

# 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BERMUDA DRUG INFORMATION NETWORK

## Local Drug and Alcohol Landscape

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*“We can accomplish more together than we can alone.”*

– Max De Pree



# MISSING DATA FROM BERDIN REPORT



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JUSTICE

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EDUCATION

TREATMENT &  
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# PROFILE OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE

## People who misuse drugs, 2024

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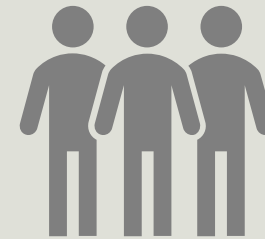
**alcohol**



**cannabis**



**cocaine**



**males**

repeat offenders  
reception inmates

# KEY SUBSTANCE-RELATED INDICATORS

## Increase

in drug and cash seizures



## Growth

in referrals across all treatment agencies



## Increase

in youth referrals for substance misuse



## Severe

diagnoses for exiting clients



## More

inmates testing positive for marijuana/cocaine



# DRUG SEIZURES

## Quantities of drugs seized, 2024

158,605g

91,885g

12,176g

5,201g

542g

29,914g

60g

1,428g



cannabis  
(loose)

cannabis  
resin

cannabis  
products

crack  
cocaine

cocaine  
HCL

cocaine

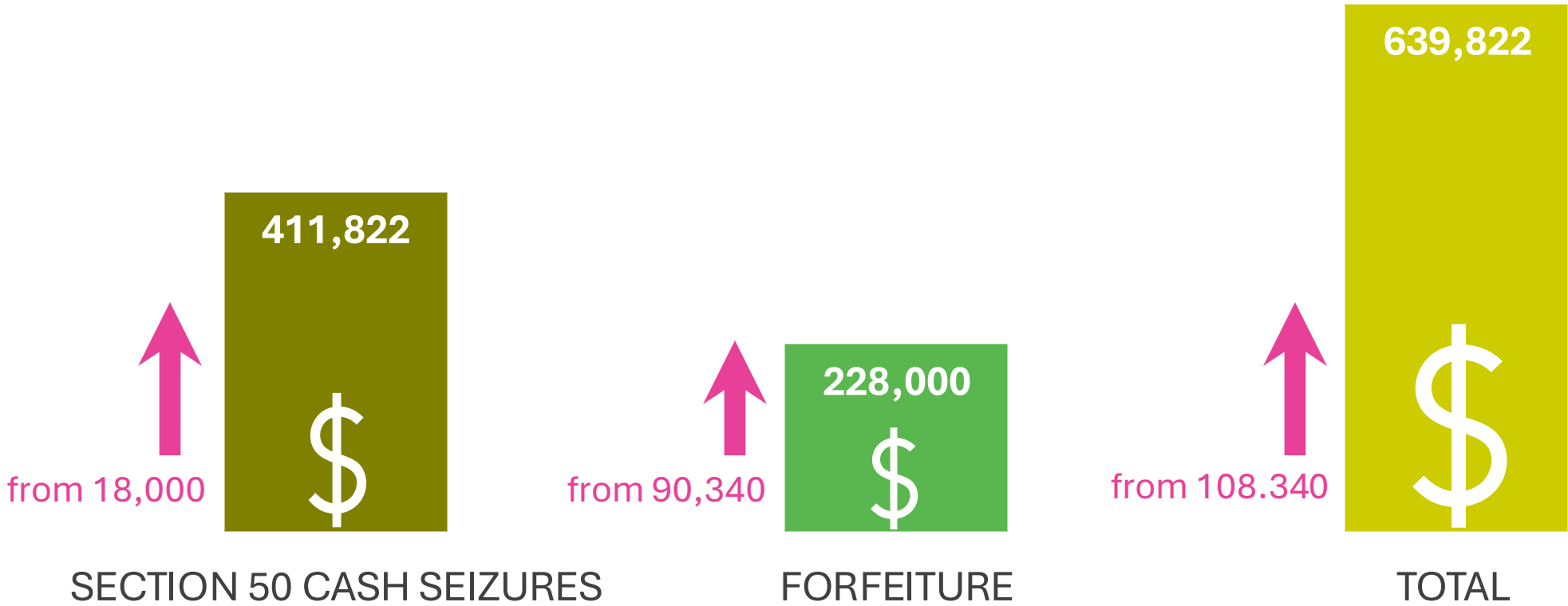
heroin

MDMA

Source: Government Lab

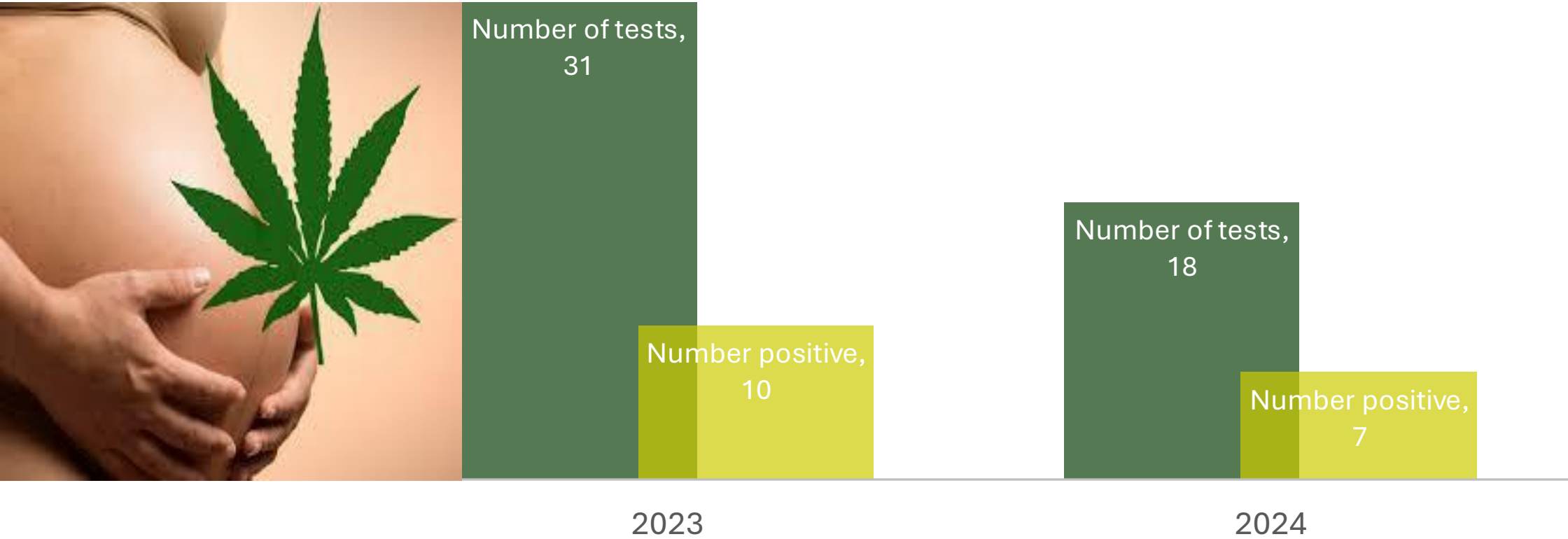
# CASH SEIZURES

Fewer seizures yielded more cash seized



Source: OECD, Bermuda Police Service

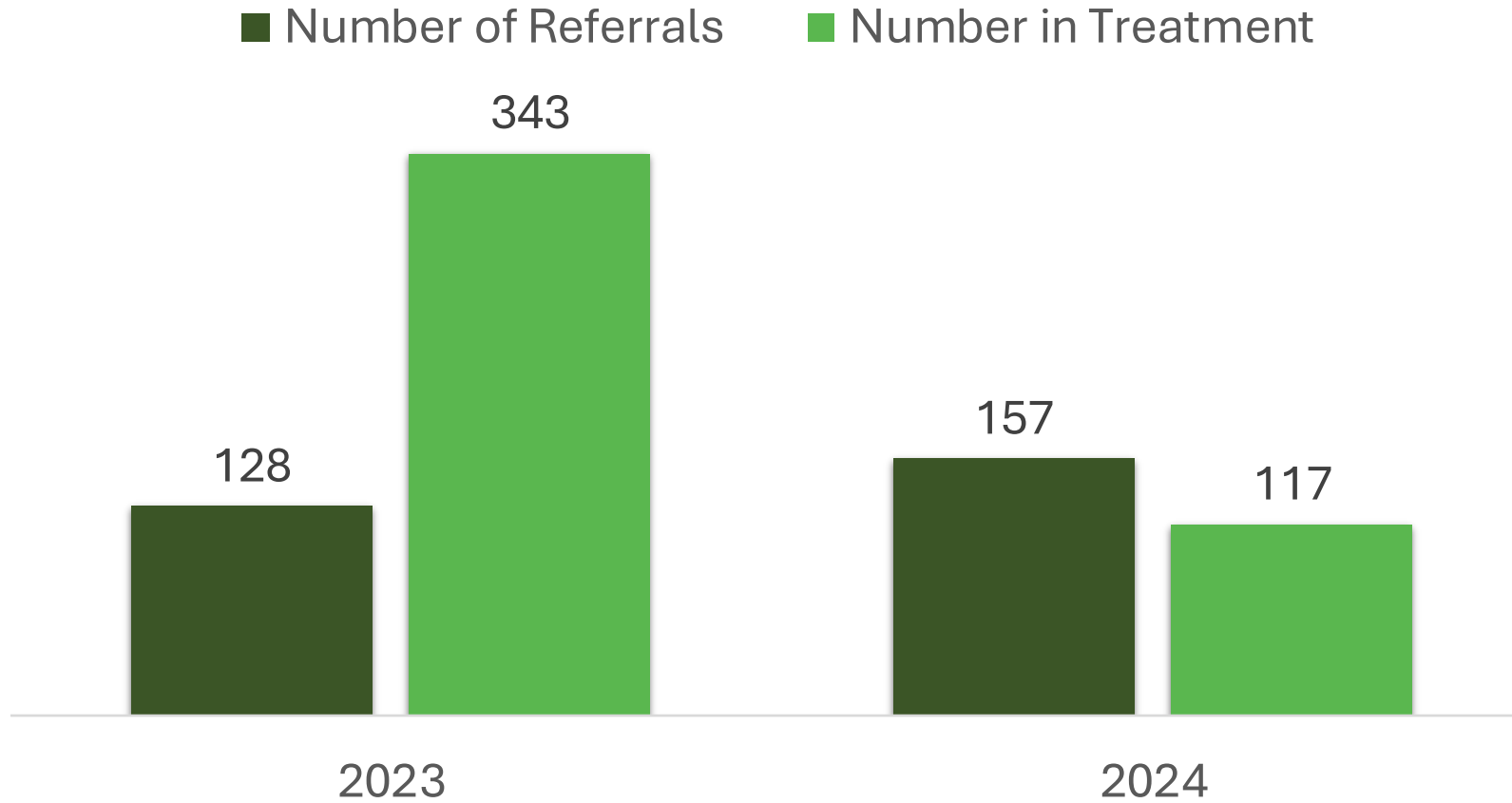
# PREGNANCY-RELATED MARIJUANA USE



Source: Maternal Health Clinic



# TREATMENT REFERRALS & ADMISSIONS



Source: Bermuda Assessment Referral Centre, MT, WTC, Turing Point, FOCUS, Salvation Army







