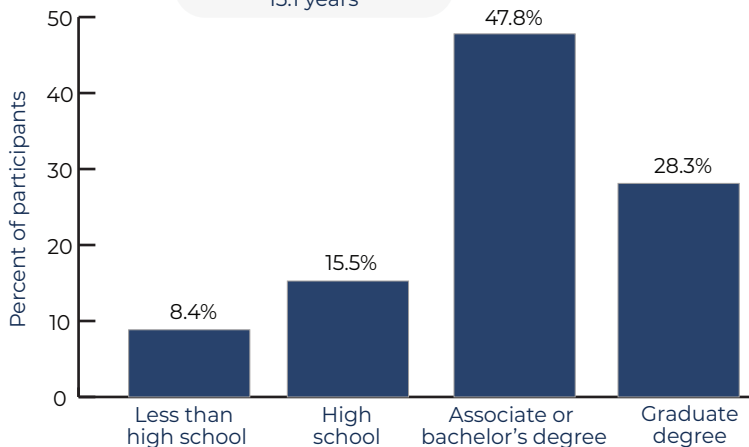


Gender identity



Years of education

Mean years of education: 15.1 years



Location of survey

*Each site type included multiple venues

