

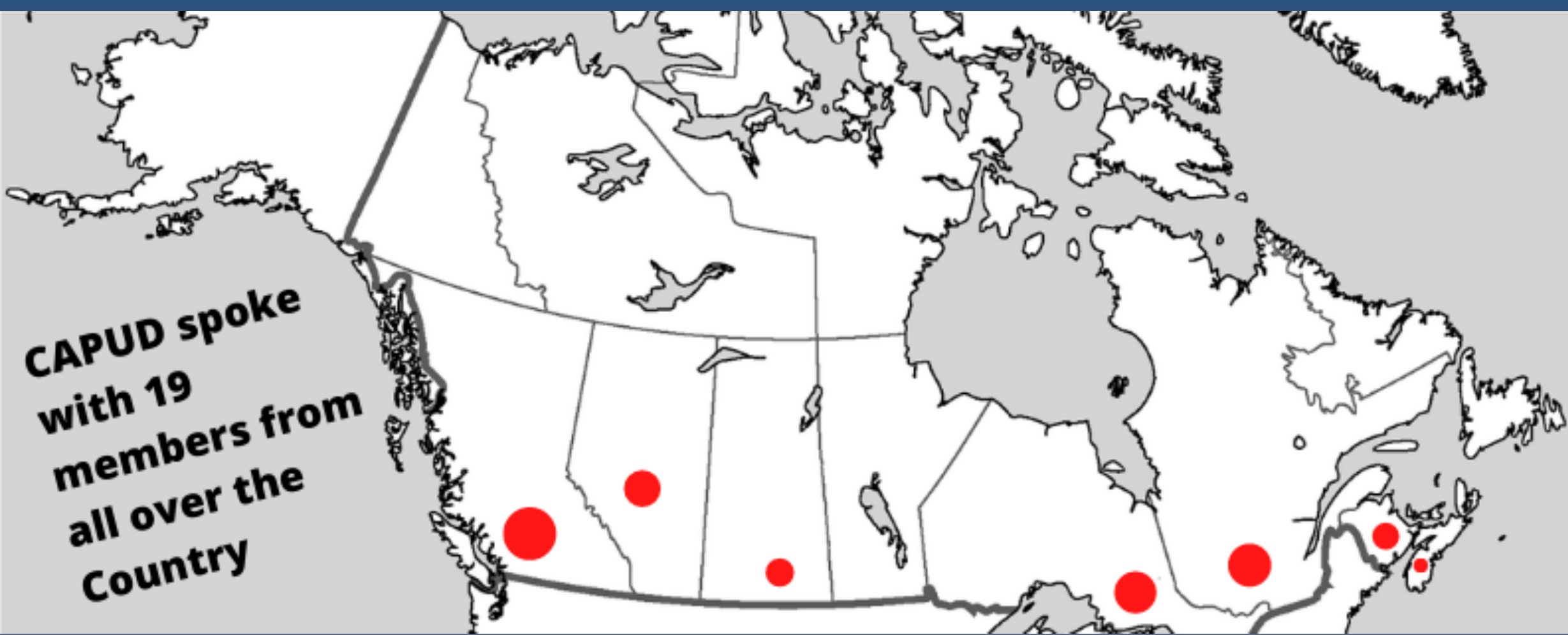
Drug Market Trends

People who use drugs, COVID-19 and drug market changes

Canadian Association of People Who Use Drugs (CAPUD)

