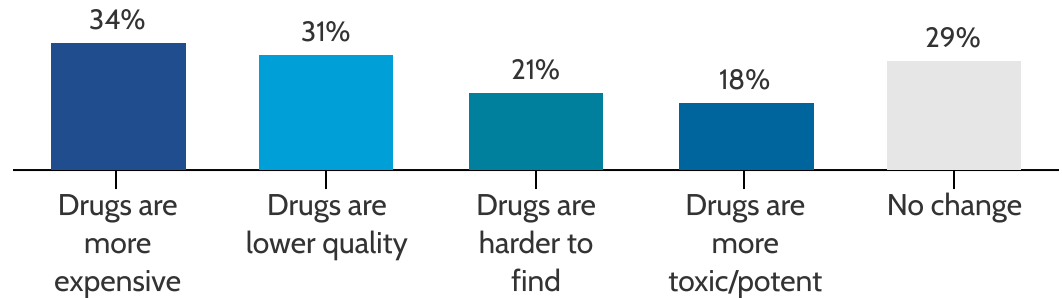


2021 BC Harm Reduction Client Survey

The B.C. Harm Reduction Program administered a survey to people accessing harm reduction supply distribution sites across BC from March 2021 to January 2022. The purpose of this survey was to assess regional differences in drug use and inform harm reduction planning and service quality improvement.

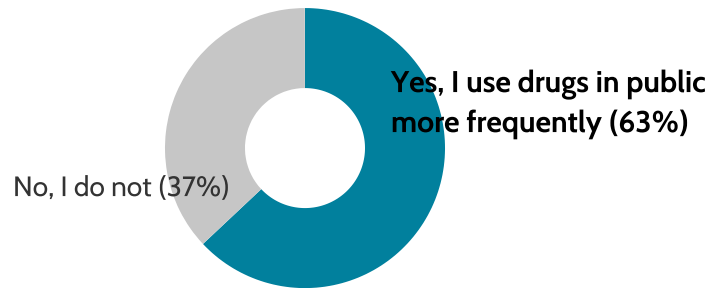
Changes to buying unregulated drugs

71% of people indicated that there were changes to the drug supply during the COVID-19 public health emergency



Public drug use

63% of people indicated using drug more often on the street or in public since the declaration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.



A chi-square test of association demonstrated that a higher proportion of people who use drugs in public were ($p < 0.05$):

- 40-59 years old;
- used opioids or stimulants in the last 3 days; and,
- did not access an OPS/SCS in the last 6 months.

The main reasons people used in public more often:

- Visitors were not allowed at housing sites (25%);
- Could not access OPS/SCSs (21%); and
- Did not want to use alone (20%).



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