

What drug types did NZDTS survey respondents use in 2024?



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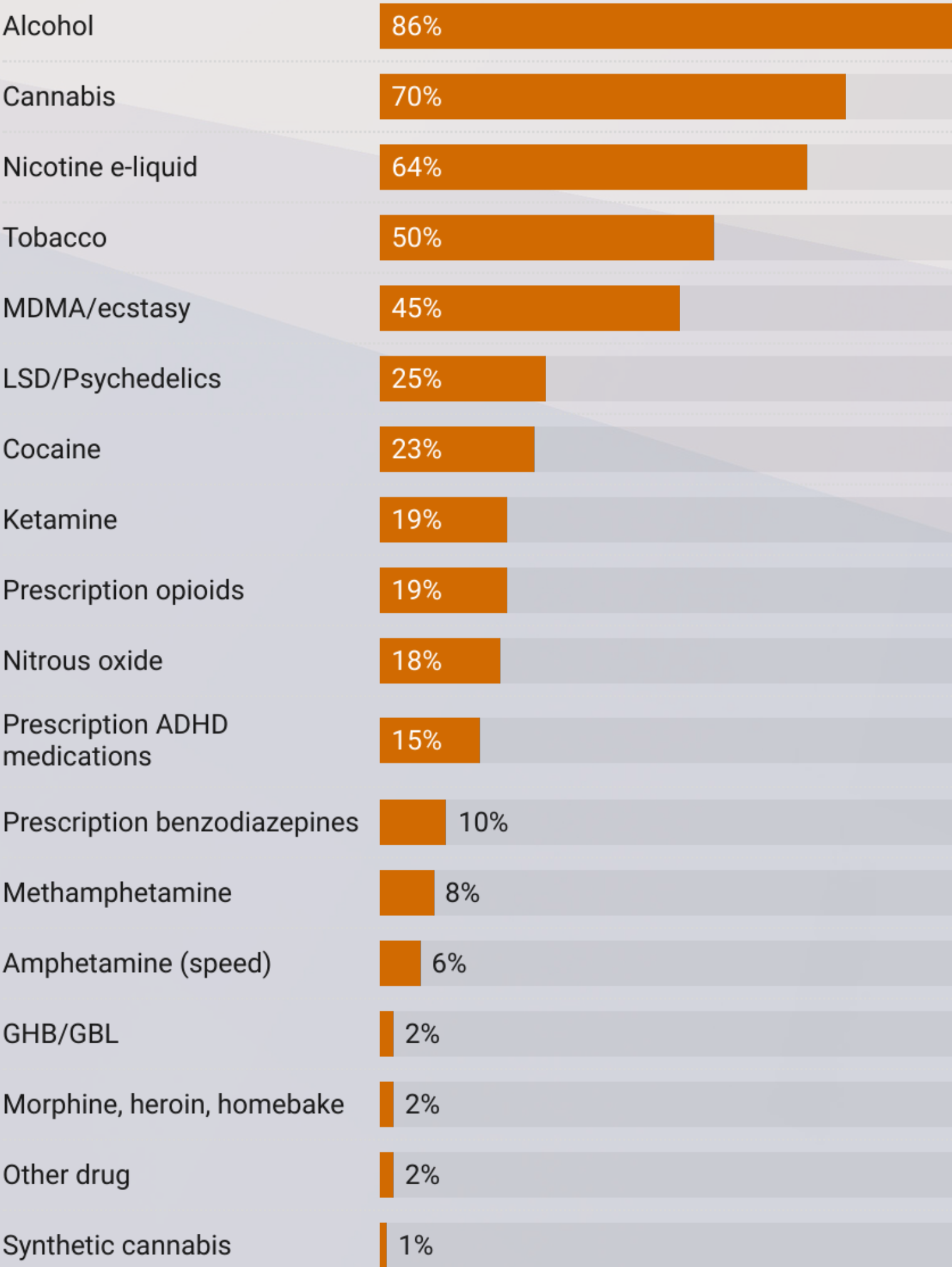
Key findings