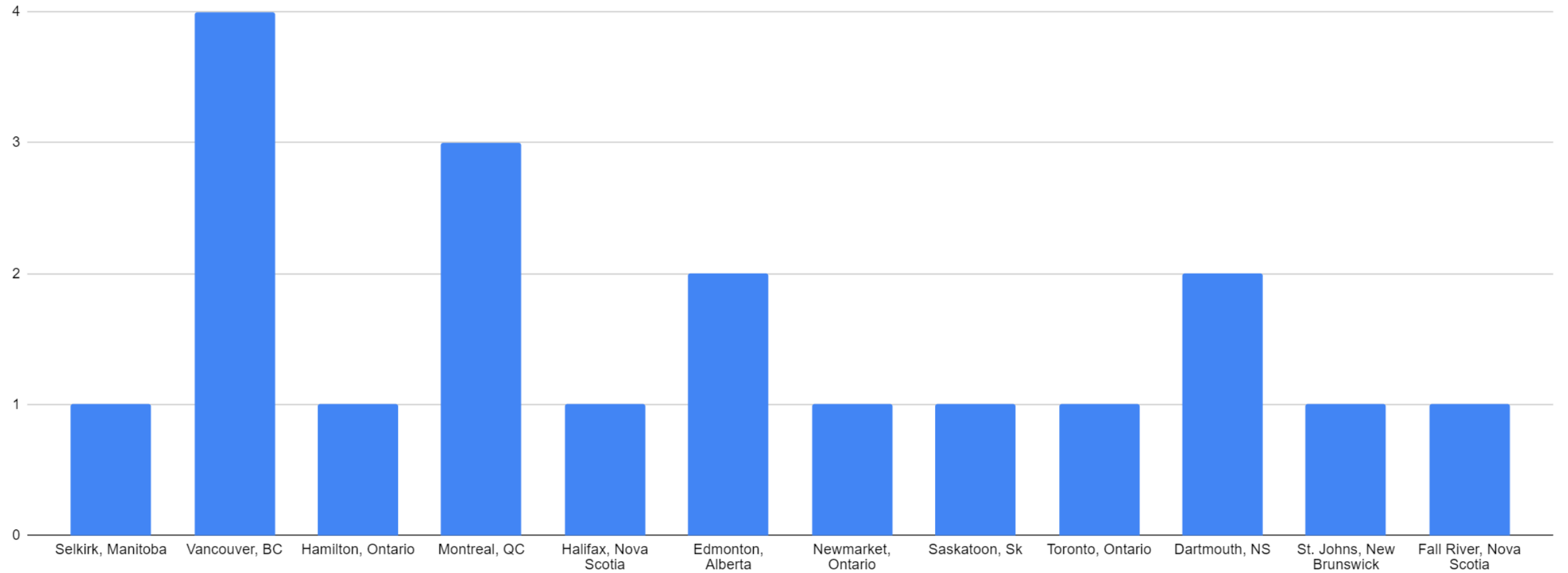
Land Acknowledgement

CAPUD acknowledges that the lands on which we live, and work are the lands of the First Peoples of Canada. However, while acknowledging territory is very welcome, it is only a small part of cultivating strong relationships with the First Peoples of Canada. Acknowledging territory and First Peoples should take place within the larger context of genuine and ongoing work to forge real understanding, and to challenge the ongoing colonialism. We strive to collaborate and respect all of the tribes of the first people of Canada.



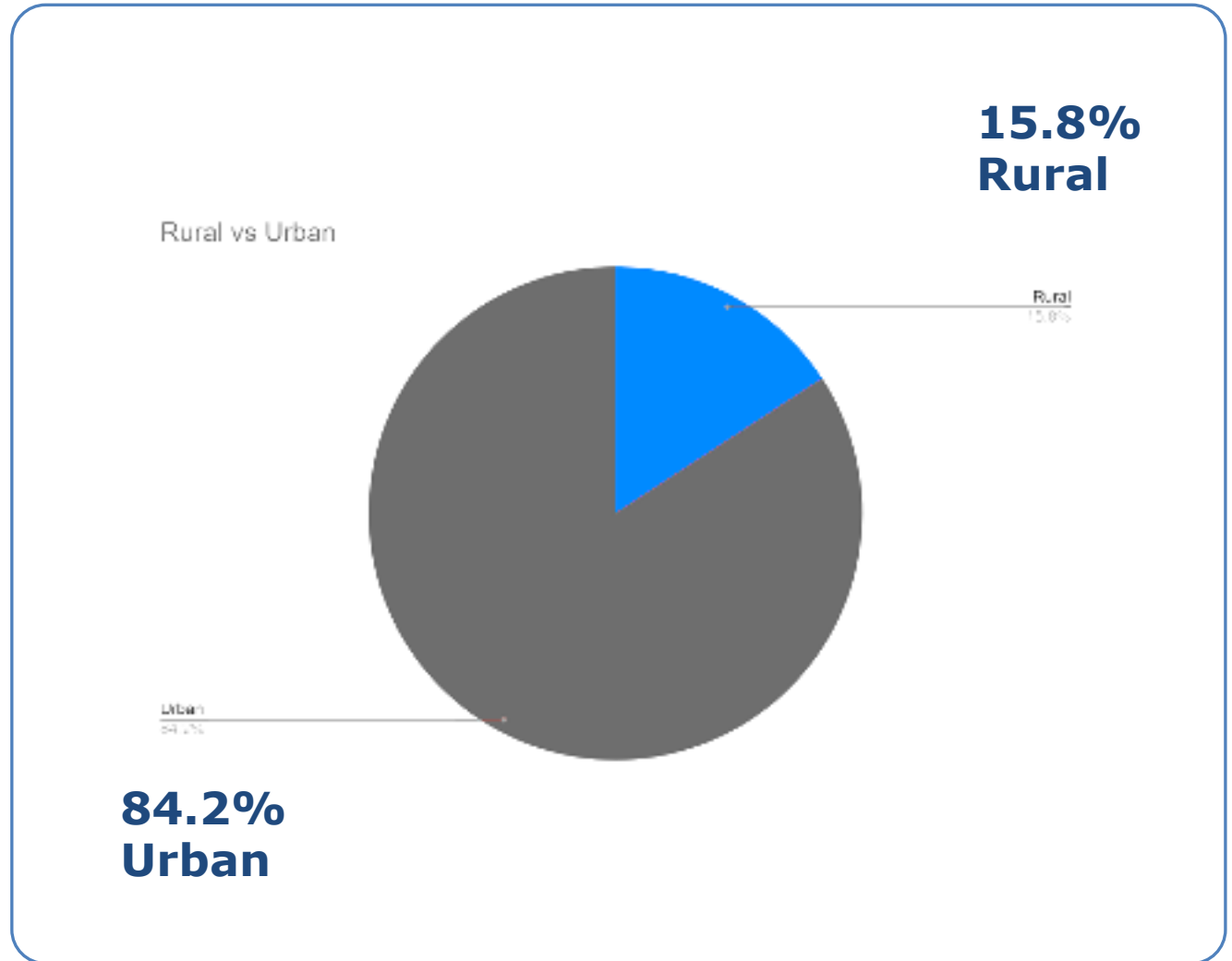
**CAPUD spoke
with 19
members from
all over the
Country**

What City and Province do you live in?



