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Community Attitudes Medicinal Cannabis

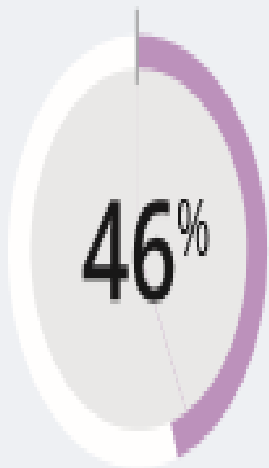
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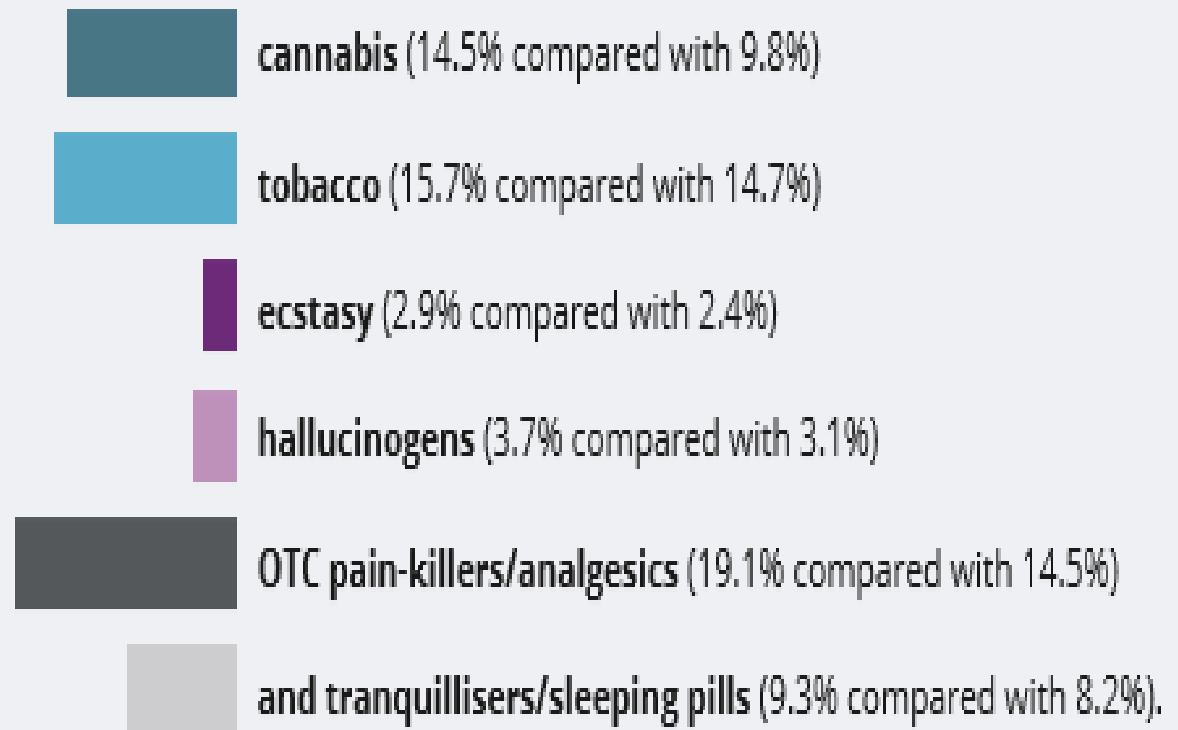


Approval of regular adult drug use

46% of people approved the regular adult use of **alcohol** (remained stable since 2007)



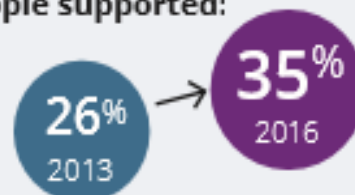
There was higher approval of regular adult use of the following drugs in 2016:



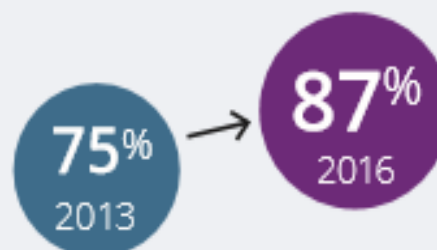
Changes in support for cannabis

Between 2013 and 2016, **community tolerance increased** for cannabis use.