- The illegal drug types most frequently used by NZDTS respondents in the past 6 months were cannabis (70%), MDMA (45%), LSD/psychedelics (45%), cocaine (23%), and ketamine (19%)
- The proportion of respondents indicating lifetime use of cocaine increased from 37% in 2022/23 to 48% in 2024
- The highest rates of recent meth use were found in Manawatu-Wanganui, Waikato and Northland
- MDMA and ketamine use were highest in Otago, Wellington and Canterbury
- Rates of recent nicotine vaping surpassed tobacco smoking for the first time in 2024

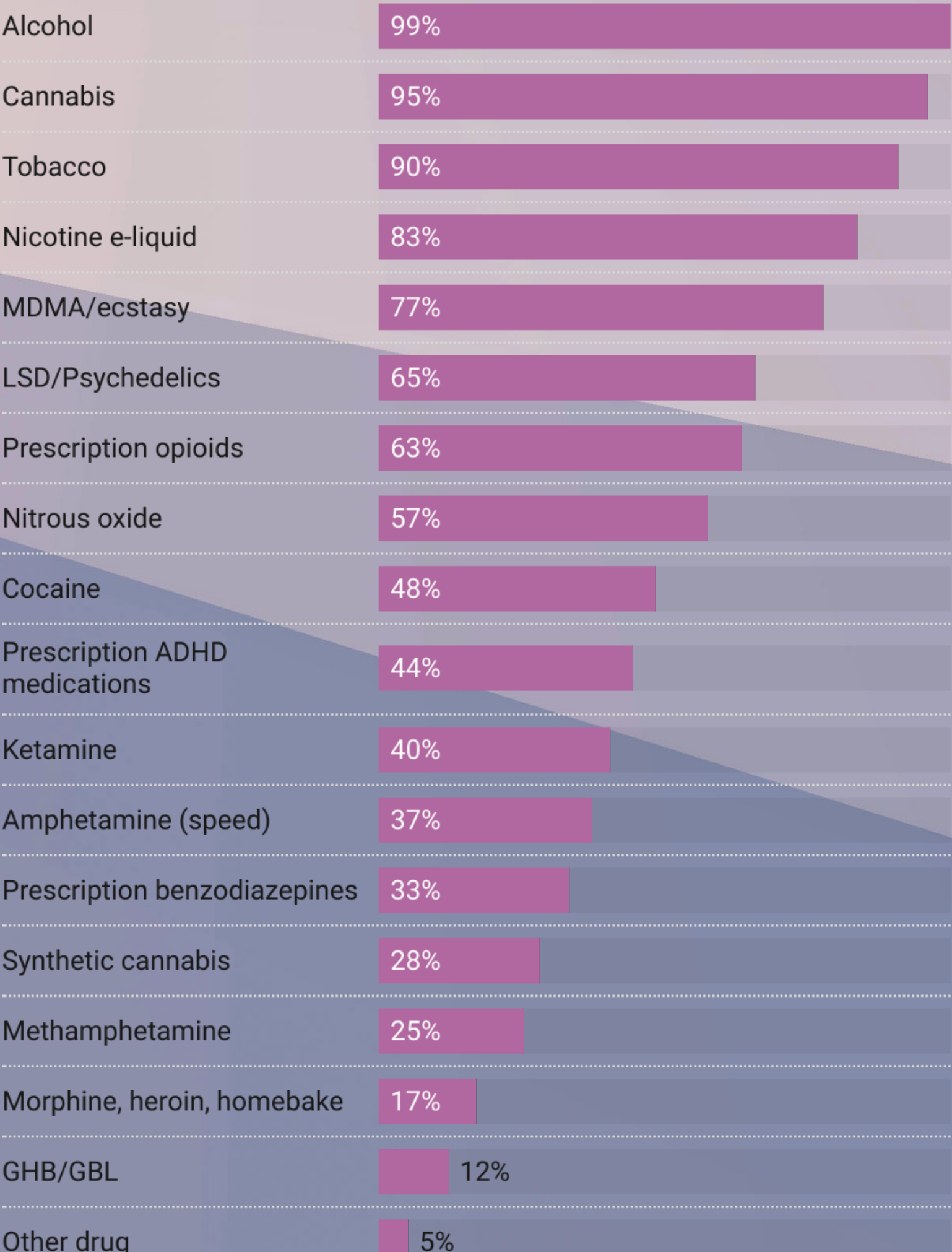
Methods

The New Zealand Drug Trends Survey (NZDTS) is an anonymous online convenience survey designed to provide an annual snapshot of drug market trends in Aotearoa New Zealand. It surveys a very large number of people with recent experience and knowledge of drug use and drug markets across the country (i.e., key experts). The NZDTS is promoted via a targeted Meta advertising campaign over a period of several months. The 2024 survey was conducted from 20 February to 3 July and achieved a final sample of 10,781. **While the NZDTS is not a representative sample, it broadly represents the demographic profile and regional population distribution of NZ.** For more information on the survey visit our [website](#).

