

### Substance use in the past 12 months: Lexington, KY

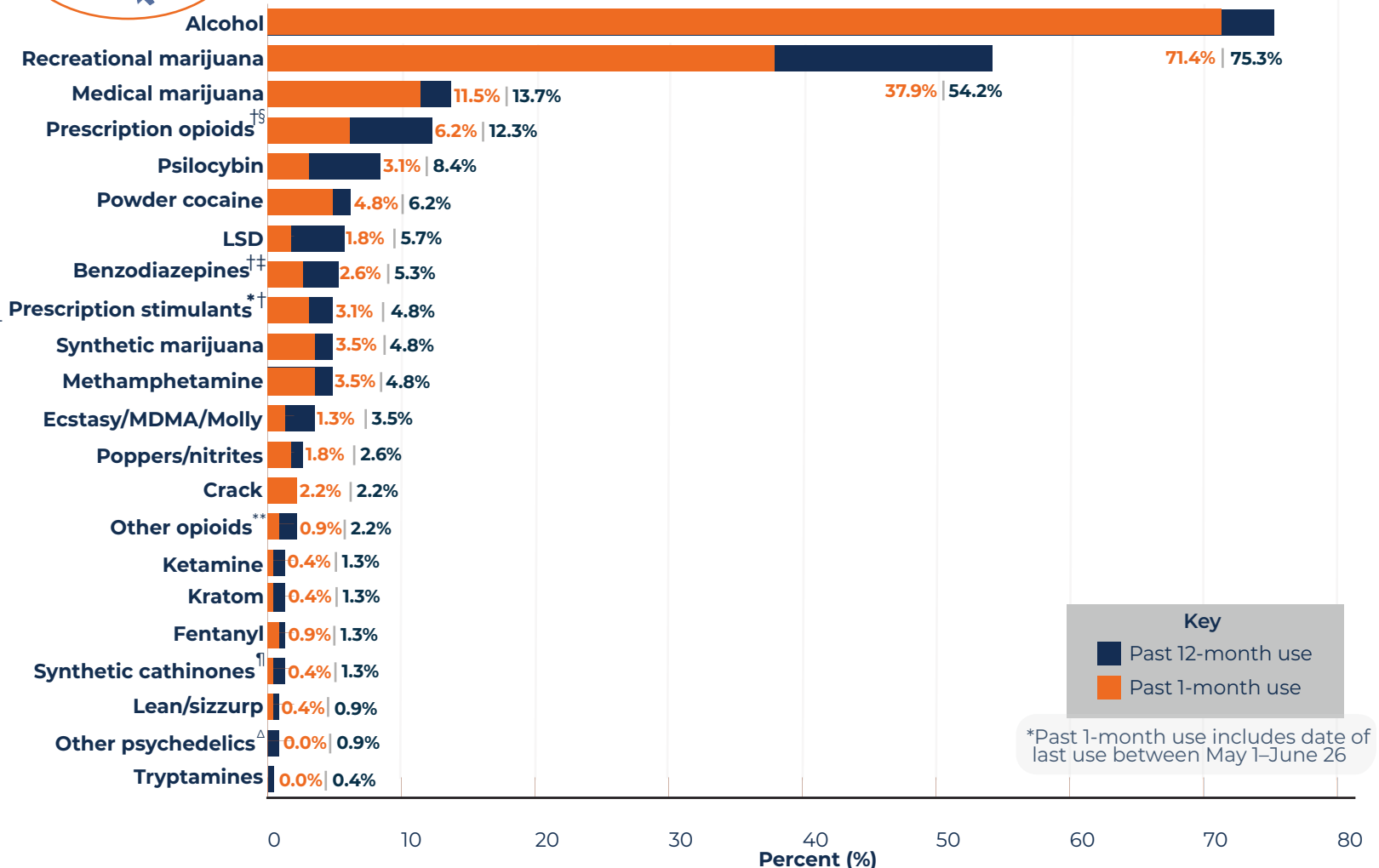
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N=227

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The National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS) Rapid Street Reporting (RSR) team visited Lexington, KY on June 24-26, 2022. The RSR team conducted surveys (N=227) in public spaces, including parks, nightlife, town squares, sidewalks, malls, and libraries.