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Rural vs Urban



How do you identify?

trans androgynous (F to A), she and he

5.3%

Non-Binary

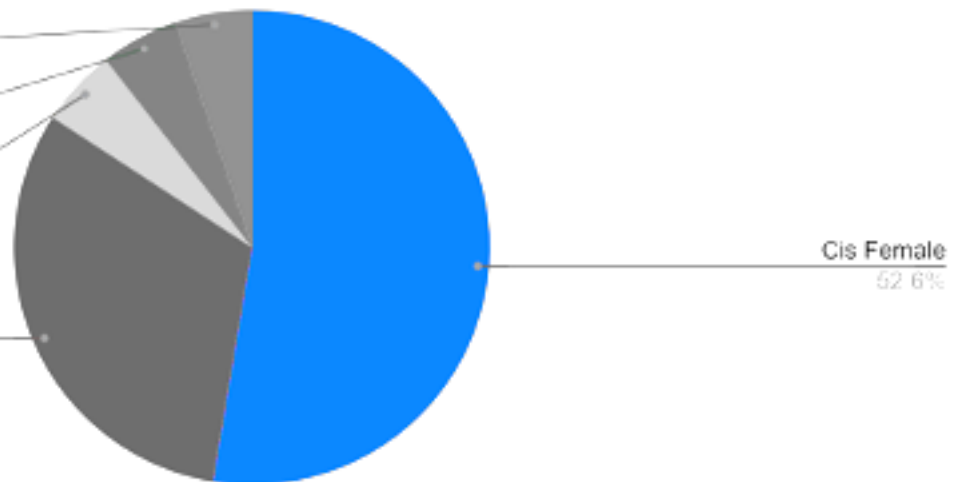
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Non binary

5.3%

Cis Male

31.6%



Participants identified as:

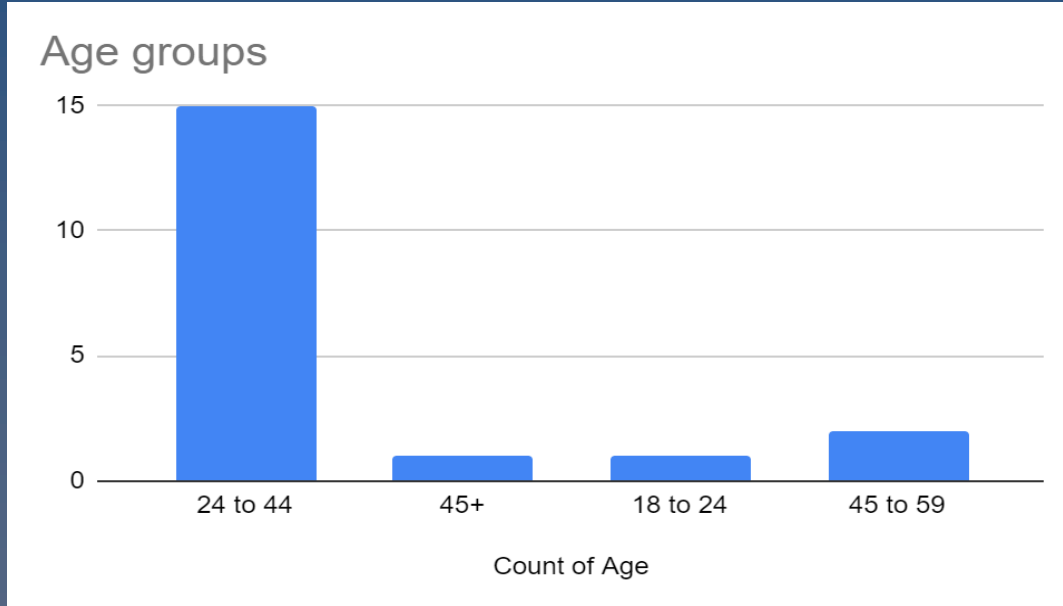
Trans (F to M): 5.3%

Non-Binary: 10.6%

Cis Male: 31.6%

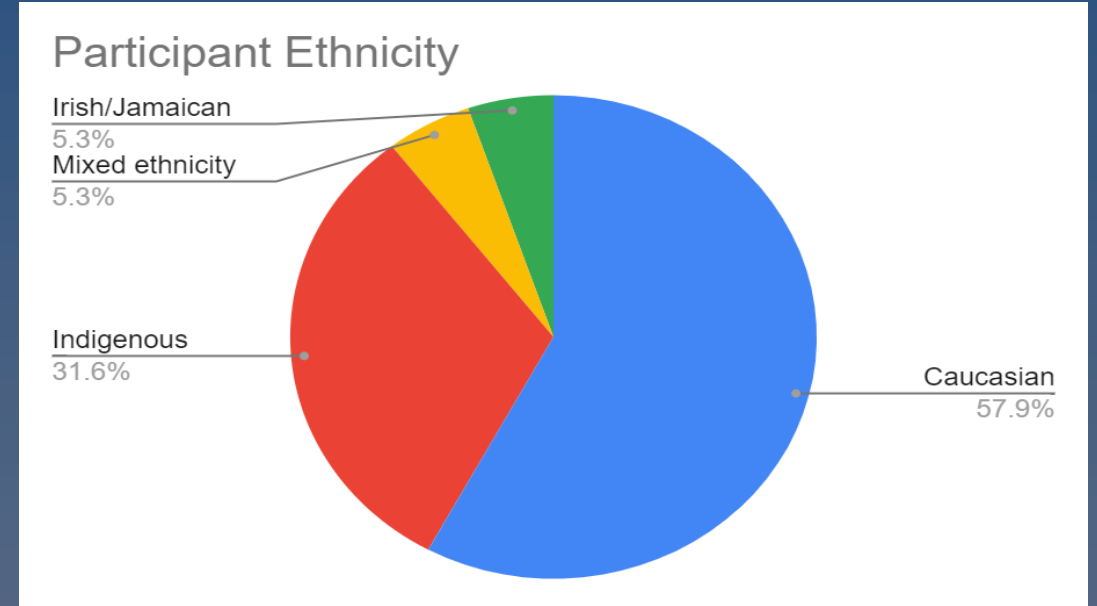
Cis Female: 52.6%

Age & Ethnicity



Participant Age Groups

- (77.8%) Age 24 to 44
- (5.6%) Age 18 to 24
- (5.3%) Age 45 to 59
- (0%) Age 60+



Participant Ethnicity

- (5.3%) Irish/Jamaican
- (5.3%) Mixed Ethnicity
- (31.6%) Indigenous
- (57.9%) Caucasian