% respondents who used each drug type at least once in the past six months, 2024

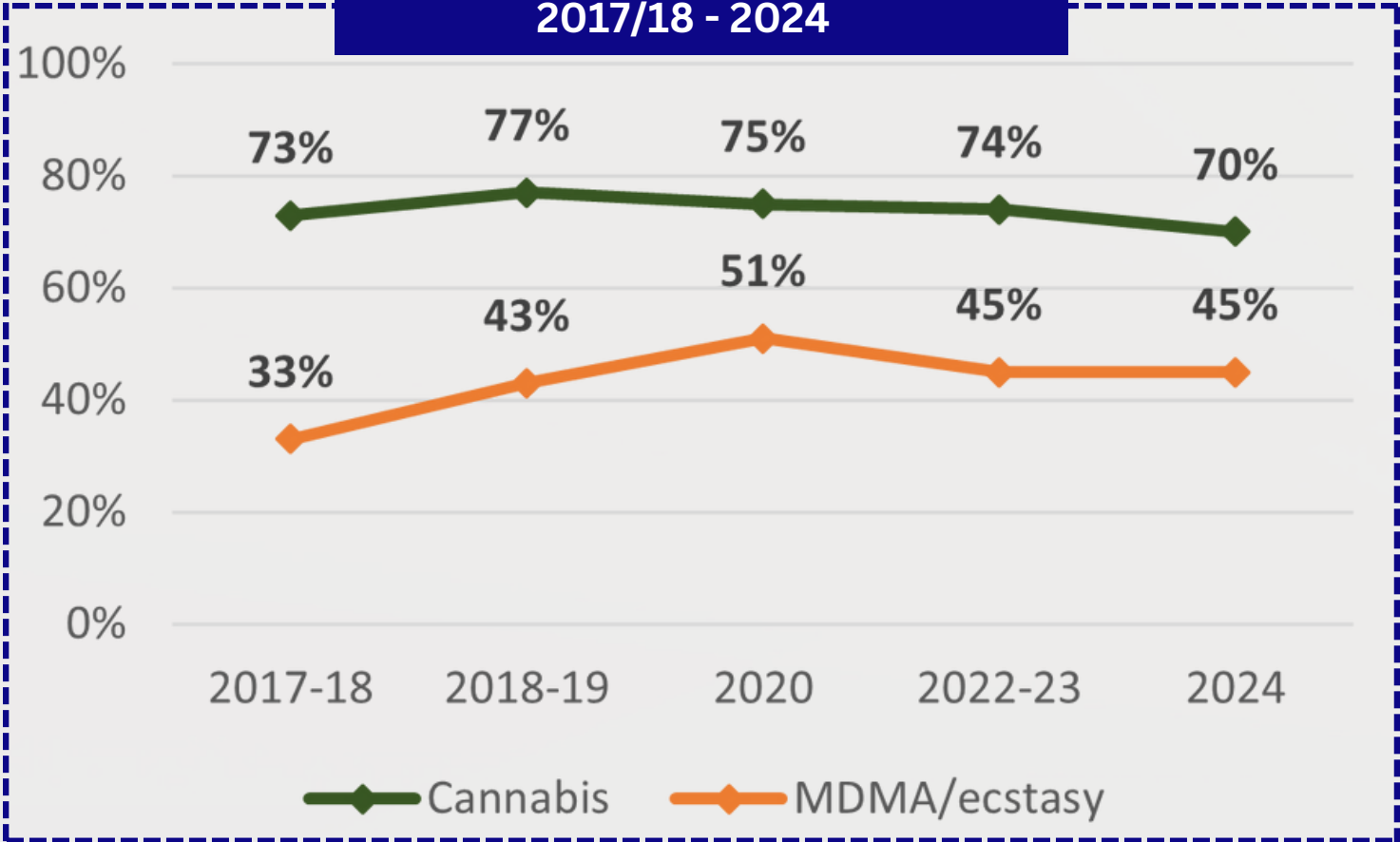