For additional context regarding substance use in Kentucky, the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center provided information on state-wide trends. Among the 2,251 fatal drug overdose deaths among Kentucky residents in 2021, 79.6% involved at least one opioid, while 51% involved at least one stimulant. Since 2020, the number of overdose deaths from opioids increased by 12% and 38.8% for stimulants. White individuals accounted for 90.7% of all overdose deaths, while 65.2% of all overdose deaths were among males. Fentanyl was involved in 69% of all drug overdose deaths, followed by methamphetamine at 38.1%.



<sup>†</sup> Nonmedical use.

<sup>§</sup> Prescription opioids include Vicodin/other hydrocodone, Oxycontin, other oxycodone, Tramadol, codeine, morphine, Dilaudid, methadone, and other prescription opioids.

<sup>\*</sup> Prescription stimulants include nonmedical use of Adderall, Ritalin, or another drug for ADHD.

<sup>‡</sup> Benzodiazepines include Xanax/alprazolam, Valium/diazepam, Klonopin/clonazepam, and Ativan/lorazepam.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Other opioids include heroin, other fentanyl such as carfentanyl, and U-47700/U4.

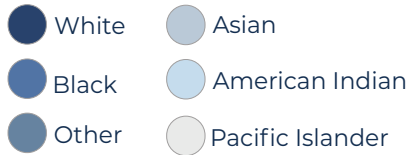
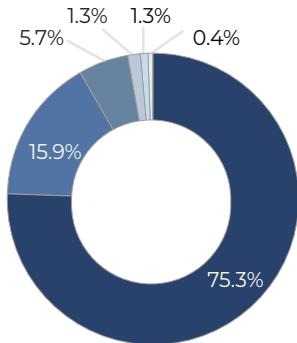
<sup>††</sup> Synthetic cathinones include methedrone, other bath salts, and unknown bath salts.

<sup>Δ</sup> Other psychedelics include 1P-LSD and ALD-52/Orange Sunshine.

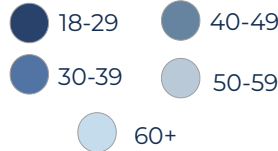
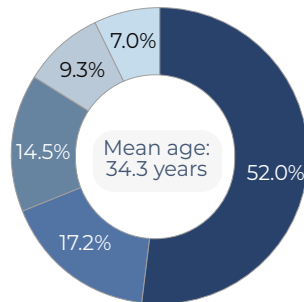
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#### Demographics of Lexington, KY Participants

Race

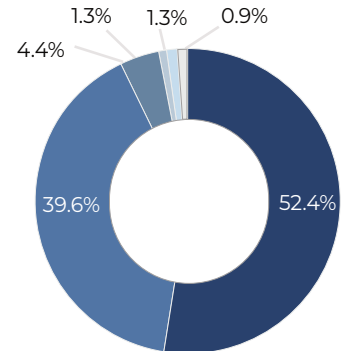


Age



Mean age:  
34.3 years

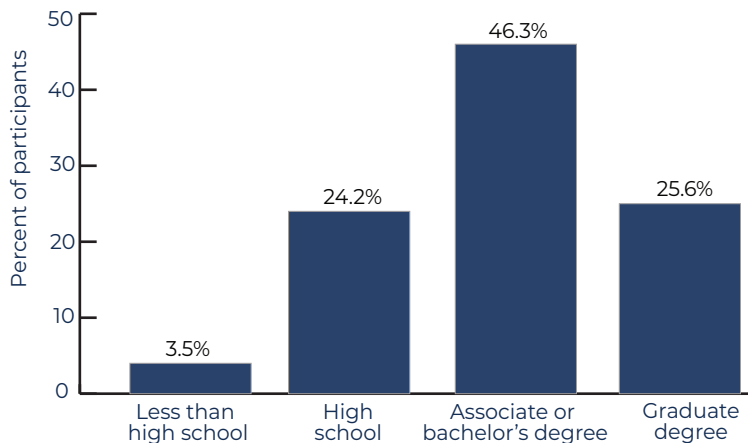
Gender identity



7.9% of participants identified as Hispanic/ Latino

Years of education (n=226)

Mean years of education:  
15.4 years



Location of survey

\*Each site type included multiple venues. "Other" includes a university student union and a hotel lobby.