Preferred Drugs of Participants



Fentanyl

Cocaine



Heroin

Valium



Crystal Meth

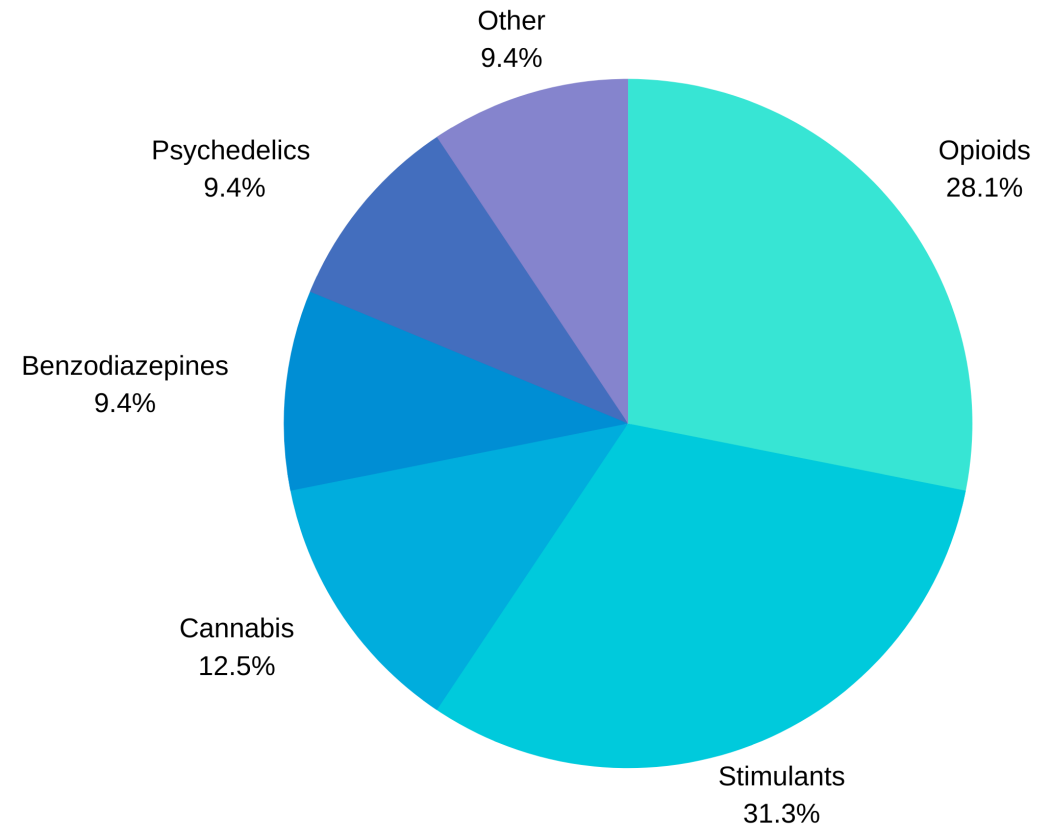
Xanax

Ketamine

Participants self identified drug(s) of choice

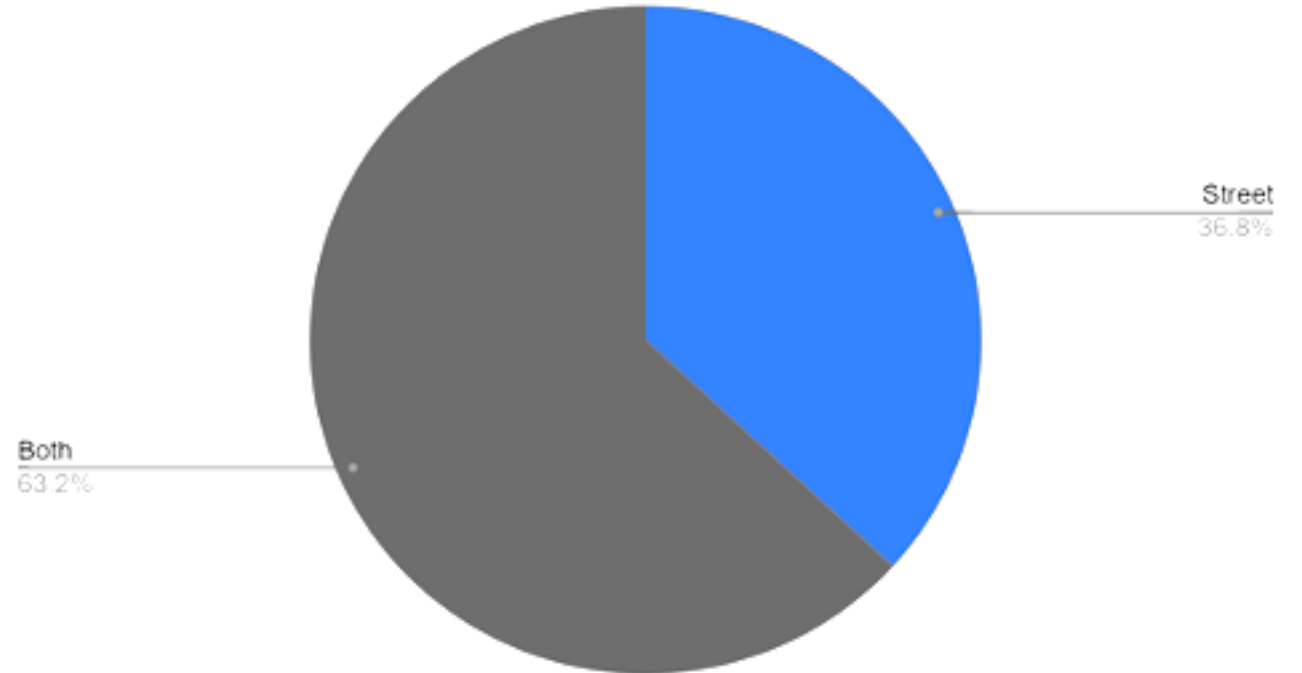
Types of drugs:

Stimulants = 10
Opioids = 9
Cannabis = 4
Benzodiazepines = 3
Psychedelics = 3
Other = 3



0%
participants
said they
only acquire
drugs
through
prescription
only

How do you acquire your drugs? (0% said prescription only)



