

People In NSW Public Prisons

Snapshot of Substance Use Reported at Reception – 2020



82.2%

Males: 7,060



17.8%

Females: 1,533

68%

Of males reported smoking tobacco.

Smoking



76%

Of females reported smoking tobacco.

29%

Of males reported consuming alcohol in the 4 weeks before coming into custody.

Alcohol Use



21%

Of females reported consuming alcohol in the 4 weeks before coming into custody.

Of these, 35% reported consuming alcohol daily or almost daily during this period.

Of these, 44% reported consuming alcohol daily or almost daily during this period.

52%

Of males used drugs in the 4 weeks preceding entry to custody

Drug Use



61%

Of females used drugs in the 4 weeks preceding entry to custody

59%

Stimulants.

Stimulants were the most common drug type used by males (59%) and female (67%). Followed by cannabis, males (54%) and females (42%).

67%

Stimulants.

91%

Methamphetamine.

Methamphetamine was the most commonly used stimulant used by male (91%) and female (94%) patients who reported using stimulants. 61% of males and 66% of females who reported using methamphetamine used daily or almost daily.

94%

Methamphetamine.

61%

Daily or almost daily use.

66%

Daily or almost daily use.

In treatment for a substance use disorder



9%

Of males and females reported being on Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) at the time of reception.

44%

Of these males, 44% were on Methadone.

59%

Of these females, more than half (59%) were on Methadone.

24%

Almost a quarter (24%) were on Suboxone.

18%

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Note: Numbers and proportions are based on the first reception in 2020.