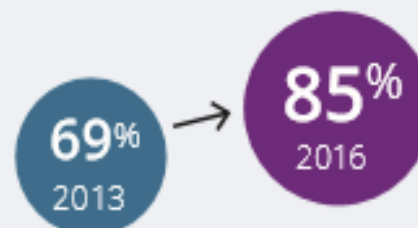
More people supported:



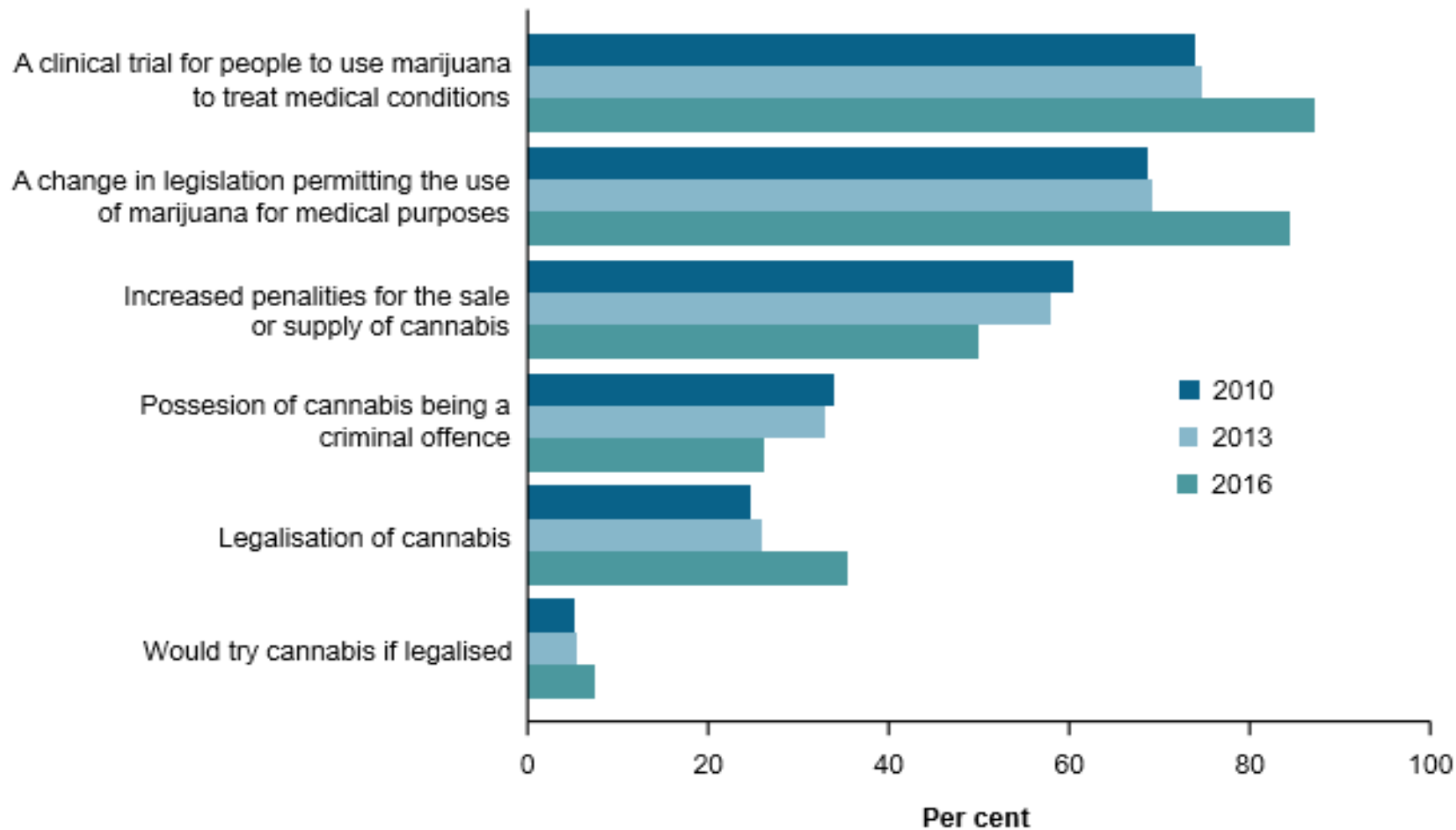
legalisation of cannabis



use of cannabis in clinical trials to treat medication conditions

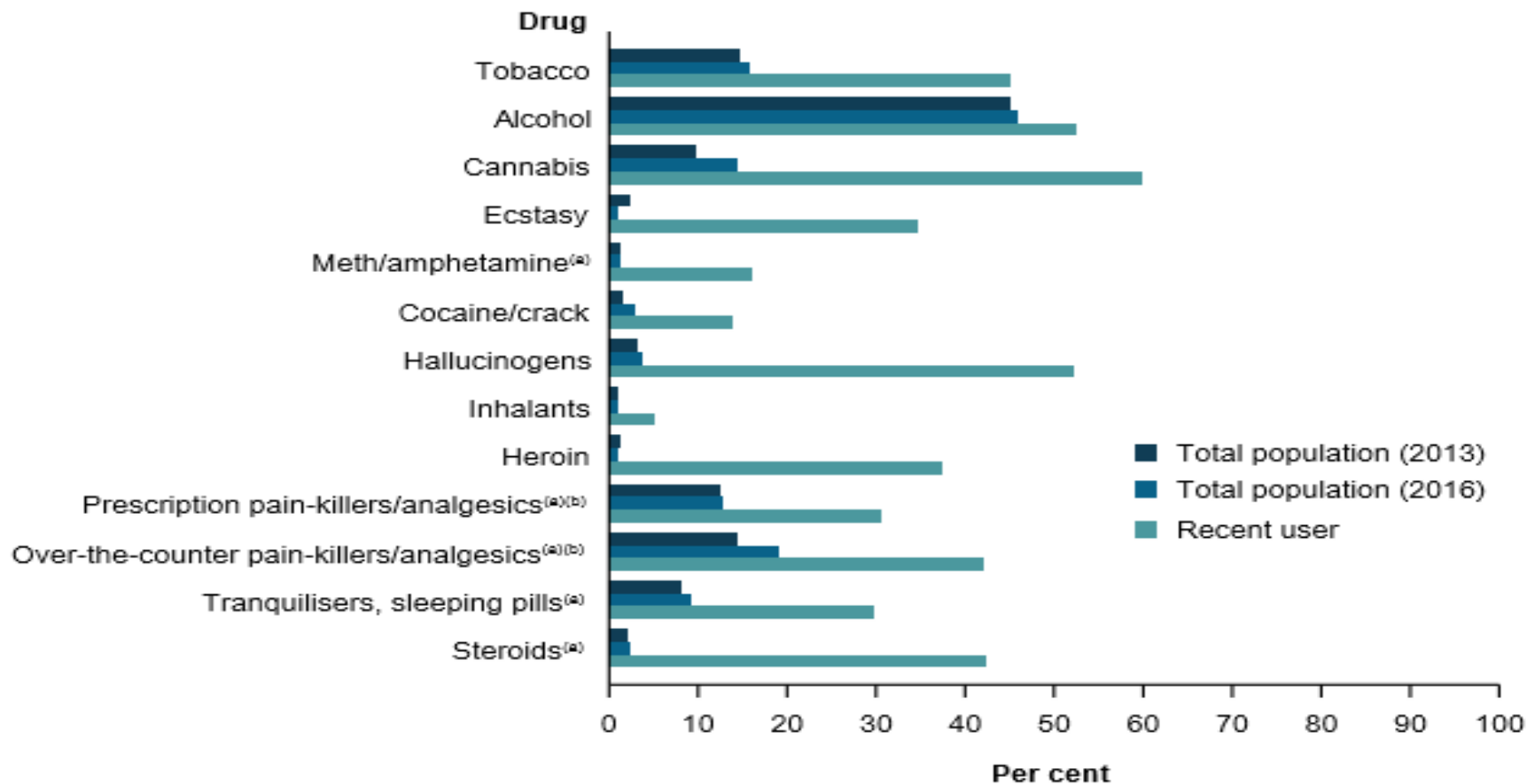


change in legislation permitting the use of cannabis for medical purposes



Sources: Tables 9.17, 9.18, 9.20, 9.25, 9.28.

Figure 9.6: Support for measures relating to cannabis use, people aged 14 or older, 2010–2016 (%)



(a) Used for non-medical purposes.

(b) Use status refers to any pain-killer/analgesic.

(c) Used in the previous 12 months.

Note: Use status refers to the use of each drug specified.

Sources: Tables 9.7 and 9.9.

Figure 9.4: Personal approval of the regular use by an adult of selected drugs, people aged 14 or older and recent drug users^(c), 2013 and 2016 (%)

**Confusion over nature of
medicinal cannabis**

**Exasperation at variable
legislation**

Frustration at lack of access