% respondents indicating lifetime use of each drug type, 2024

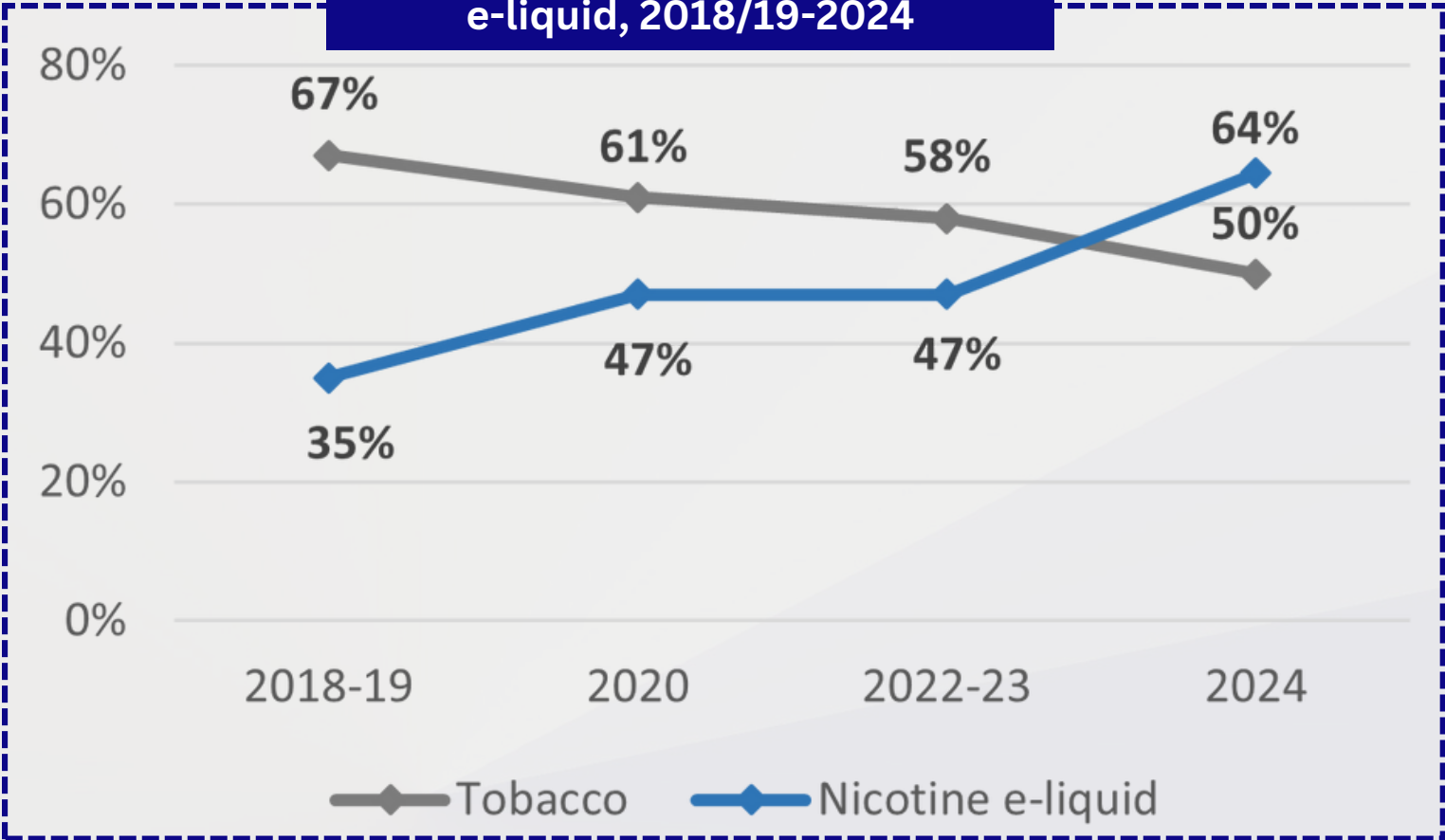


Past-6-month drug use among