Sample Size = 19

Availability = 14

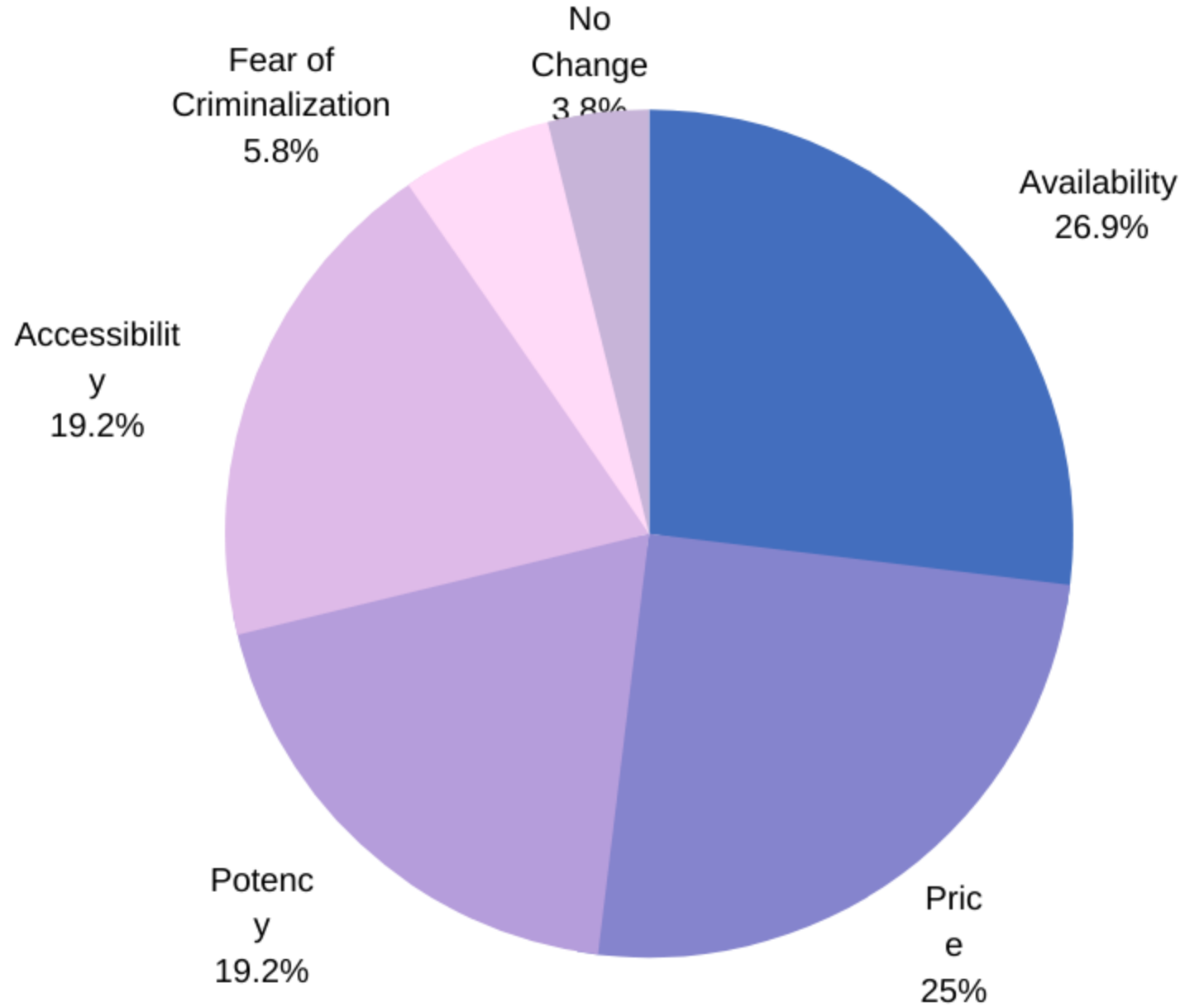
Price = 13

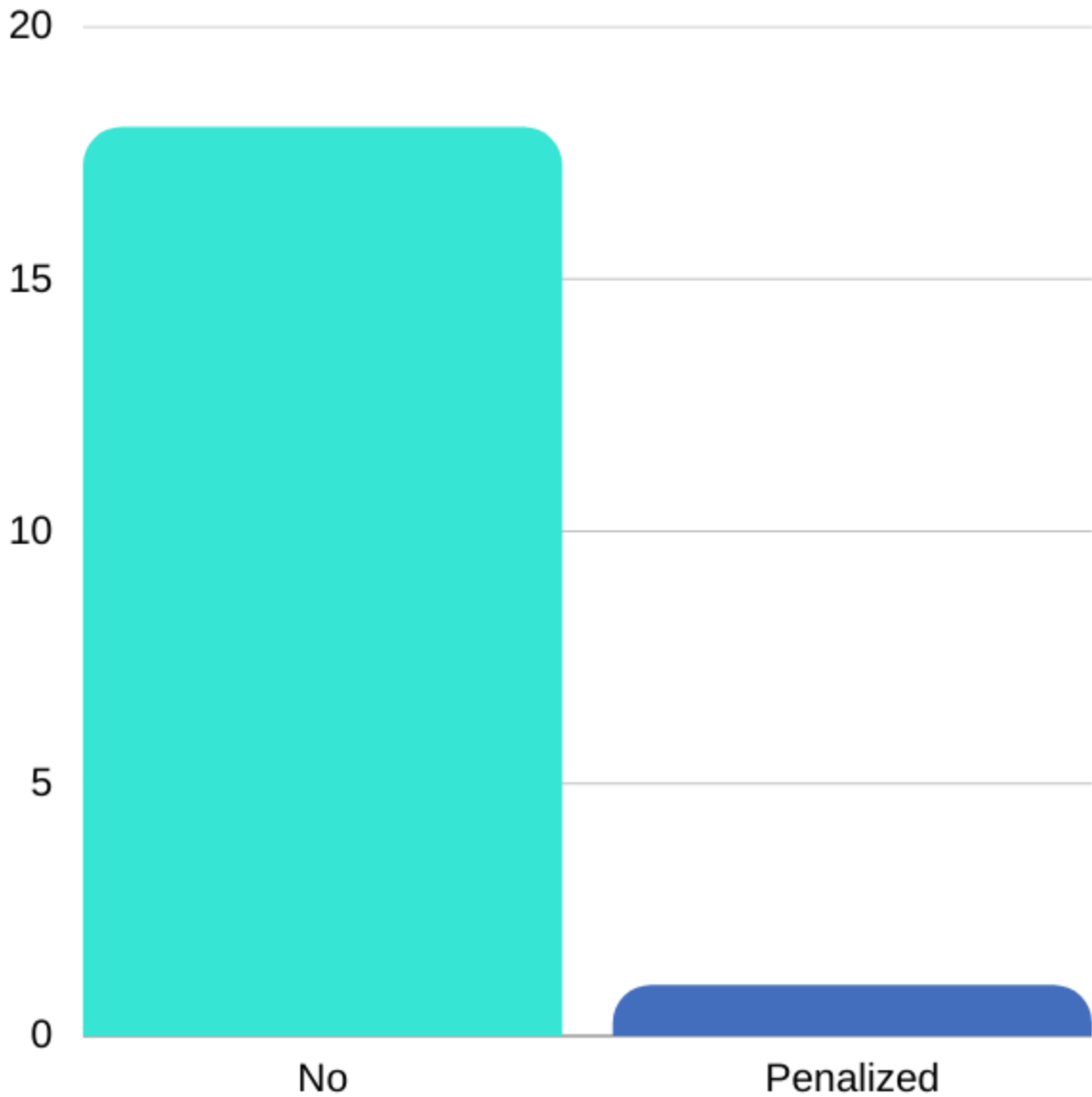
Potency = 10

Accessibility = 10

Fear of Criminalization = 3

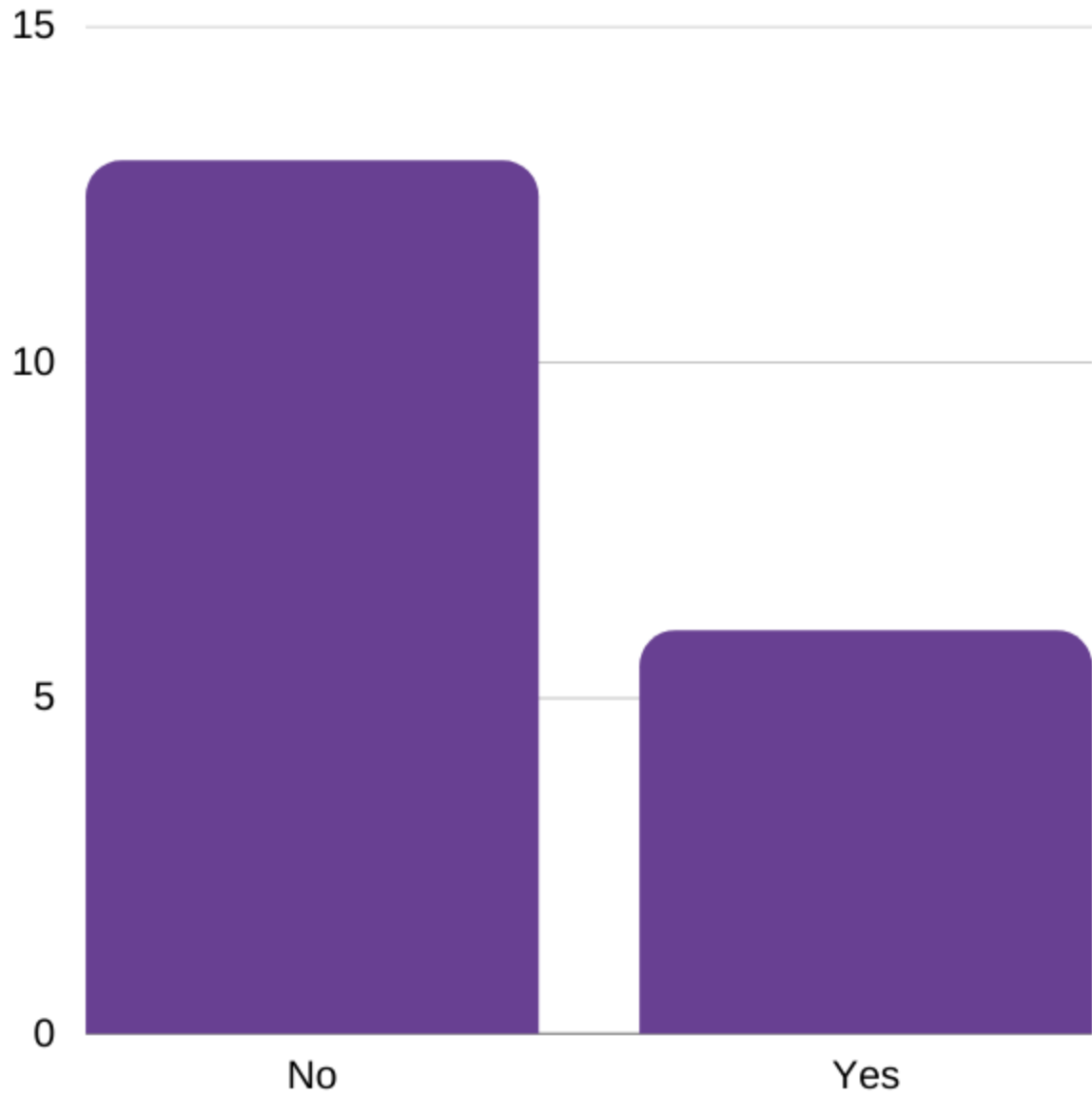
No Change = 2





Criminalization during COVID

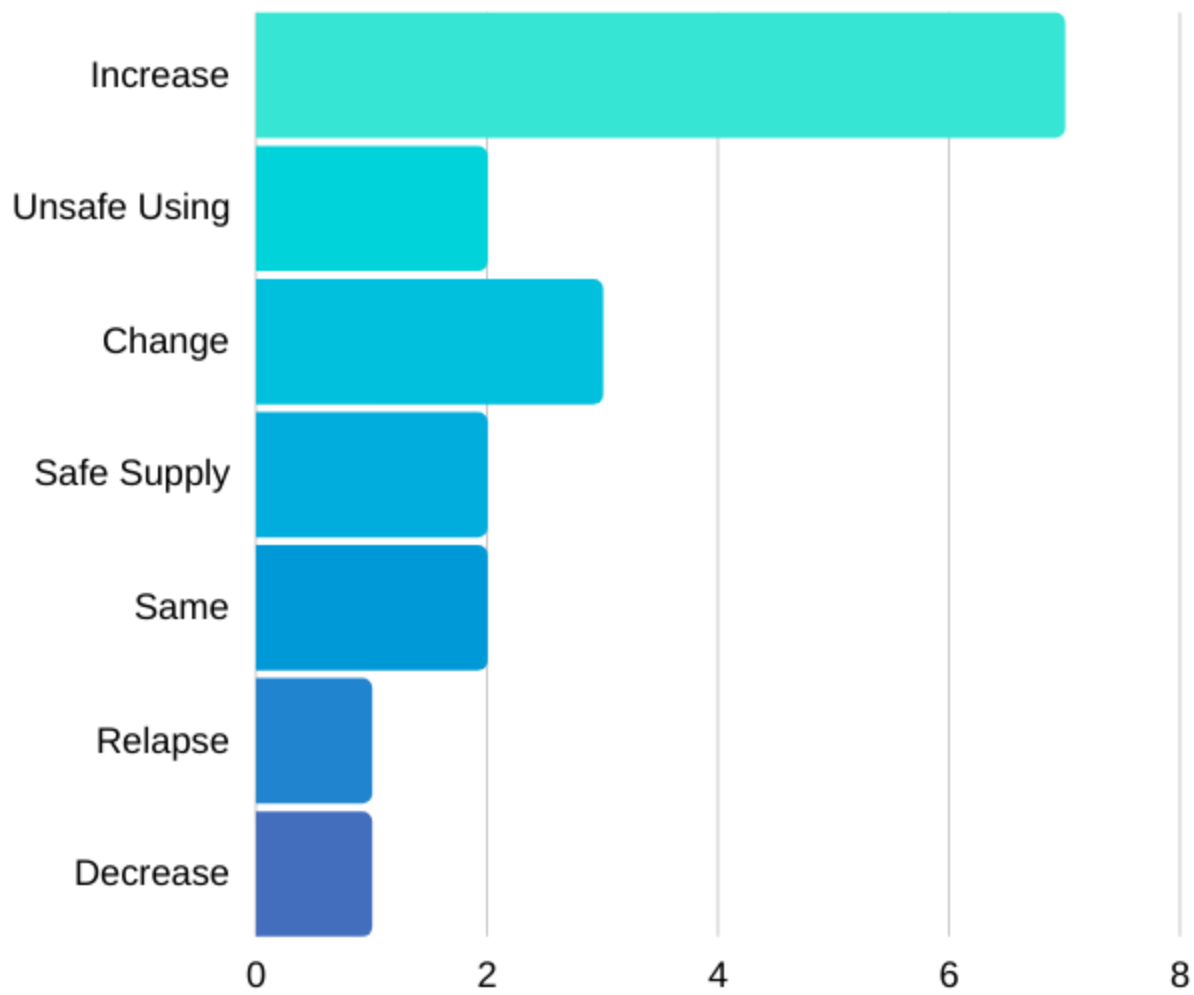
18 P = No
1 P = Penalized



Involuntary Withdrawal

No = 13

Yes = 6



CHANGE IN DRUG USE

INCREASED = 7

CHANGED = 3

UNSAFE USING = 2

SAFE SUPPLY = 2

SAME = 2

RELAPSED = 1

DECREASED = 1

Quotes from Participants

“I had to give up benzodiazepines not by choice. It was horrible, the pills just weren't available for a decent price.”

“Trying to balance safe supply mixing with illicit fentanyl.”

“It has been more difficult to find drugs during this pandemic, and, as I don't have access to testing tools, I am more at risk because I've consumed drugs from new, potentially dangerous sources.”

“It's been harder to get the same amount I use to get for \$60 I have OD twice due to supply been contaminated Playing game of Russian roulette anytime I buy. I got 'safe supply' but feel like dosing not right still needing to use illicit just to get by and its not injectable taken pills is just not the same.”

“Have been using a lot more unsafe drugs. Also, trying to fill that void with other medications.”

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Stay Tuned for our full report on the Drug Market & Click on the link picture to be linked to the survey.