# ADOLESCENT REFERRALS

## Fewer substance assessments despite more referrals/clients



Source: Department of Child and Family Services - Counselling and Life Skills Services (CLSS)

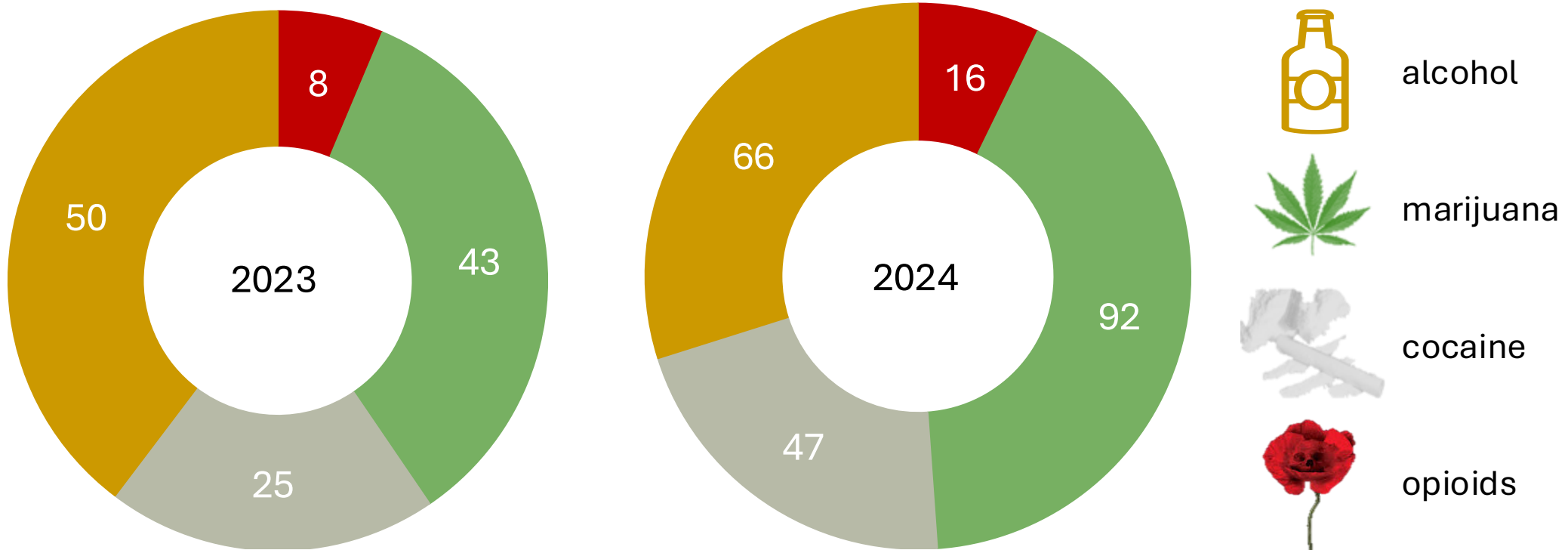
# PERSONS IN TREATMENT

TREATMENT AGENCY	 2023 MALE	 2023 FEMALE	 2023 TOTAL	 2024 MALE	 2024 FEMALE	 2024 TOTAL
WTC	-	8	8	-	8	8
MT	17	-	17	13	-	13
TURNING POINT	233	45	278	...	...	...
SALVATION ARMY HARBOUR LIGHT	20	-	20	25	-	25
SALVATION ARMY LIFE SKILLS	5	-	5	10	-	10
FOCUS	7	-	7	6	2	8
RLH	8	-	8	8	-	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>72</b>

