

Use of Harm Reduction Services & Experience with Overdoses

Results from Indigenous participants in the Tracks survey of people who inject drugs (PWID) in Canada, Phase 4, 2017-2019

What is the Tracks survey of PWID?

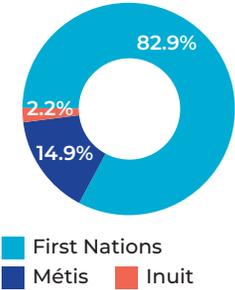
A behavioural and biological surveillance system that monitors the prevalence of HIV and hepatitis C as well as the associated risk behaviours among PWID in Canada*

42.2%

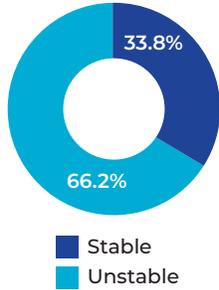
of survey participants identified as Indigenous

Key results among Indigenous participants (n=997)

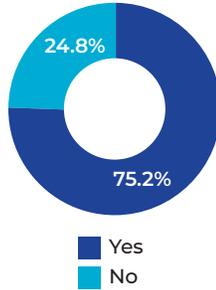
Self-reported Indigeneity



Housing in the past 6 months



Ever incarcerated



Experienced childhood physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse

87.5%

90.0% among cisgender females

85.3% among cisgender males

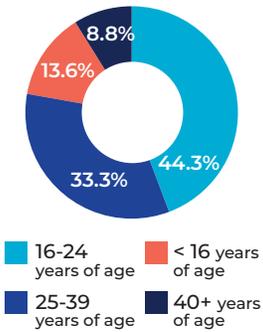
Experienced sexual partner physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse

78.6%

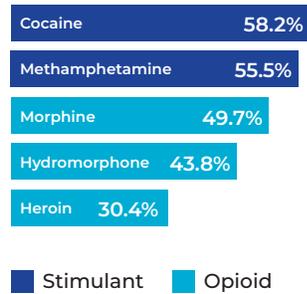
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71.1% among cisgender males

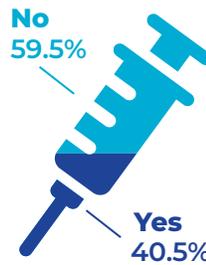
Age at first injection



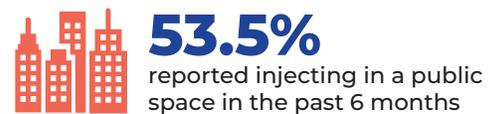
Top 5 Injection Drugs used in the past 6 months



Daily injecting in the past month



Injecting in a public space



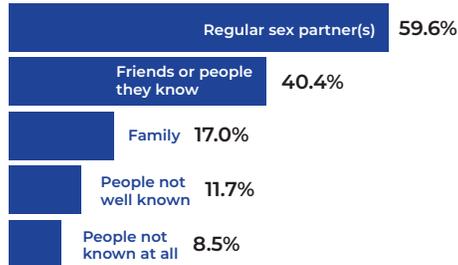
93.1% used a sterile needle and syringe at last injection



Used borrowed needles and/or syringes in the past 6 months



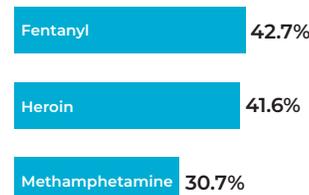
Borrowed used needles and/or syringes from:



1 in 5

Overdosed in the past 6 months

Top 3 Drugs or Substances used at last overdose



Overdose Kits

83.3% had ever heard of overdose kits

Of whom 91.1% had overdose kits available in their community

33.8% carried an overdose kit

25.7% had ever used an overdose kit

* Phase 4 of the Tracks survey of PWID was conducted between 2017 and 2019 in 14 sentinel sites across Canada. A total of 2383 PWID participated in this survey and of those 2360 answered the survey question about Indigenous Status. This infographic focuses on results from Indigenous participants (977 of 2360). A comparison is made for cisgender females and males; however due to low cell counts this was not possible for participants who identified their gender as transfeminine or transmasculine. For more information, look for our full length report in the Canada Communicable Disease Report titled: Findings among Indigenous participants of the Tracks survey of people who inject drugs in Canada, Phase 4, 2017-2019.

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