

VICTORIA'S DRUG CHECKING SERVICE

# SERVICE REPORT

**Beyond the Valley**

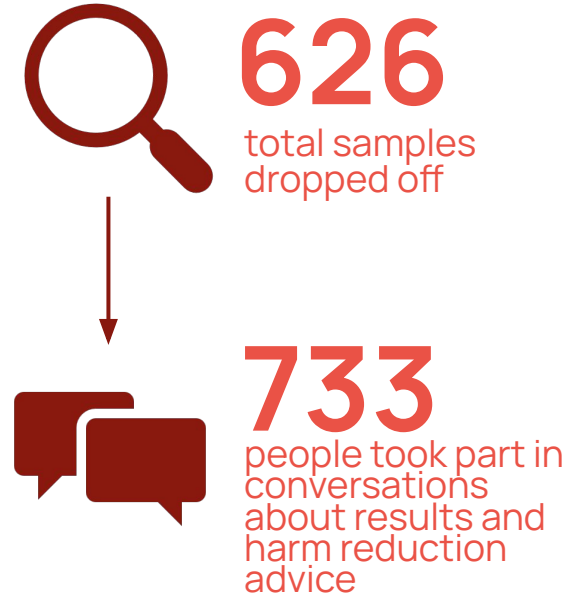
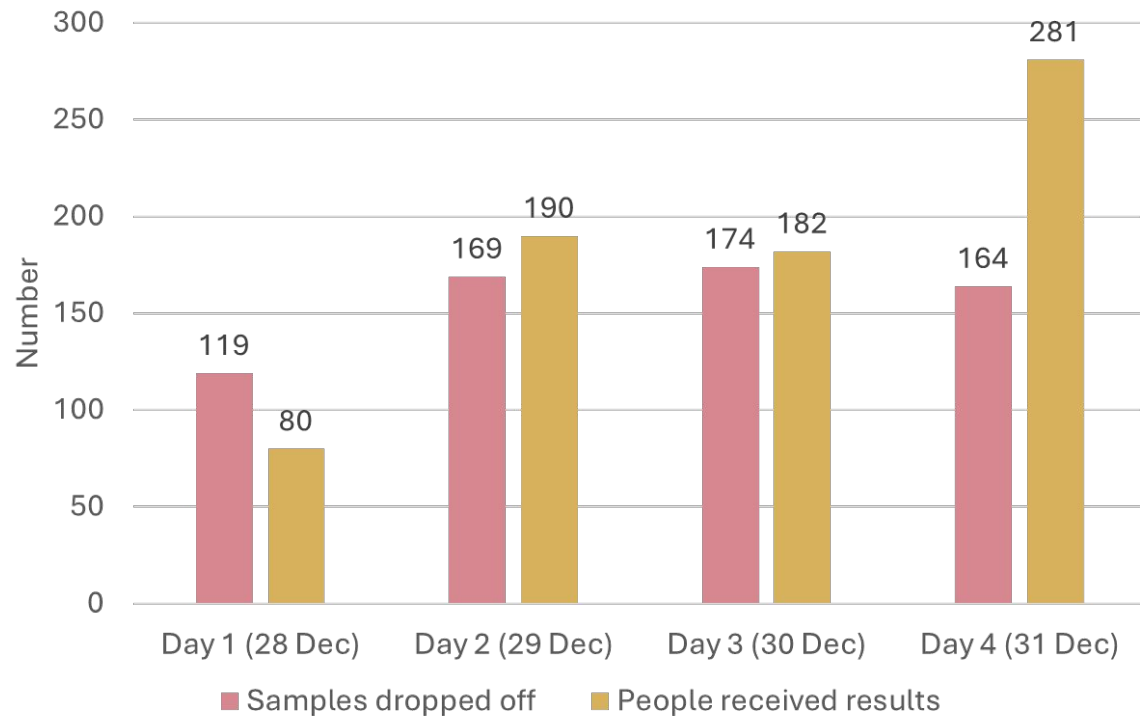
Multi-day festival