Source: Treatment Agencies

# SUBSTANCE OF CHOICE

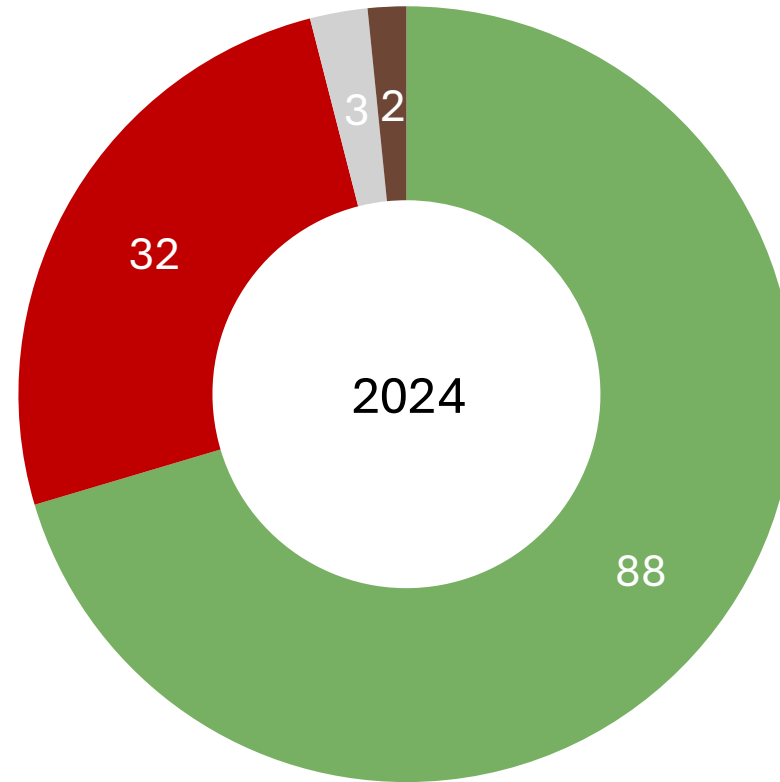
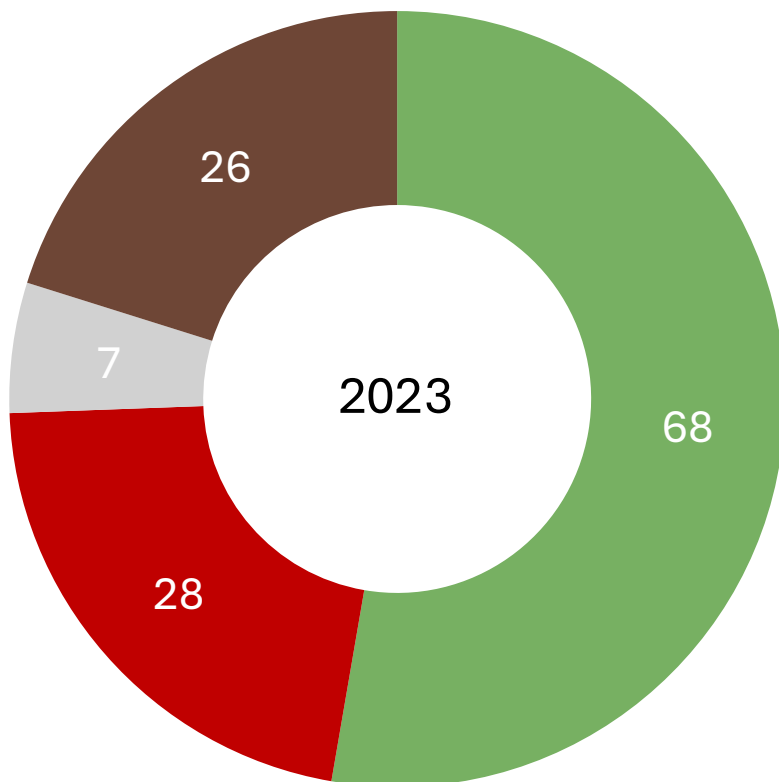
## Primary drug of choice for clients being assessed for treatment



Source: Bermuda Assessment Referral Centre (BARC)

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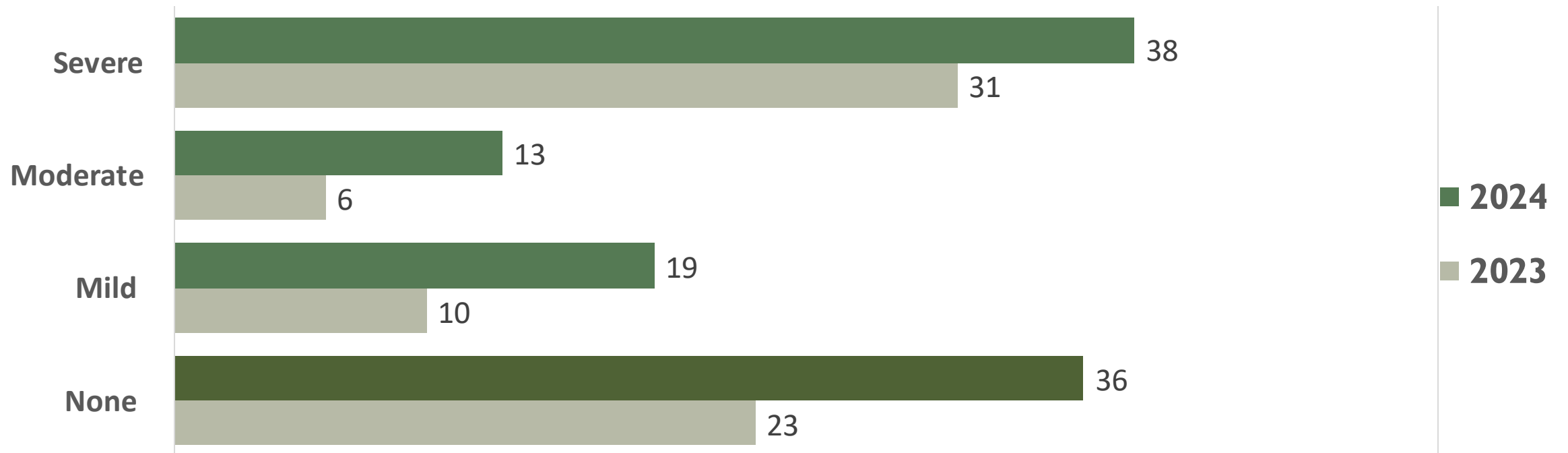
## Primary drug of choice for reception inmates



