

SEX, DRUGS, AND ROCK 'N' ROLL

RESULTS SUMMARY 2022

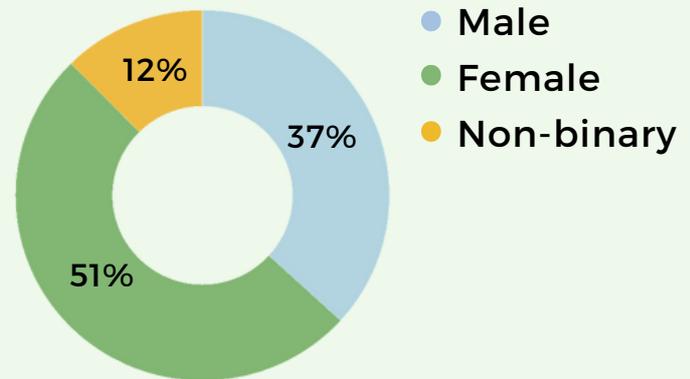
In 2022, we conducted the annual Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n' Roll survey. 989 young people aged 15-29 years completed the online survey. We asked about their sexual behaviours, knowledge of sexually transmissible infections (STIs), alcohol and other drug use, and COVID-19 preventive behaviours.



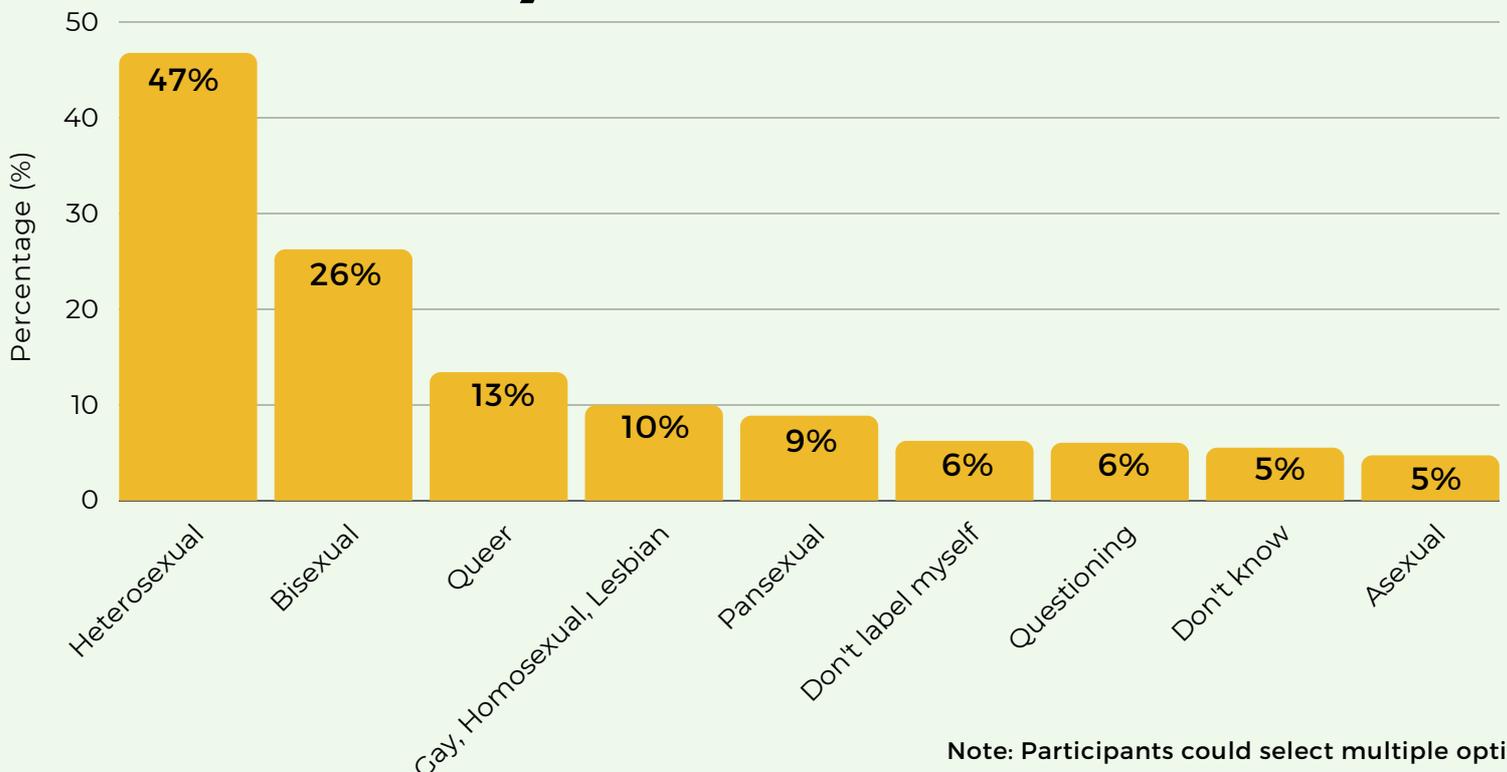
Demographics

- 87% were born in Australia
- The average age was 21 years
- 69% were currently studying at high school, university, or TAFE
- 58% lived with their parent/s

Gender Identity



Sexual Identity



Note: Participants could select multiple options

Sexual Behaviours

65% had ever had oral sex

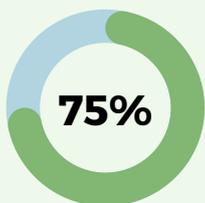
57% had ever had vaginal intercourse

25% had ever had anal intercourse

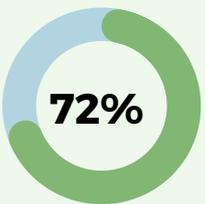
Of the 522 people who reported penetrative vaginal or anal sex in the past 12 months...

