

# Results from Thurston County's 2021 Syringe Services Program (SSP) Health Survey

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# SSP Background



## **1988:**

Program authorized through Washington State legislature

## **1993:**

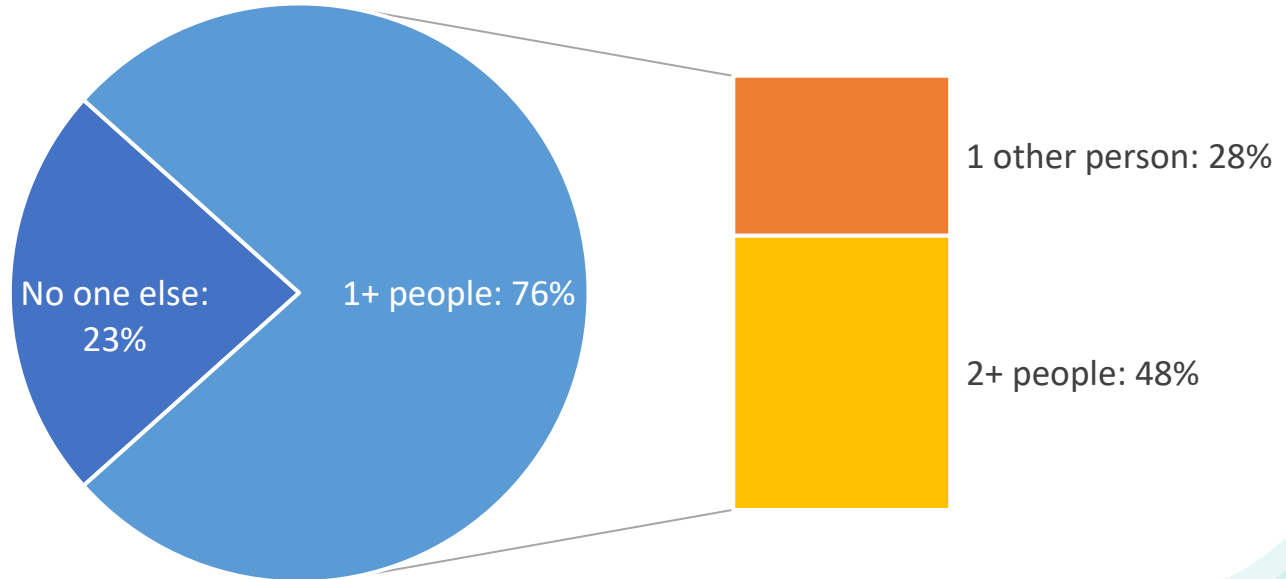
Began operating in Thurston County

# SSP Health Survey

- Biennial survey in collaboration with UW ADAI and statewide network of SSPs
- Conducted to better understand the health and substance use related needs of SSP participants
- Conducted in September 2021
- Voluntary and confidential survey
- 96 respondents in Thurston County

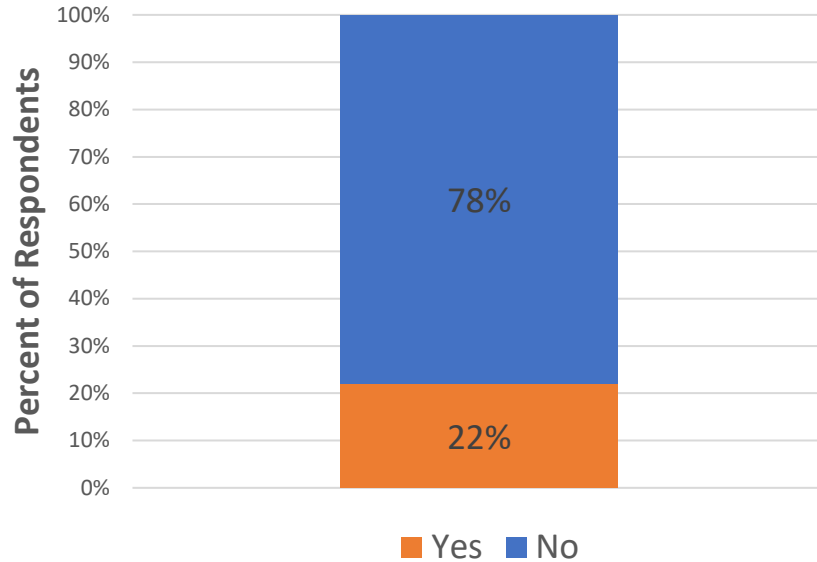
# SSP Utilization

How many other people are you getting syringes for today, not including yourself?  
(among those who reported injecting any drug in the last 3 months)

