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37% of Ecstasy and Related Drugs Reporting System participants used a different main drug during COVID-19.\(^4\)

49% of Illicit Drug Reporting System participants had a disruption to their drug treatment since COVID-19.\(^5\)

12% of IDRS participants had difficulties accessing sterile needles & syringes and 5% had difficulties safely disposing of used needles & syringes.\(^5\)

In May 2020, 27% of ANUPoll respondents reported having decreased their alcohol consumption since the spread of COVID-19 and 20% had increased.\(^1\)

According to national wastewater data analysis, changes in population-weighted average consumption were recorded in capital cities and regional areas between December 2019 and April 2020, and in capital cities between April 2020 and June 2020.\(^6\)

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Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Australia
Of those ADAPT survey participants who reported an increase in perceived use of cannabis during Wave 1 (April-June 2020):

- 58% reported a perceived increase in use during Wave 2 (June–September)

- 42% reported they either decreased or returned to pre COVID-19 levels of use at Wave 2. [3]

The majority (72%) of participants in the UNSW study who reported an increase in their alcohol consumption during Wave 1: Lockdown, returned to Pre-lockdown levels of consumption by Wave 2: Easing restrictions.

About half (47%) of participants who reported a decrease in their alcohol consumption during Wave 1: Lockdown, remained at that level of consumption at Wave 2: Easing restrictions. [2]

1 in 2 (52%) of EDRS participants reported a decrease in frequency of use of ecstasy and related drugs between February 2020 and April–July 2020. [4]

Commonwealth Bank of Australia card spend data show decreased spending in pubs and clubs (relative to the same period in 2019) continued to be offset by increased spending in bottle shops up until mid-November 2020. [7]

![Graph showing Commonwealth Bank of Australia card spend data](image)