respondents for different drug types, 2017-2024

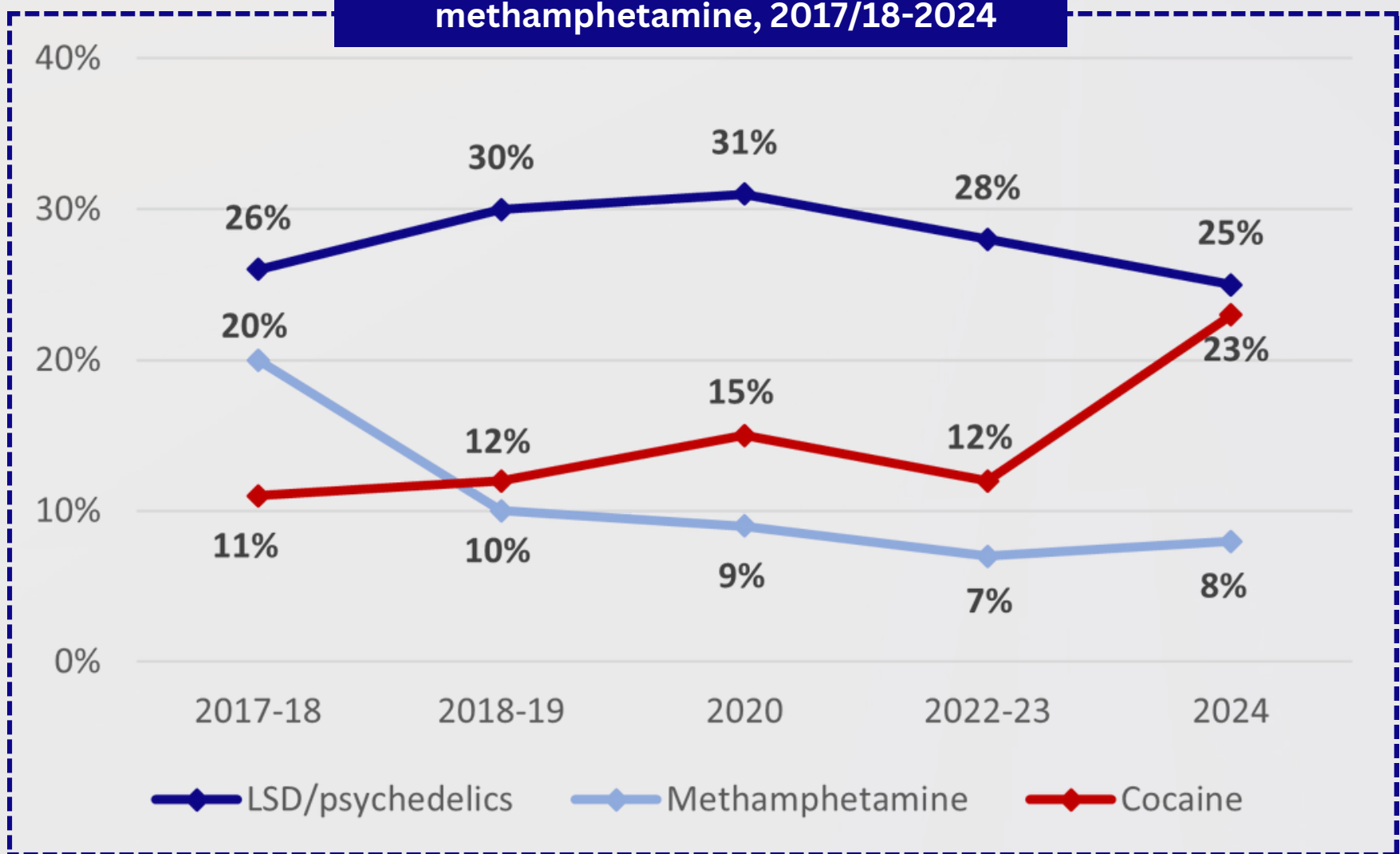
Cannabis and MDMA/ecstasy, 2017/18 - 2024