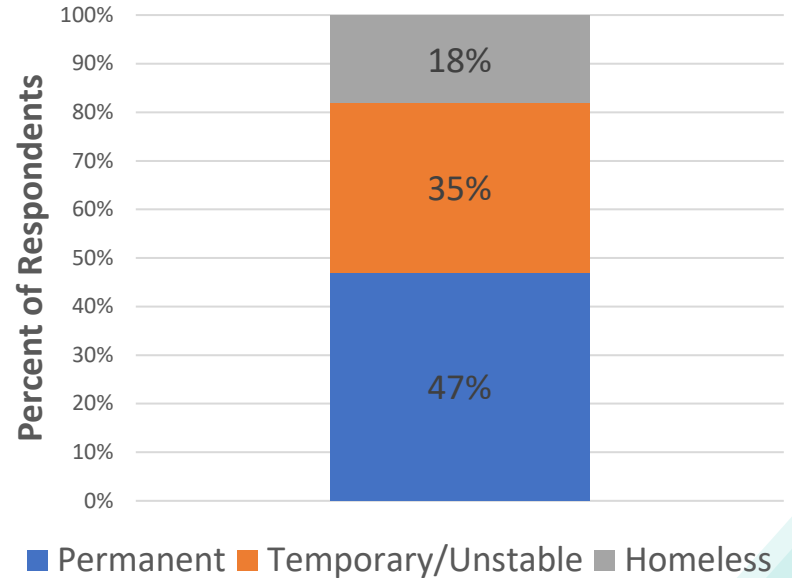


# Survey Respondents

Were you in jail or prison in the last 12 months?

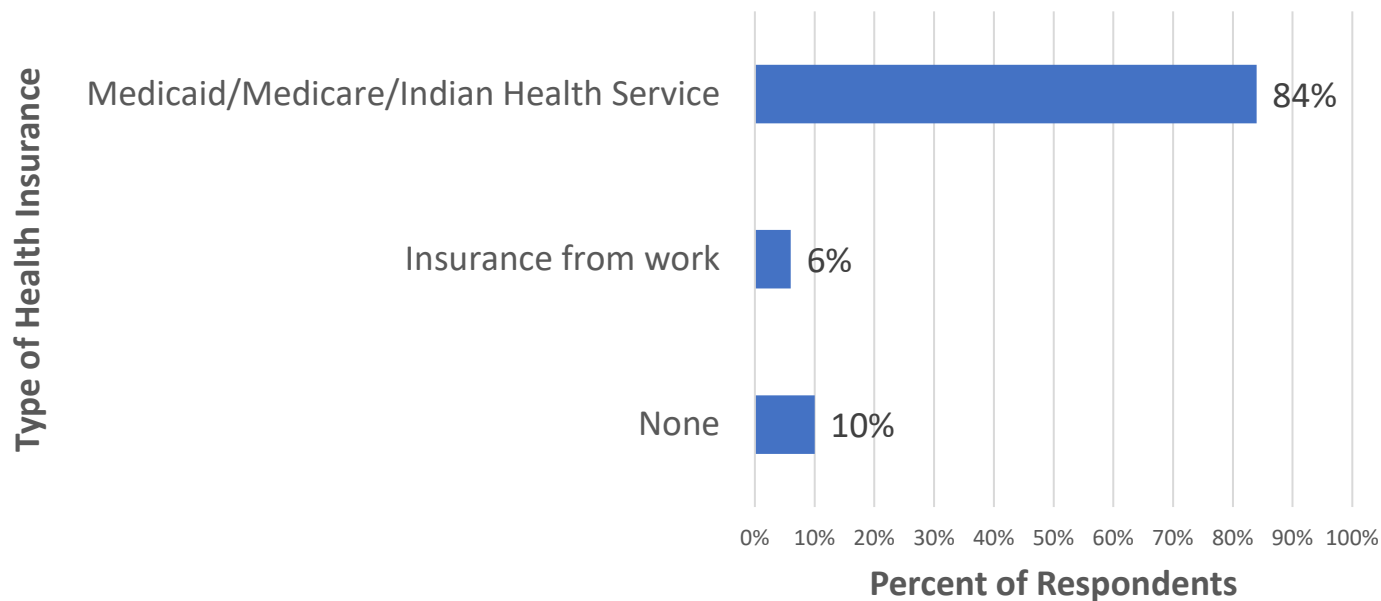


Would you describe your housing status as...



