

The IDRS comprises a sentinel sample of people aged 18 years or older who injected illicit drugs 6 days in the preceding six months and resided in Adelaide, South Australia. Participants were recruited via advertisements in needle and syringe programs and other harm reduction services, as well as via peer referral. The results are not representative of all people who use illicit drugs, nor of use in the general population. Data were collected in June 2024. Interviews from 2020

Nine per cent reported that they or someone else had tested the content and/or purity of their illicit drugs in Australia in the past year (n = 5 in 2023).

Dependence, drug treatment and HCV

In 2024, 36% of male participants obtained an AUDIT-C score of 4, and 43% of female participants obtained a score of 3, indicative of hazardous alcohol use.

One third (34%) of participants who reported recent opioid use