28-31 Dec 2024

# Overview

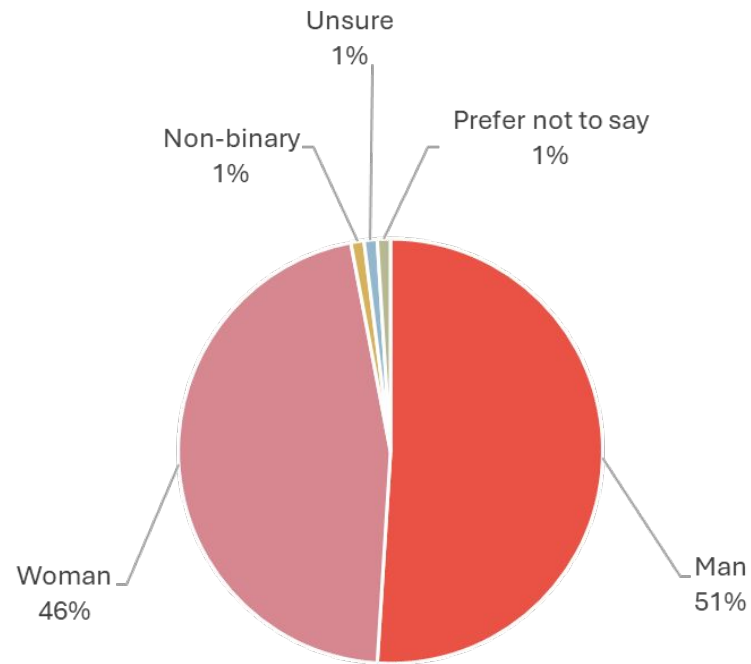
Victoria's Drug Checking Service operated at Beyond The Valley music festival located in Hesse, Victoria over four days, 28-31 December 2024. The service was open each day from 1pm to 7pm. Service users completed a demographics form, dropped their samples off for testing, and returned later to receive results along with a health and harm reduction conversation.