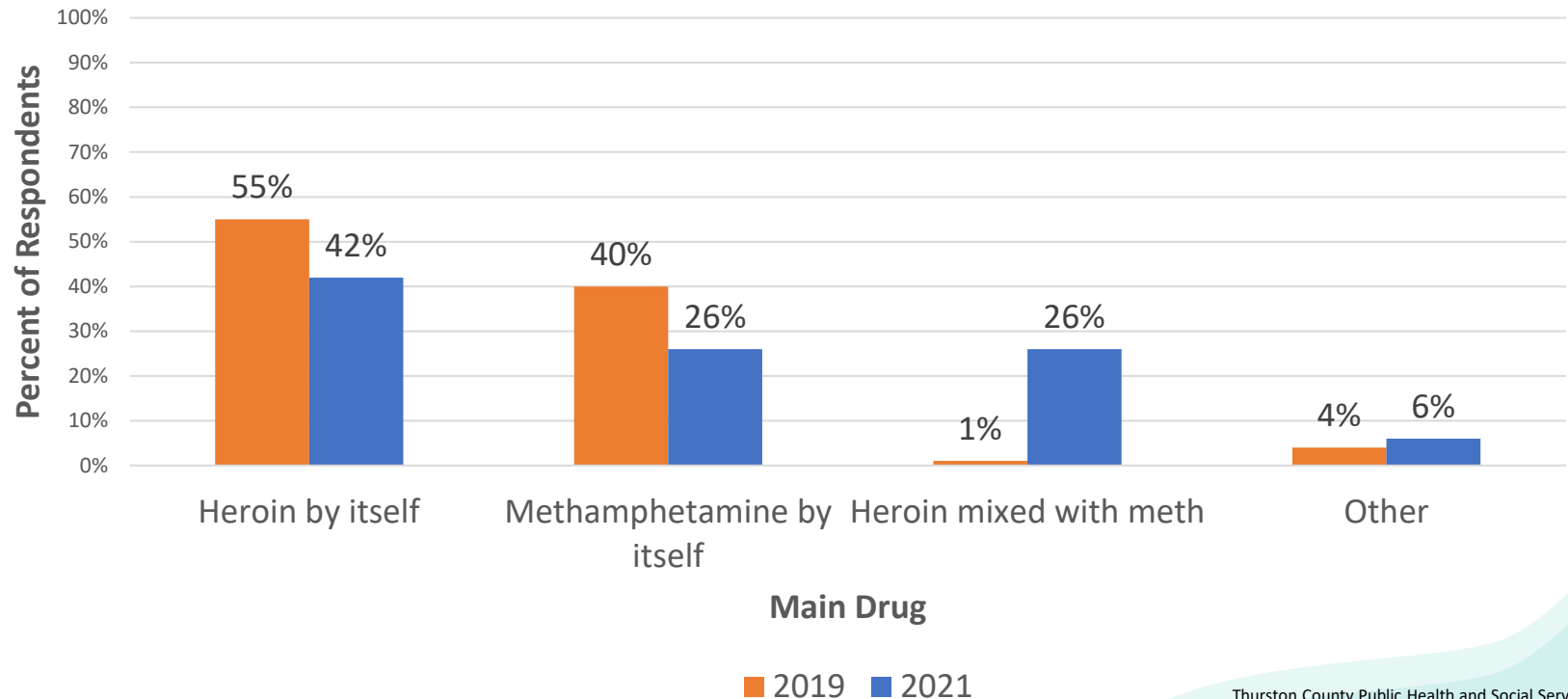
# Survey Respondents (Continued)

What kind of health insurance do you have?



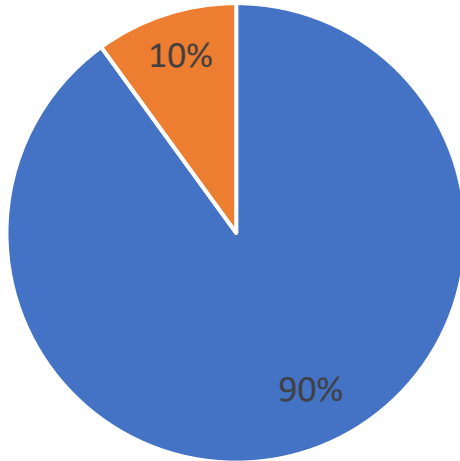
# Main Drug

Which of these is your main drug?



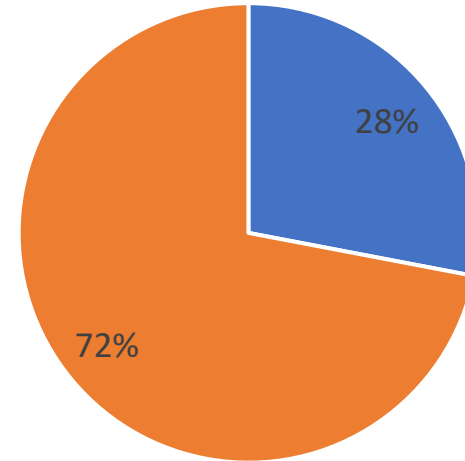
# Main Drug and Opioid/Stimulant Use

Among those who reported heroin by itself as their main drug...



- Used stimulants in last 3 months
- Did not use stimulants in last 3 months

Among those who reported meth by itself as their main drug...