- 88% had a regular partner (e.g. boyfriend, girlfriend, other partner)
- 44% had a casual partner (e.g. one-night stand, friends with benefits)
- 39% had a new partner in the past 3 months
- 55% had ever had an STI test

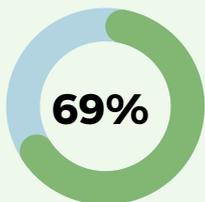
Knowledge of STIs



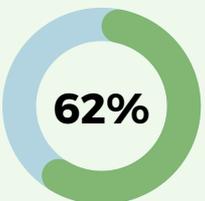
knew that if left untreated, chlamydia can last for years



knew that people infected with STIs do not always have symptoms



knew that taking the pill when young does not reduce fertility



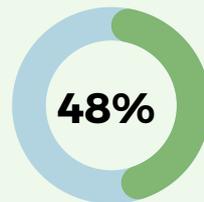
knew that gonorrhoea, syphilis, and chlamydia can all be treated with antibiotics

Participants were asked 7 questions about STIs. The average score was

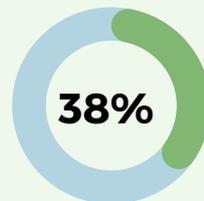
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knew that chlamydia can make women infertile



knew that chlamydia can be diagnosed by a urine test



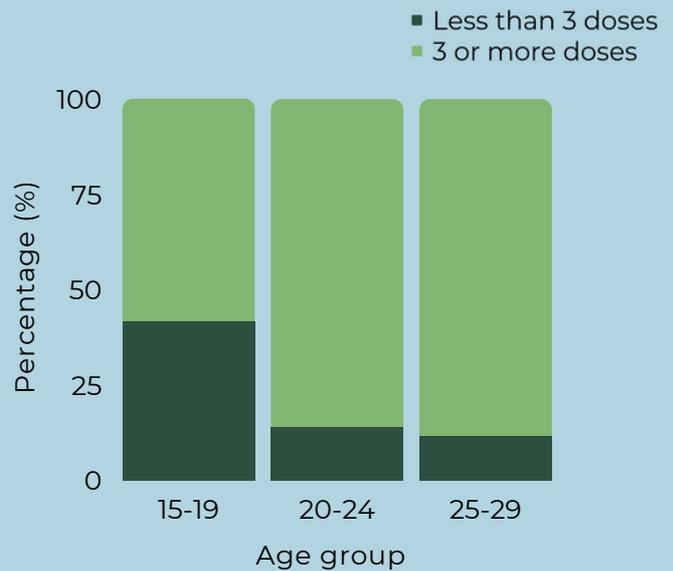
knew that pap smears cannot be used to diagnose the main STIs

