About half of participants bought drugs for themselves while half bought drugs for themselves and others.

- **91%** of people bought drugs*
- **43%** of people traded services for drugs*
- **40%** of people had drugs given to them*

*respondents could select more than one option

**Frequency of acquisition in the last 30 days**

- **2x a week**: median frequency for getting powder cocaine
- **4x a week**: median frequency for getting crack cocaine
- **7x a week**: median frequency for getting opioids* or meth

*down’, heroin, or fentanyl

**Quantity of a single drug per transaction**

- 0g
- 0.3g median quantity of opioids
- 0.5g median quantity of meth
- 1.0g median quantity of crack cocaine or powder cocaine

**How people decide how much to buy**

People buy smaller amounts if:
- it is all they can afford
- the dealer only has small amounts,
- they do not want to be caught with large amounts
- they have feelings of stigma or shame

People buy larger amounts if:
- they have the money (cheaper to buy in bulk)
- they want to share with others
- they know they can get something they want
- they have to travel
- they have a safe stash spot

*Collected from post-survey consultations with people who have lived and living experience of substance use who shared their interpretation of the results

Over 70% of respondents obtained more than one type of drug in the last 30 days

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