Tobacco and Nicotine e-liquid, 2018/19-2024

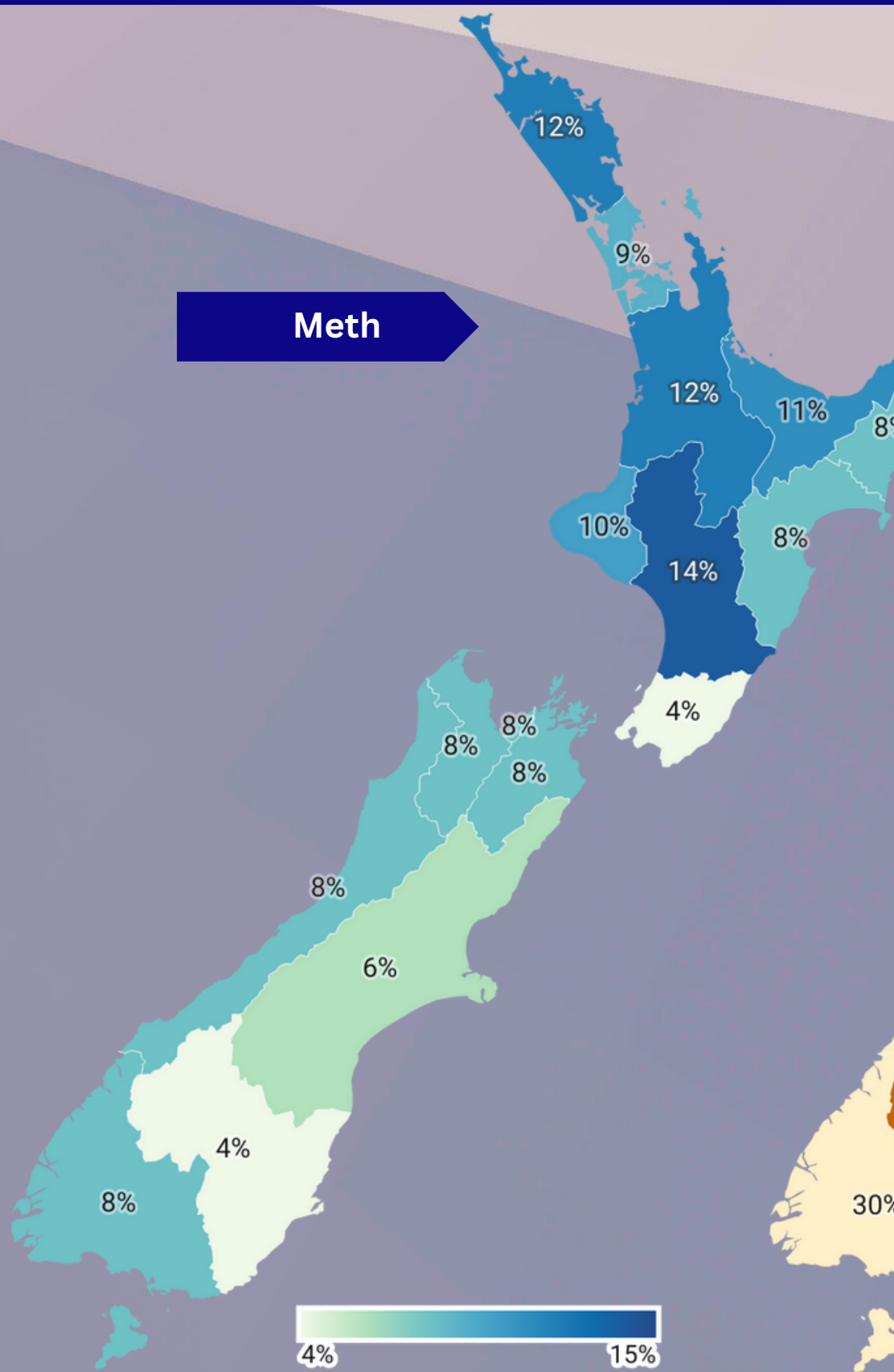


LSD/Psychedelics, cocaine and methamphetamine, 2017/18-2024