Source: Westgate Correctional Facility

# LEVEL OF SEVERITY

## TCU Drug Screen V results for all BARC's clients assessed

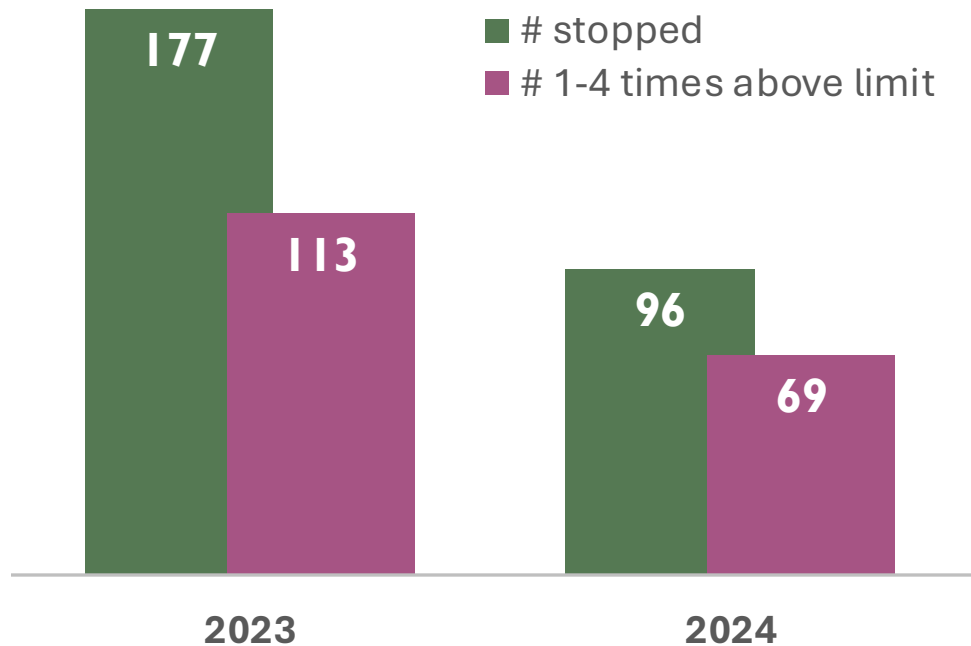


Source: Bermuda Assessment Referral Centre (BARC)

# PUBLIC SAFETY: IMPAIRED DRIVING

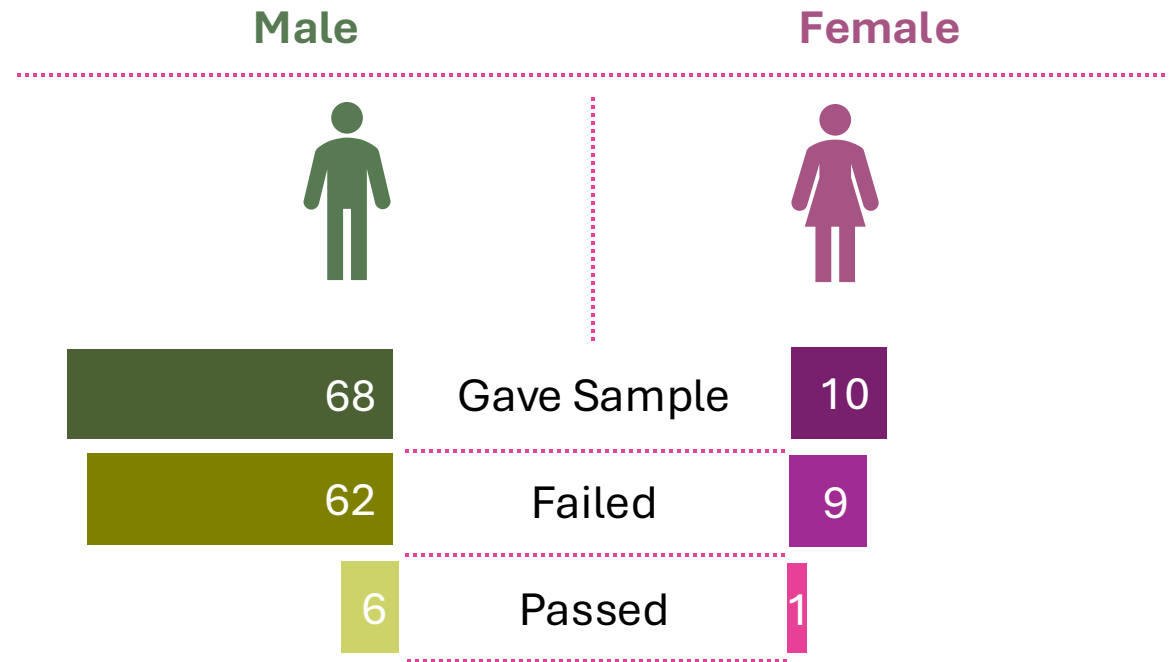
## DUI stops:

most persons stopped were 2-3 times above the legal limit



## Breathalyser results:

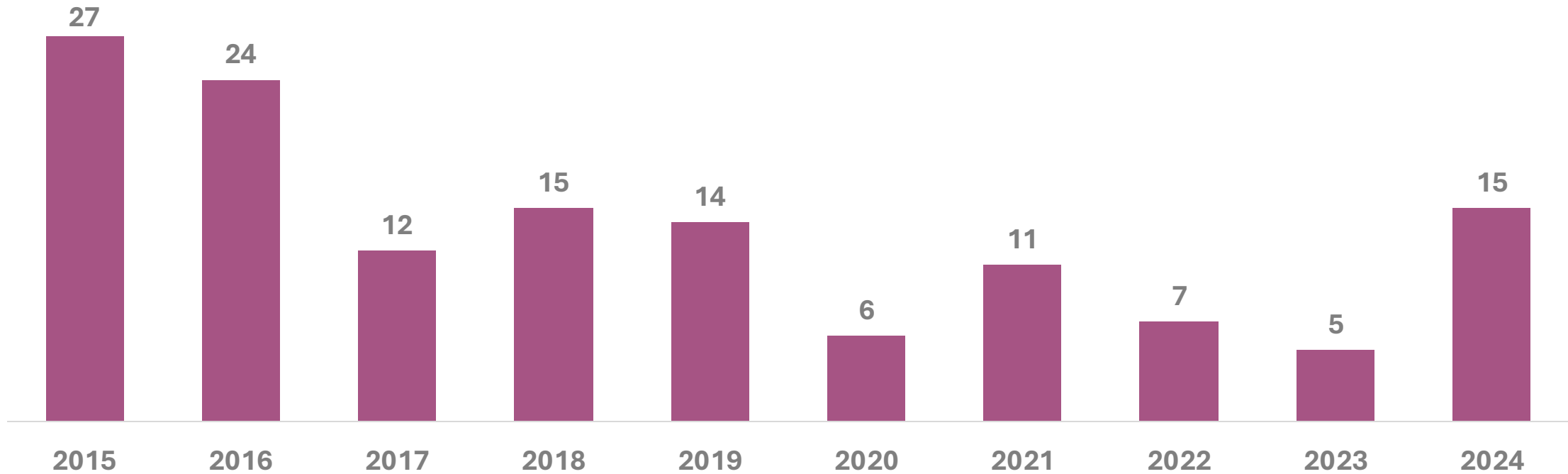
more males than females provided samples as they were more likely stopped