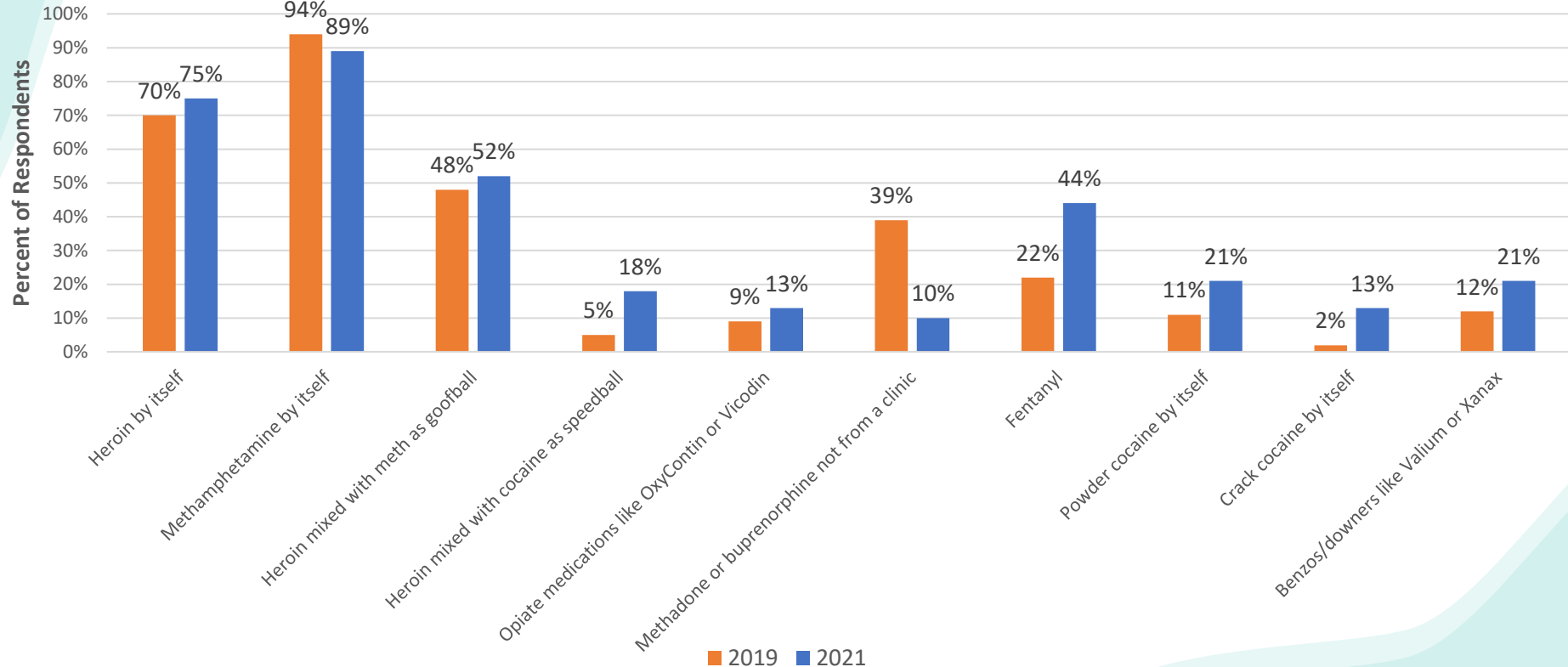


- Used opioids in last 3 months
- Did not use opioids in last 3 months



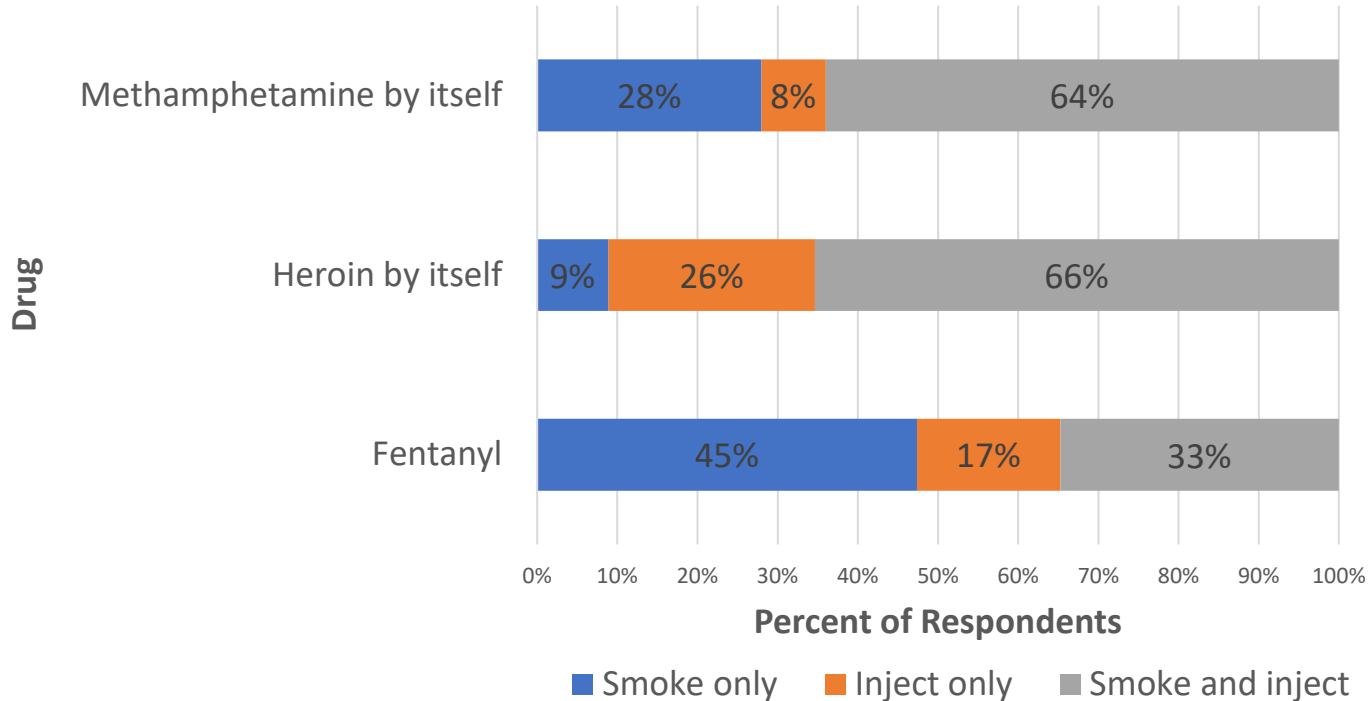
# Substance Use in Last 3 Months

Which of these drugs have you used in the last 3 months?



