

Results from the SSP Participant Survey

2023/2024

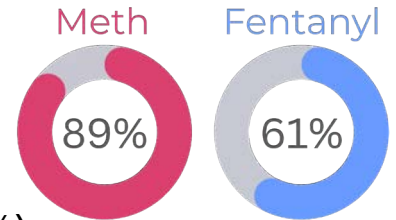


Who did we talk to?

1,667 participants at WA State syringe services programs.

Fentanyl and meth are the most frequently used drugs.

89% of people had used meth in the past week, 61% fentanyl.



How do people use drugs?

Most smoke (89%), but many also inject (47%). Fewer *only* inject (10%).



4 out of 5 people carried naloxone!



About 1/3 of people who use opioids had overdosed in the past three months.



People want to get mental health (68%) and physical health care (75%) at syringe services programs.

Most want to quit or cut back on their opioid and/or stimulant use.

68% of people wanted to reduce or stop their opioid use. 59% wanted to reduce or stop their stimulant use.

In the last year, one third had tried to get help to reduce their drug use, but didn't or couldn't get it.

Why couldn't people get help?

Access/availability, transportation, housing, personal motivation, program rules or issues, cost/insurance, and many other reasons.



"What is your top need in your life right now?"

44% said housing, others said income/job, stop or cut back on drug use, or other needs.

Learn more and read the full report here:
adai.uw.edu/syringe-survey-2023



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