## Drop-off presentations, samples, and results conversations each day

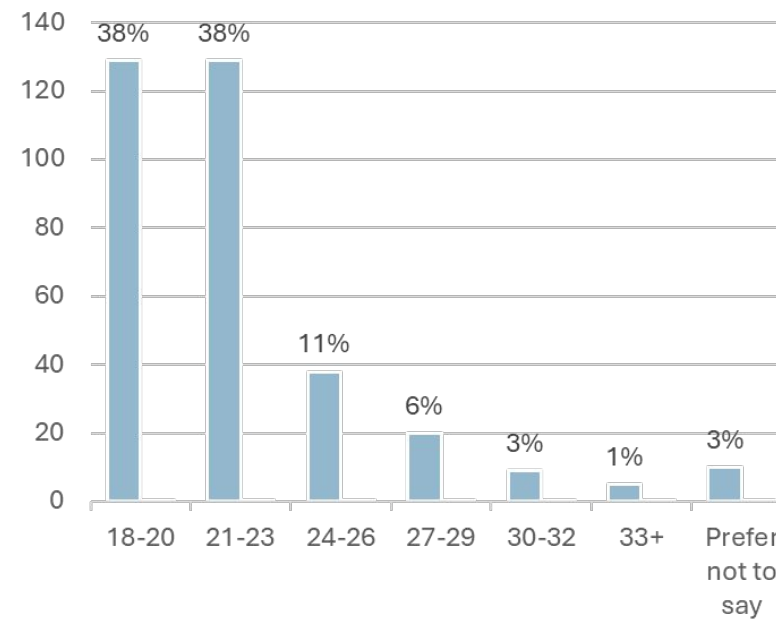


# Who accessed the service?

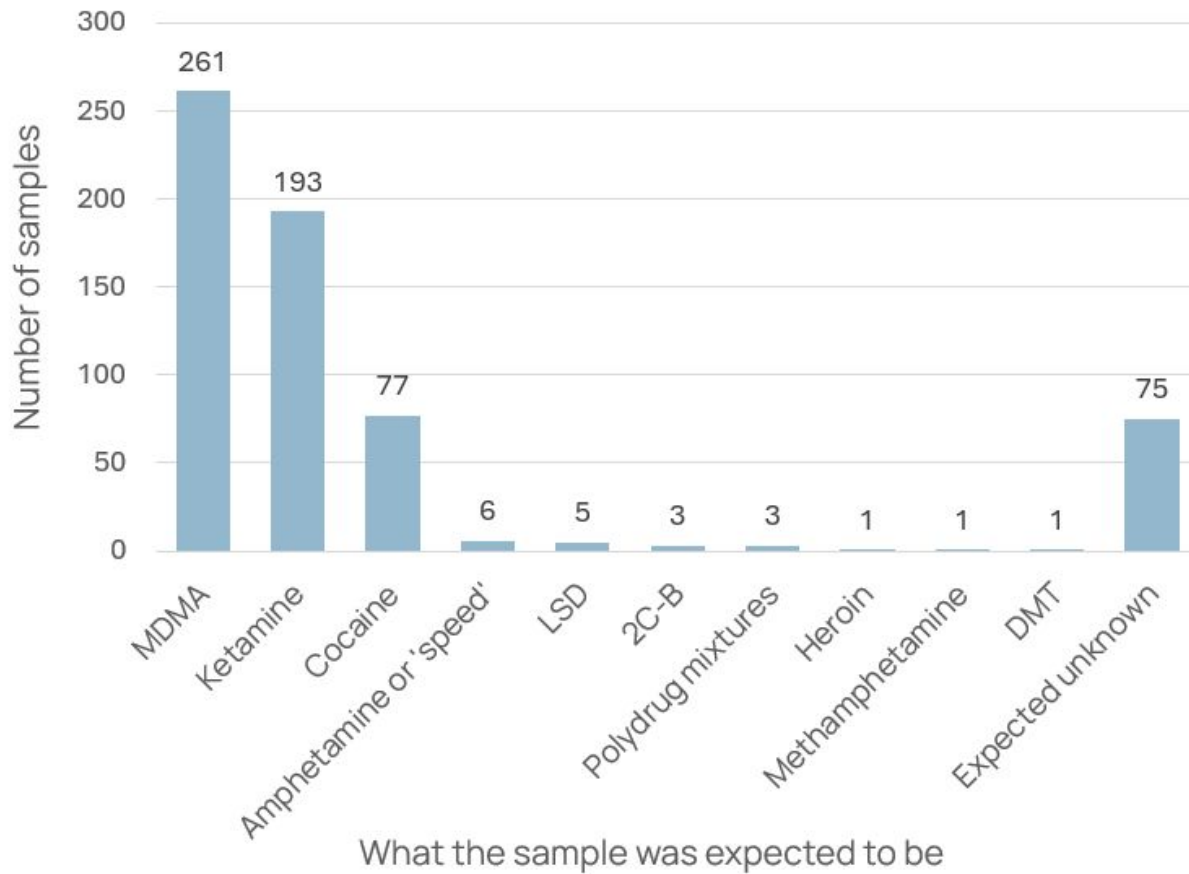
Gender reported in demographics forms\*



Age reported in demographics forms\*



\*Data from 340 people who provided consent to report this information.