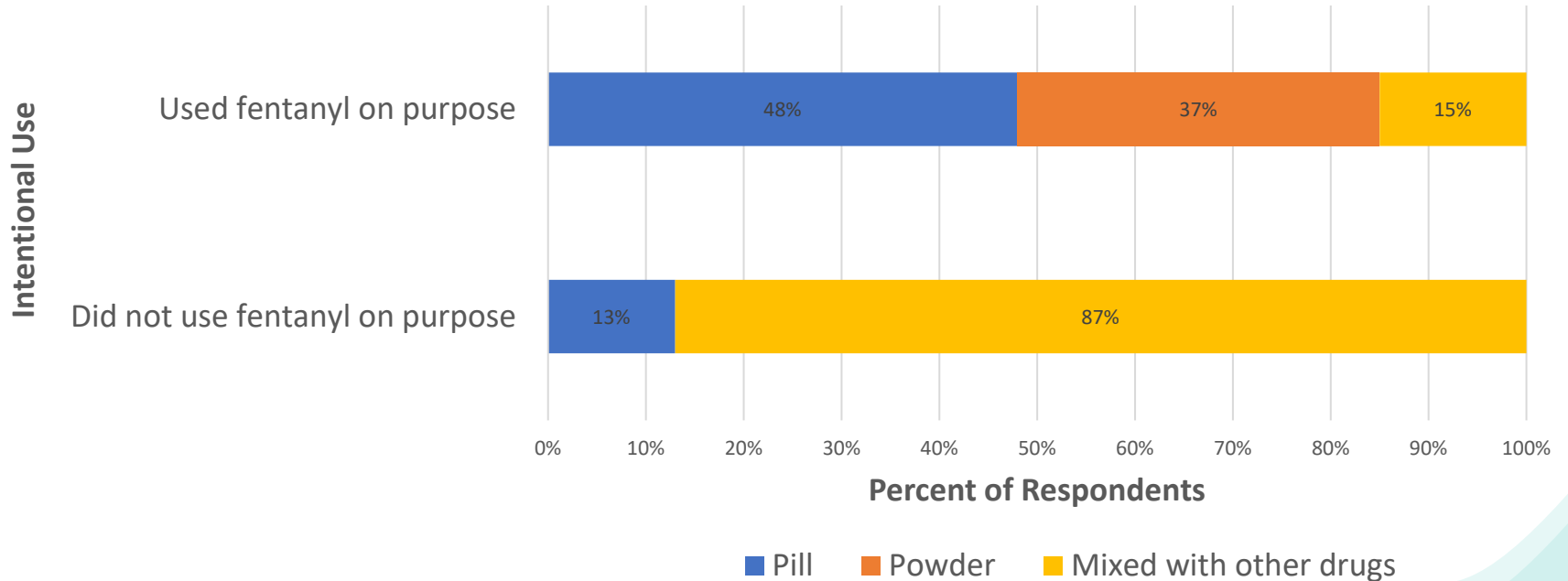
# Routes of Ingestion

Routes of Ingestion by Drug in the Last 3 Months



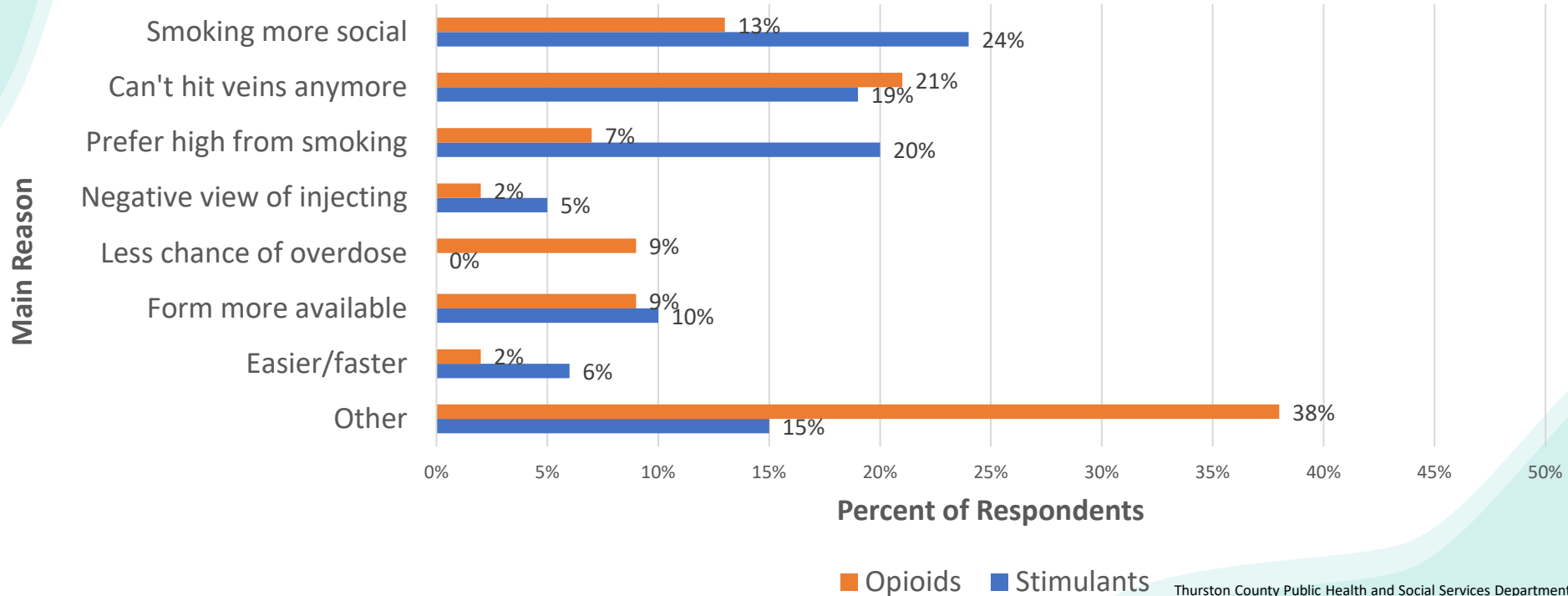
# Fentanyl Use

What did the fentanyl look like?  
(among those who reported fentanyl use in last 3 months)