Source: Bermuda Police Service

# IMPAIRED DRIVING EDUCATION

## DUI class participation over the past 10 years

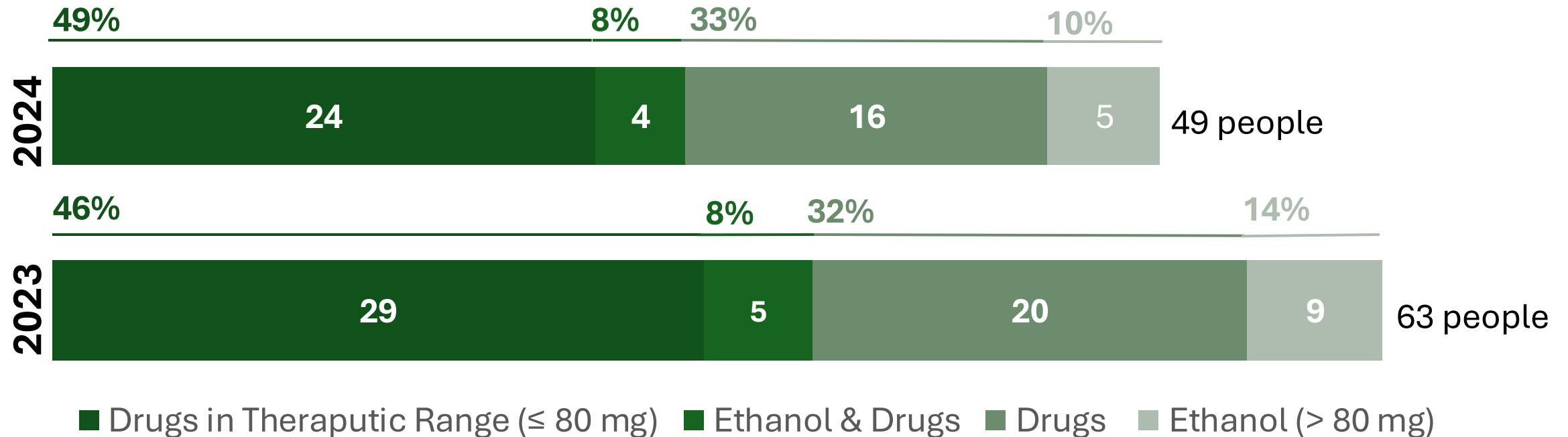


Source: Bermuda Professional Counselling Service and FOCUS



# MORTALITY & TOXICOLOGY

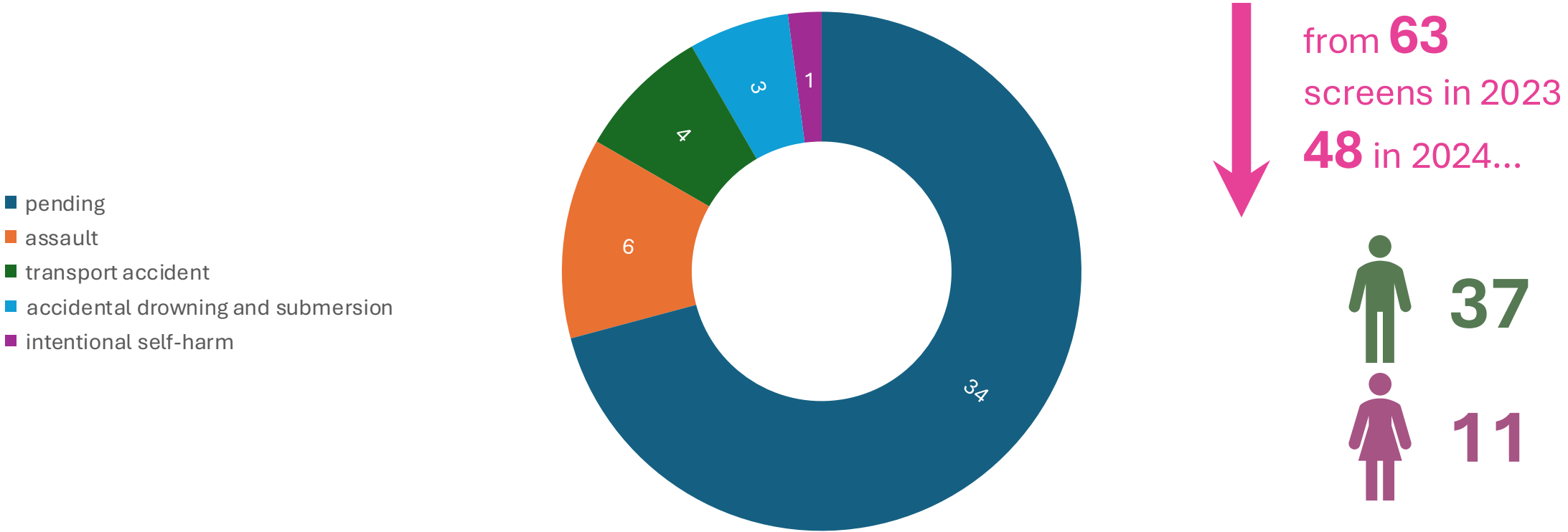
## People who died from alcohol and drugs, 2023 and 2024