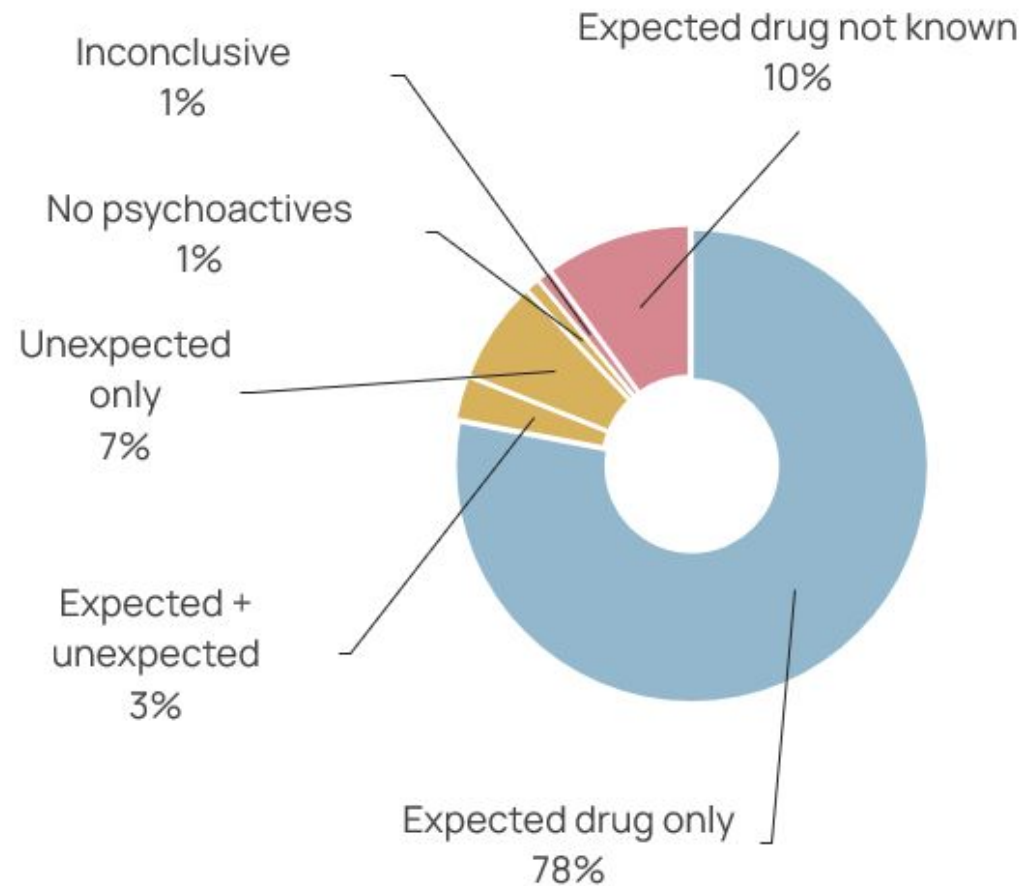


# We tested 626 samples.

The drugs that were most commonly expected (i.e. what people *thought* they were at drop-off) were **MDMA**, **ketamine** and **cocaine**.

Detailed findings for each 'expected' substance type are provided in this report. We've flagged expected findings in each section.

# In 78% of samples, we detected the drug that was expected.



**'Expected drug only'**: the only psychoactive drug/s we detected, matched what the person submitting them expected to be in there.

**'Expected + unexpected'**: we detected the psychoactive drug that was expected, but we also detected another (unexpected) psychoactive drug.

**'Unexpected only'**: we did not detect the drug/s expected by the person submitted, but we did detect one or more different (unexpected) psychoactive drug/.

**'No psychoactives'**: we didn't detect any psychoactive substances.

**'Inconclusive'**: we couldn't provide a definitive result.

**'Expected drug not known'**: when the person brought in their sample, they didn't know or tell us what they expected to be in there (e.g. they might have 'found' the substance).

# MDMA

Total: # samples expected to be MDMA	261
Results: # samples detected MDMA only	235
Results: # samples unexpected result*	26

\*This included: expected + unexpected, unexpected only, no psychoactives.

## Unexpected psychoactives were detected in 26 samples.

- 12x MDA (no MDMA) +/- cellulose (a common binder in pills)
- 1x MDMA + MDA
- 2x ketamine only (no MDMA)
- 4x ketamine + MDMA
- 2x sucrose (sugar) + MDMA + ketamine (sucrose main ingredient)
- 1x caffeine + ketamine + MDMA
- 1x caffeine (no MDMA)
- 1x methamphetamine + cellulose (no MDMA)
- 1x MDMA + methamphetamine + cellulose (pill)
- 1x cocaine (no MDMA)

- MDA was commonly missold as MDMA.

**Harm reduction advice for MDMA:** [here](#).

# KETAMINE

Total: # samples expected to be ketamine	193
Results: # samples detected ketamine only	174
Results: # samples unexpected result*	19

\*This included: expected + unexpected, unexpected only, no psychoactives.

## Unexpected psychoactives were detected in 19 samples.

- 4x 2-FNENDCK
- 1x deschloro-N-ethyl-ketamine
- 2x ketamine + cocaine
- 2x cocaine
- 2x cocaine + boric acid
- 1x MSM (a filler) and Diazepam (Valium)
- 1x ketamine + levamisole
- 1x ketamine + benzocaine
- 1x ketamine + dextromethorphan (DXM) + MXE\*
- 3x MDMA
- 1x ketamine + MDMA

**We found multiple ketamine analogues.** These included 2F-NENDCK (also known as 2'-fluoro-2-oxo-PCE or 2-FXE or 'CanKet') and Deschloro-N-ethyl-ketamine. Although ketamine is a relatively well-known drug, these ketamine *analogues* aren't well-researched. They can have different effects and potency. For example, 2F-NENDCK has been anecdotally reported as having a faster and stronger onset than ketamine, sometimes with more intense visual distortions.

