## **Executive Summary**

The Darwin, Northern Territory (NT) EDRS comprises a sentinel sample of people who regularly use ecstasy and/or other illicit stimulants, recruited via social media and word-of mouth in Darwin, NT. The results are not representative of all people who use illicit drugs, nor of use in the general population. Historically, there have been difficulties recruiting people in Darwin who meet the eligibility criteria, likely due to its smaller, and highly transient, population. Data from 2010-2012 and 2022-23 are therefore suppressed due to small sample sizes (n<50). In 2024, data were collected from April-July. Interviews from 2020 onwards were delivered face-toface as well as via telephone, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission; all interviews prior to 2020 were conducted face-to-face. This methodological change should be factored into all comparisons of data from the 2020-2024 samples, relative to previous years.

## Sample Characteristics

Fifty-one participants were recruited from Darwin, Northern Territory (NT) in 2024. Almost half (49%) the sample identified as male, and participants had a median age of 27 years. Participants reported a mean of 11 years of school in 2024, and 59% reported holding post-school qualification(s). Half (51%) the sample reported full-time employment and 20% reported part time/casual employment. Participants most commonly reported living in

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