COVID-19 Behaviours

Vaccination

- 71% had received 3 or more doses of a COVID-19 vaccine
- The most common reason for not getting a 3rd dose:

"I have not gotten around to it yet"



Masks

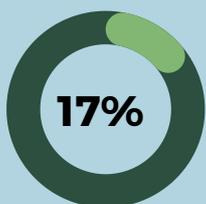
- 20% never wore a mask indoors in the last month
- The most common reason for not always wearing a mask indoors:

"It is not required or mandated"

Participants who rated an indoor mask mandate as 'highly acceptable':

38%

Testing and Isolation



had COVID-19 symptoms in the past month and did not get tested



rated lockdowns as 'highly acceptable'



tested positive for COVID-19 in the past month



rated 7 day isolation after contact with a positive case as 'highly acceptable'

Alcohol & Other Drug Use

82% drank alcohol in the past year

50% had ever used an e-cigarette

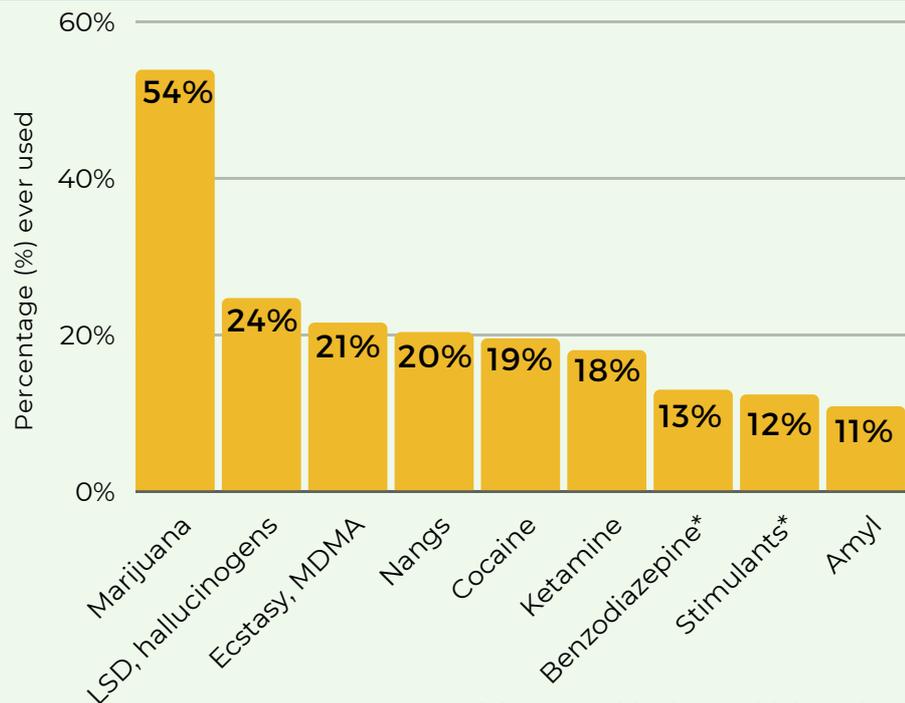
11% were current smokers

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the average age participants reported drinking alcohol for the first time

Illicit Drugs

- 58% had ever used illicit drugs
- 30% had used illicit drugs in the last month



Note: Participants could select multiple options
*non prescribed pharmaceuticals

The study team would like to thank the young people who took part in this survey.

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