Who took part in Interior?

- 5 communities
- 5 sites
- 69 participants

Cranbrook  Kamloops  Nelson  Penticton  Vernon

Drug use

More than half of respondents identified **SMOKING** or **INHALATION** as the preferred method of drug use, while 27% preferred injection, and 3% preferred snorting.

**Past week self-reported drug use**

- Crystal Meth: 80%
- Fentanyl: 46%
- Heroin: 58%
- Crack: 17%
- Cocaine: 14%

Potential harms

Of 45 people that used pipes from harm reduction sites to smoke drugs:
- 19% used a **second-hand pipe**
- 35% injected instead when they couldn’t find unused smoking equipment

Of 33 people that injected drugs in the past month:
- 34% had **trouble getting unused needles**
- 19% had fixed with a **needle used by someone else**

About **one third of participants** reported using drugs alone some of the time. Reasons for using drugs alone included:
- convenience and comfort;
- not having anyone else around;
- not wanting to share drugs; and,
- not wanting others to know.

Self-identified gender

- Female
- Male
- Trans, gender non-conforming, or other

Overdose

- 22% experienced an **OPIOID OVERDOSE** in the past six months
- 13% experienced a **STIMULANT OVERDOSE** in the past six months
- 47% witnessed an **OPIOID OVERDOSE** in the past six months

Keeping safe and harm reduction

- About **two thirds of participants** owned a Take Home Naloxone kit; 57% owned a cell phone.
- Of those that injected drugs, one third had injected at an **Overdose Prevention Services** site in the past month.
- Of 35 people that had tried to access opioid agonist therapy (OAT) in the past six months, **1 in 4** reported difficulties including:
  - unable to find a prescribing physician
  - prescription stopped due to positive urine test
  - worry about being stigmatized at clinic
  - were not offered preferred OAT