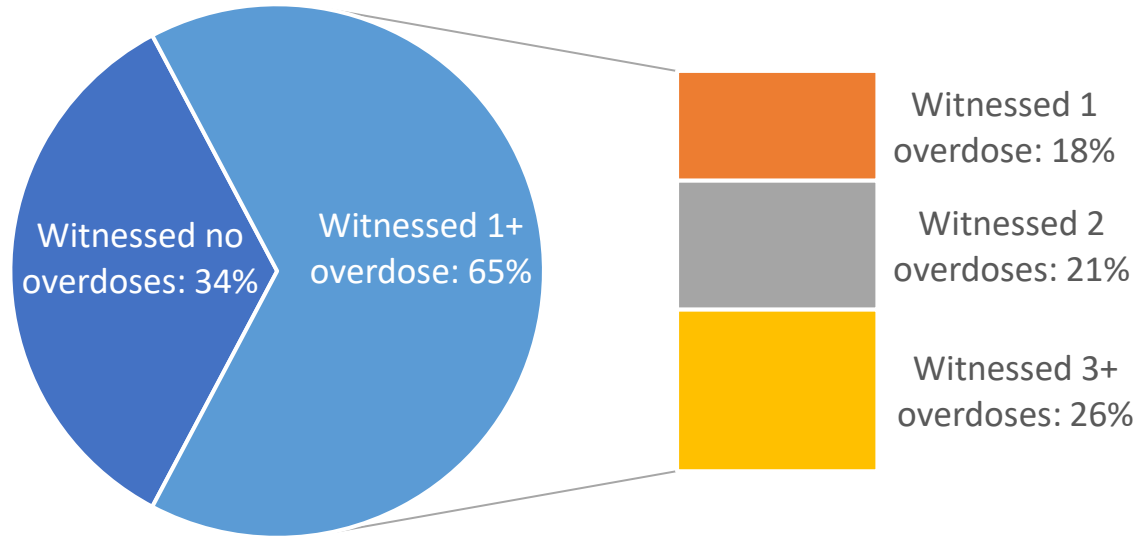
# Reason for Smoking

What's the main reason you smoked opioids/stimulants rather than injecting?  
(among those who reported smoking opioids/stimulants in last 3 months)



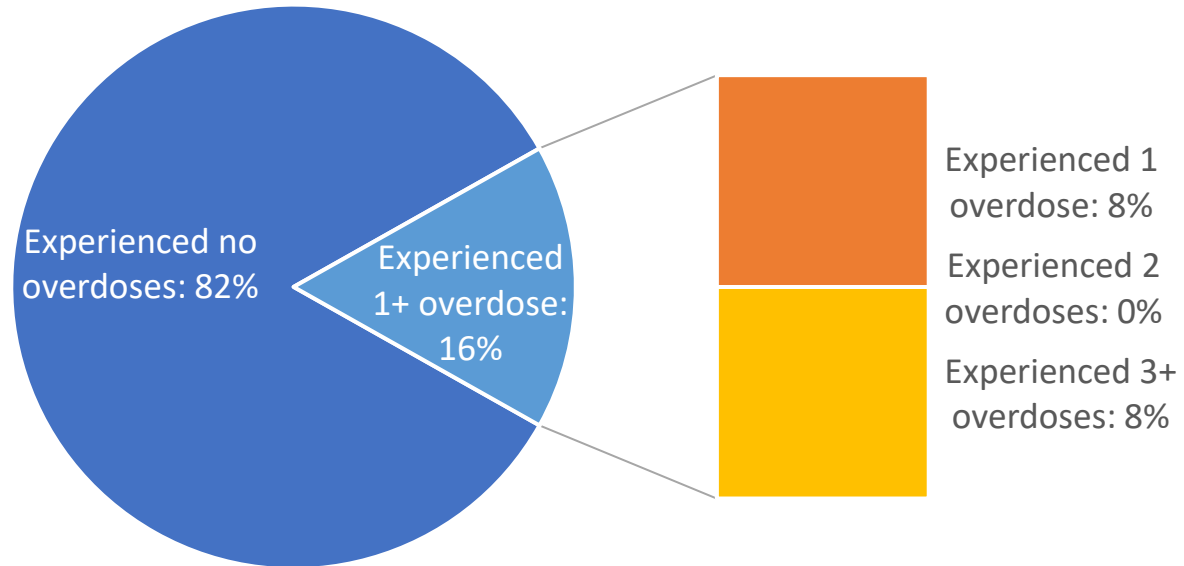
# Opioid Overdose

In the last 12 months, how many times have you seen someone overdose on opioids?