Source: Central Government Lab

# CAUSES OF DEATH

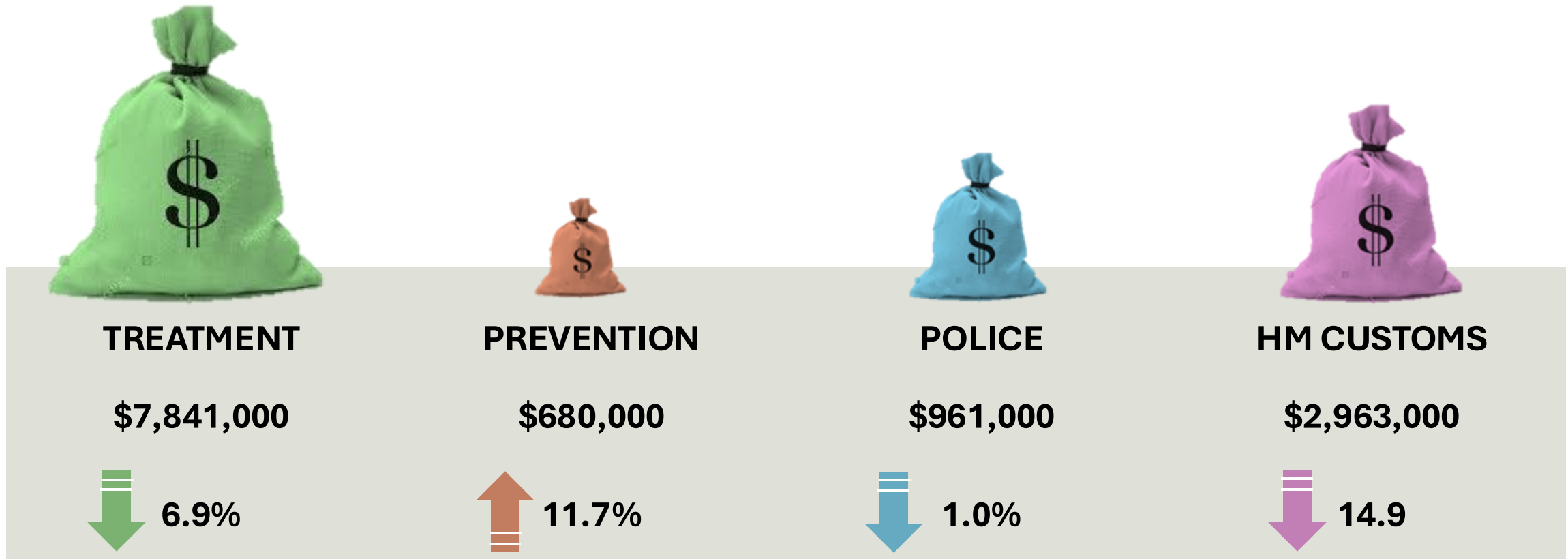
## Deaths with substances detected in toxicology screens



