

Cocaine

In 2024

Dependence, overdose and injecting

There was a significant increase in the mean AUDIT score in 2024 relative to 2023 (13.5 versus 12.2; <0.001), although the per cent obtaining an AUDIT score of 8, indicative of hazardous alcohol use, remained stable (70%).

In 2024, 16% of those who reported recent ecstasy use obtained an SDS score of 3 or more, whilst 24% of participants reporting recent methamphetamine use obtained a score of 4 or more, indicating possible dependence on these substances.

Two fifths (37%) experienced a non-fatal depressant overdose (including alcohol) in the 12 months prior to interview, a significant increase relative to 2023 (15%; <0.001).

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