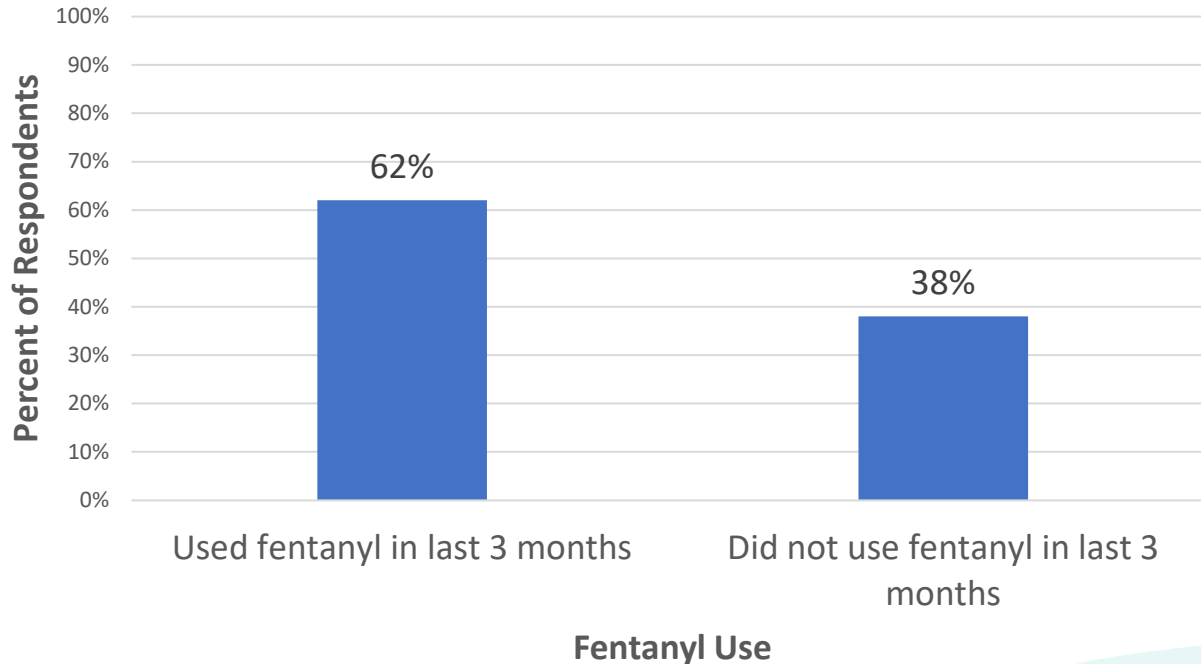
# Opioid Overdose (Continued)

In the last 12 months, how many times have you overdosed on opioids?  
(among those who reported opioid use in last 3 months)



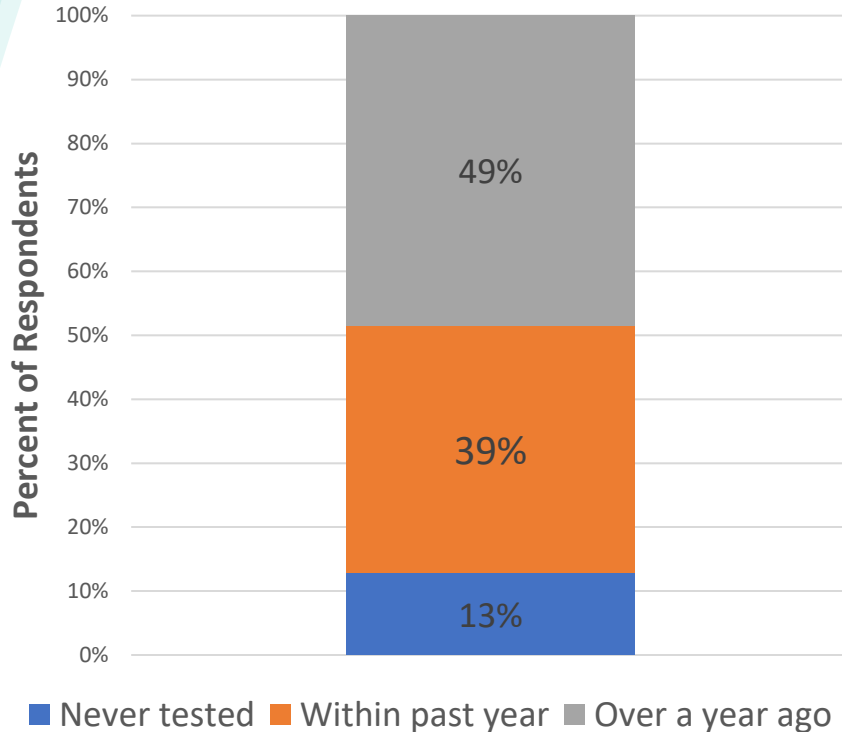
# Opioid Overdose (Continued)

Among those who reported having at least 1 opioid overdose in the last year...