[You can read more about ketamine analogues here.](#) You can also [contact Harm Reduction Victoria](#) if you want to learn more.

**Harm reduction advice for ketamine: [here](#).**

# COCAINE

Total: # samples expected to be cocaine	77
Results: # samples detected cocaine only	65
Results: # samples unexpected result*	12

\*This included: expected + unexpected, unexpected only, no psychoactives.

**Unexpected psychoactives were detected in 9 samples.**

- 5x ketamine
- 1x cocaine + inositol + levamisole + caffeine
- 1x cocaine + ketamine
- 1x cocaine + ketamine + MDMA
- 1x cocaine + lidocaine + caffeine + ketamine

**No psychoactive drugs were detected in 3 samples.**

**Harm reduction advice for cocaine: [here](#).**



# METH/AMPHETAMINE or 'SPEED'

Total: # samples expected to be meth/amphetamine or 'speed'	7
Results: # samples detected meth/amphetamine or 'speed' only	4
Results: # samples unexpected result*	3

\*This included: expected + unexpected, unexpected only, no psychoactives.

## Unexpected psychoactives were detected in 3 samples.

- 1x MDMA
- 1x phenethylamine
- 1x methamphetamine, where the patron expected 'amphetamine'

NOTE: for patrons who reported 'speed' without specifying 'amphetamine' or 'methamphetamine', detections of either of these substances were 'as expected'

In Australia, 'amphetamines' are more likely to be methamphetamine, which is a stronger compound. Sometimes people said they were bringing in 'speed': this is often assumed to be 'amphetamine', although these people did not specify.

**Harm reduction advice for methamphetamine: [here](#).**

**Harm reduction advice for amphetamine: [here](#).**

# 'PINK COCAINE'

Total: # samples expected to be 'pink cocaine'	2
Results: # samples detected 'pink cocaine' only	0
Results: # samples unexpected result*	2

\*This included: expected + unexpected, unexpected only, no psychoactives.

In these samples we found:

- 1x MDMA
- 1x Ketamine + MDMA

'Pink cocaine' and 'tusi' are terms often used to refer to a highly variable mixture of substances. It's usually pink (as implied by the name). The mixture is usually a stimulant and a dissociative, although the actual substances vary widely. Given the name it is sold as, it may also be assumed to contain cocaine. As you can see, neither sample that we tested contained cocaine at all.

[You can read more about 'tusi'/'pink cocaine' here.](#)

# LSD

Total: # samples expected to be LSD	5
Results: # samples detected LSD only	5
Results: # samples unexpected result*	0

**No unexpected psychoactives were detected.**

NOTE: LSD is analysed by using reagent tests, which indicate presence of an indole-related compound, which is consistent with LSD.

**Harm reduction advice for LSD:** [here](#).

# 2C-B

Total: # samples expected to be 2C-B	3
Results: # samples detected 2C-B only	2
Results: # samples unexpected result*	1

**Unexpected psychoactives were detected in 1 sample.**

- 1x MDMA + caffeine (no 2C-B)

**Harm reduction advice for 2C-B:** [here](#).

# COCAINE + KETAMINE

Total: # samples expected to be cocaine + ketamine	1
Results: # samples detected cocaine + ketamine only	1
Results: # samples unexpected result*	0

**No unexpected psychoactives were detected.**

**Combining substances?**

**Check harm reduction advice drug combinations on TripSit:** [here](#).

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# HEROIN

Total: # samples expected to be heroin	1
Results: # samples detected heroin only	1
Results: # samples unexpected result*	0

No unexpected psychoactives were detected.

Harm reduction advice for heroin: [here](#).

# DMT

Total: # samples expected to be DMT	1
Results: # samples detected DMT only	1
Results: # samples unexpected result*	0

No unexpected psychoactives were detected.

Harm reduction advice for DMT: [here](#).

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