

The IDRS sample is a sentinel group of people aged 18 years or older who injected drugs for 12 months and resided in Perth, Western Australia (WA). Participants were recruited via advertisements in needle and syringe programs, pharmacies providing Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT), 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 between June and July 2024. In Perth, WA, interviews in 2020 and 2021 were delivered face-to-face as well as via telephone, while in 2022, they were only conducted via telephone to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. All interviews prior to 2020 were conducted face-to-face. In 2023 and 2024, they were again delivered face-to-face as well as via telephone. This methodological change should be factored into all