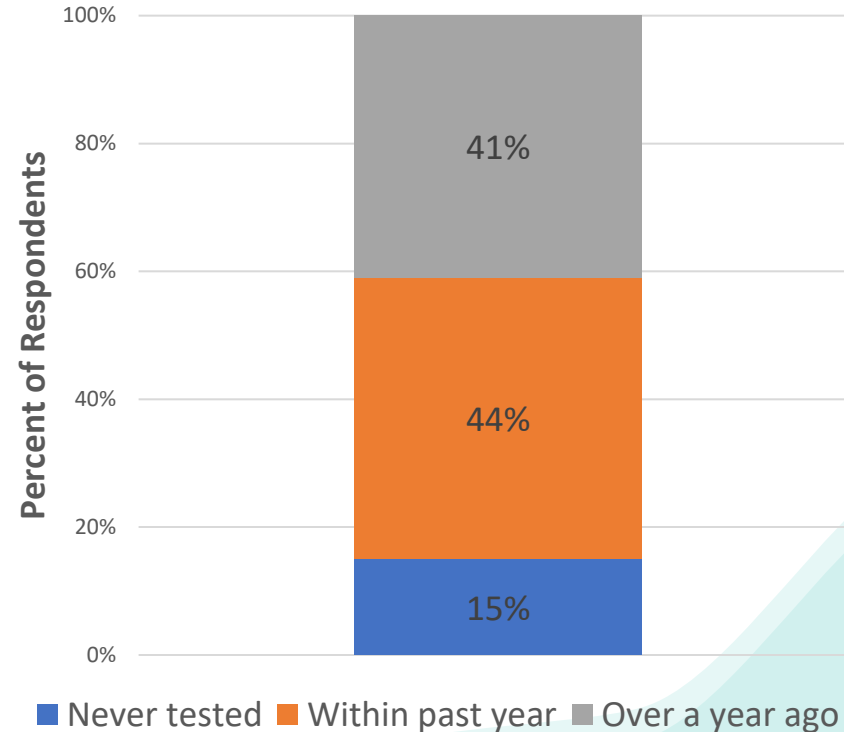


# Health-Related Responses

How long ago was your last hepatitis C test?



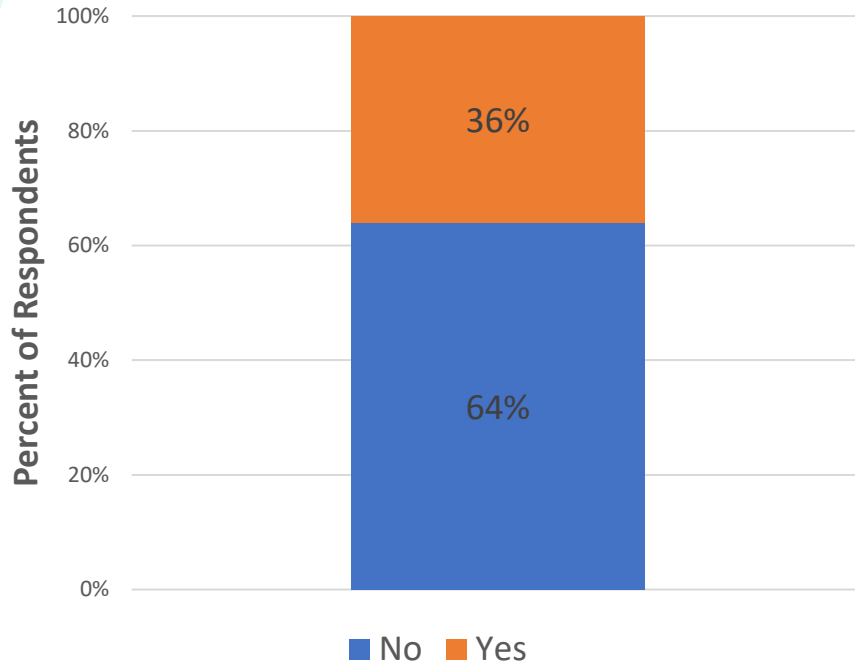
How long ago was your last HIV test?



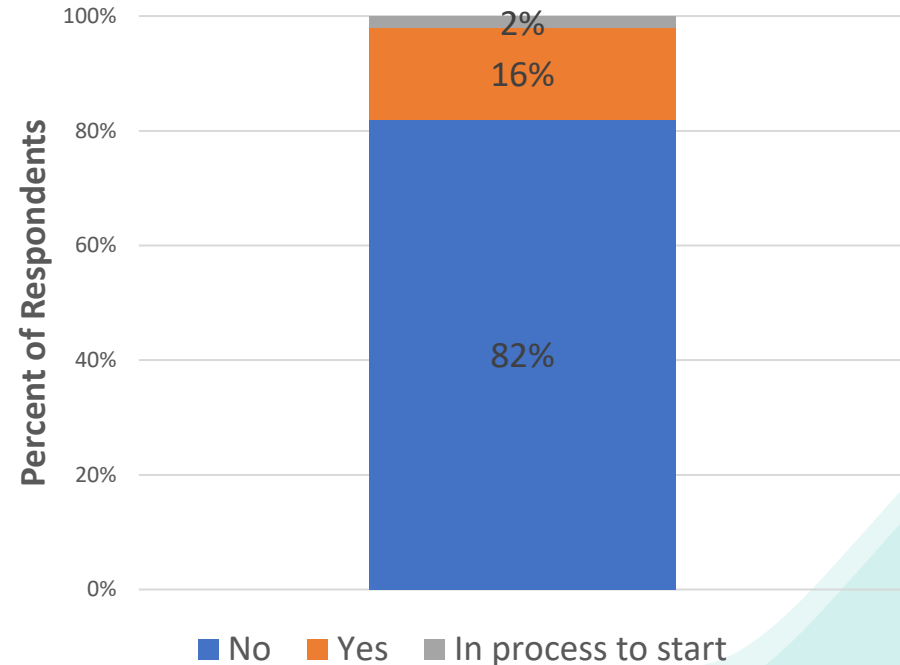


# Treatment

In the last 12 months, have you received substance use treatment?



In the last 12 months, have you seen a provider for mental health counseling?



# THANK YOU

Do you have any questions?

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