Source: Central Government Laboratory and Epidemiology and Surveillance

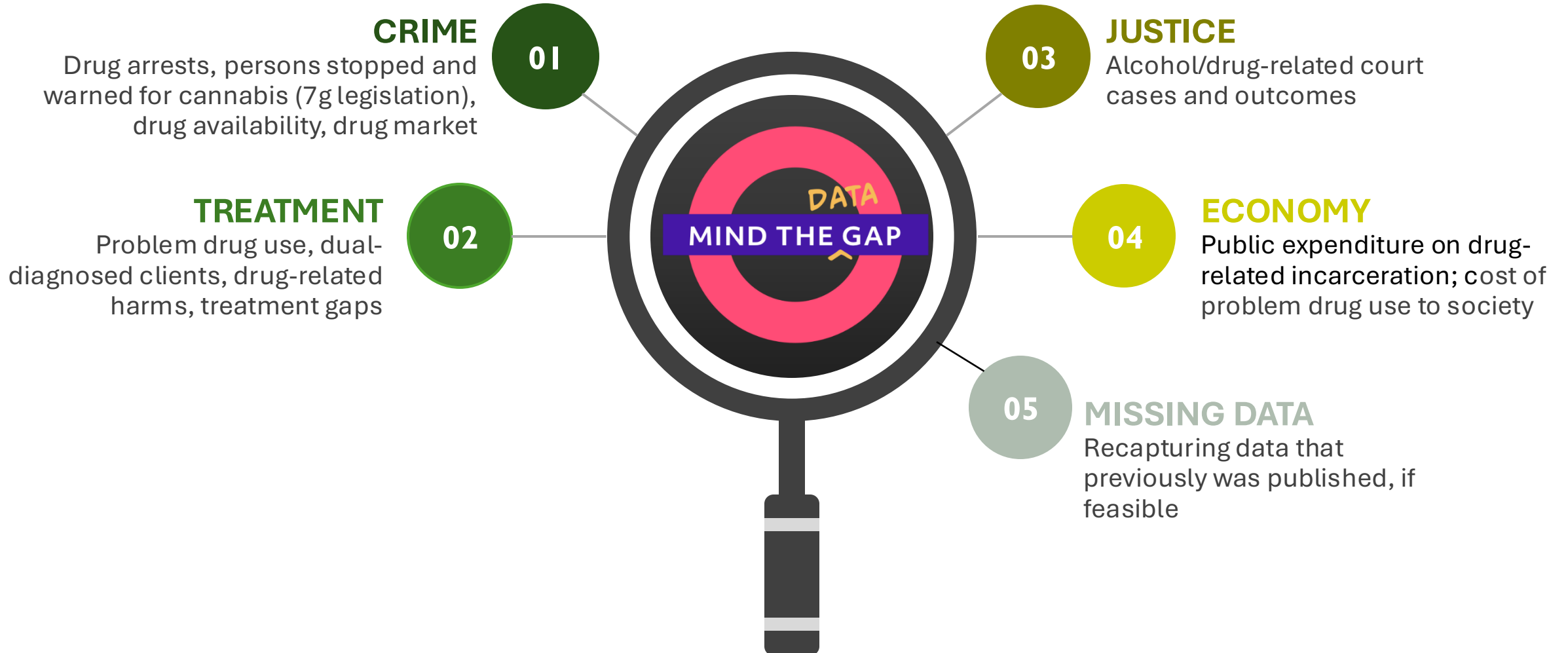
# DEMAND & SUPPLY REDUCTION SPENDING

## Drug control expenditure in 2024 vs. 2023



Source: Department of Finance

# DATA GAPS



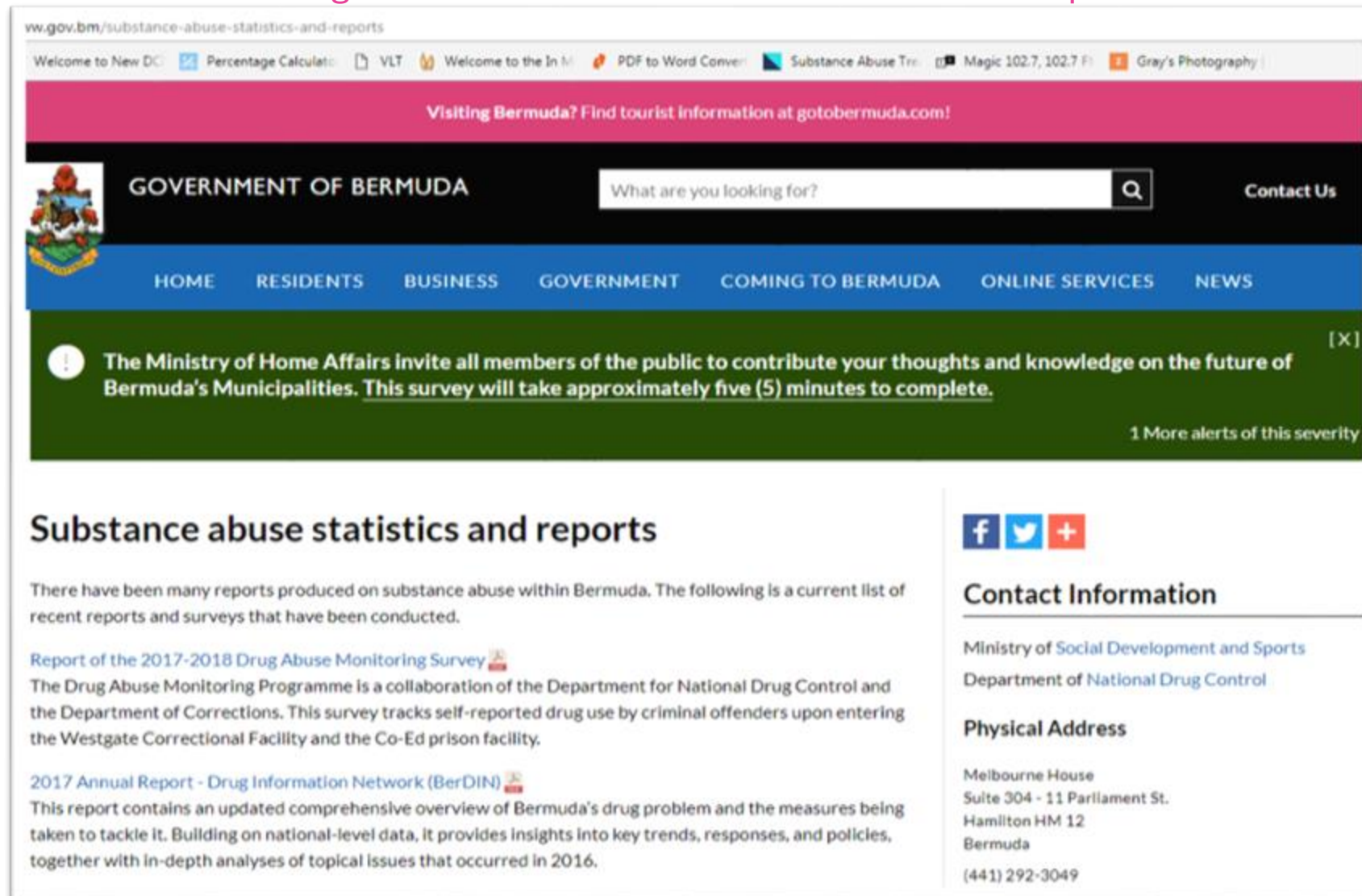
# National Drug Control Master Plan and Action Plan

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## Substance abuse statistics and reports


There have been many reports produced on substance abuse within Bermuda. The following is a current list of recent reports and surveys that have been conducted.

[Report of the 2017-2018 Drug Abuse Monitoring Survey](#) 

The Drug Abuse Monitoring Programme is a collaboration of the Department for National Drug Control and the Department of Corrections. This survey tracks self-reported drug use by criminal offenders upon entering the Westgate Correctional Facility and the Co-Ed prison facility.

[2017 Annual Report - Drug Information Network \(BerDIN\)](#) 

This report contains an updated comprehensive overview of Bermuda's drug problem and the measures being taken to tackle it. Building on national-level data, it provides insights into key trends, responses, and policies, together with in-depth analyses of topical issues that occurred in 2016.



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