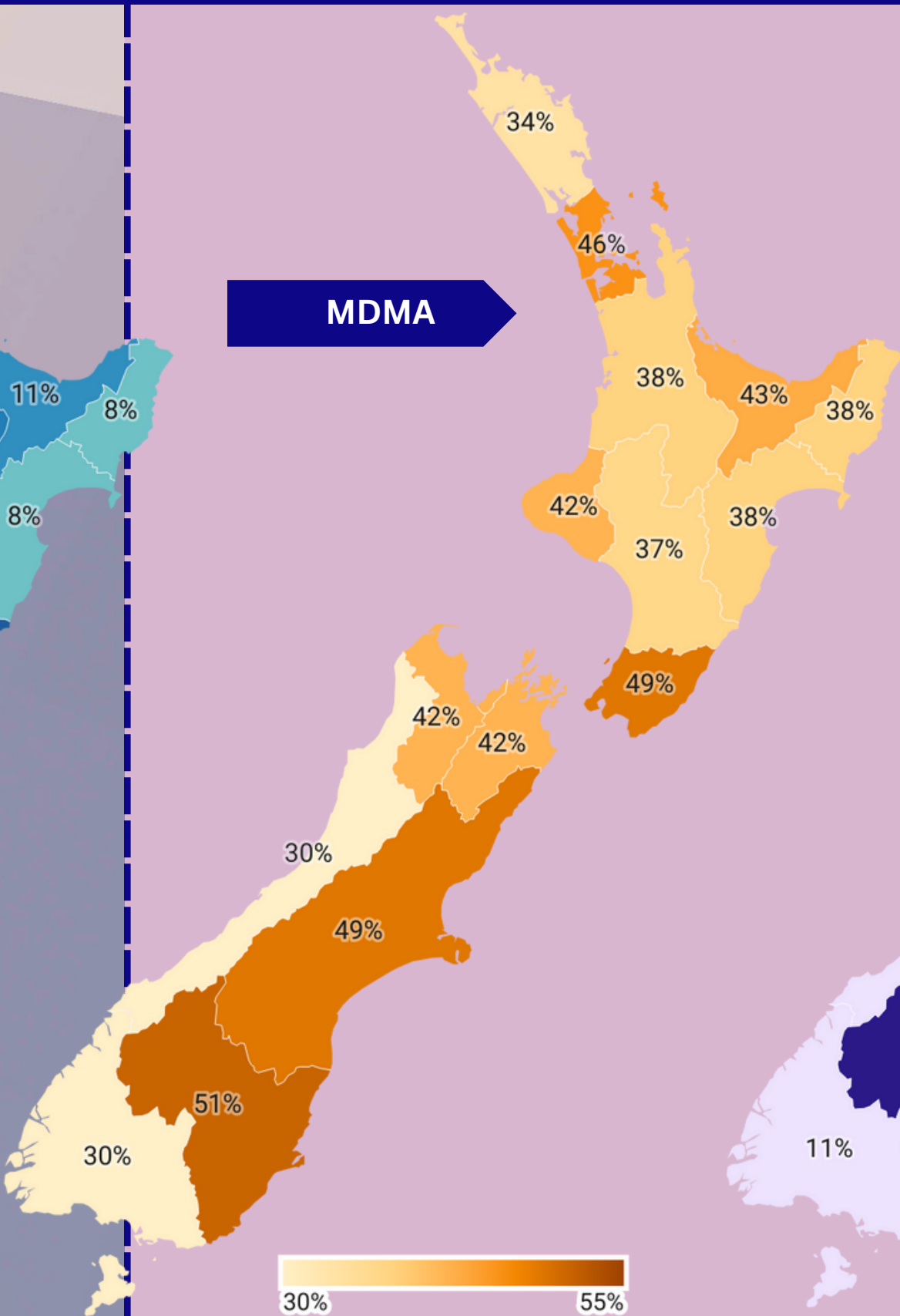


Regional variation in past-6-month use of different drug types, 2024

Meth



MDMA



Ketamine

