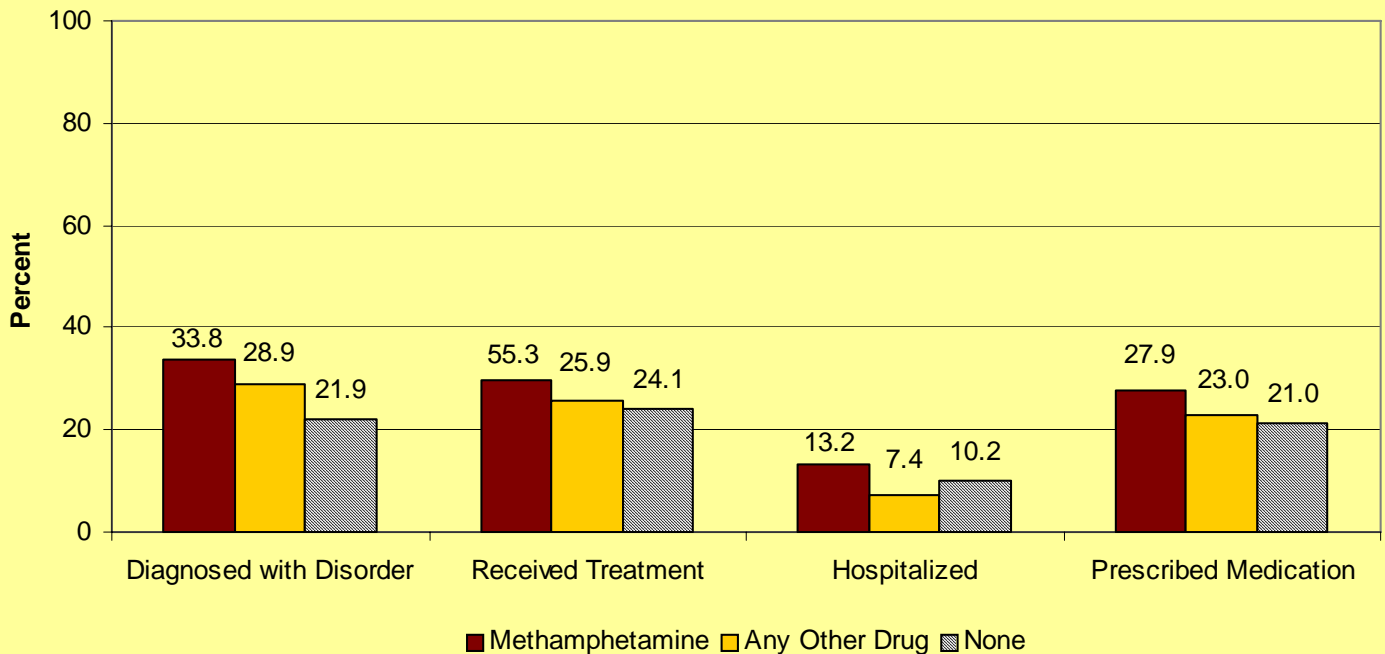


Percent of Arrestees Testing Positive for Methamphetamine by Mental Health Treatment History (n=553)



Methamphetamine Use and Mental Health Treatment

The present analysis examines the relationship between current drug use, with particular emphasis on methamphetamine use, and mental health treatment. Our findings indicate that methamphetamine users are substantially more likely to have problems related to mental health than to other arrestees. For example, nearly 34 percent of arrestees testing positive for methamphetamine use had been diagnosed with a disorder compared to 28.9 percent of arrestees testing positive for another drug, and 21.9 percent of arrestees who did not test positive for drug use. About 30 percent of arrestees testing positive for methamphetamine use had received mental health treatment, followed by 25.9 percent of those testing positive for another drug, and 24.1 percent who did not test positive for drug use. Over 13 percent of methamphetamine users had been hospitalized for a problem related to mental health compared to 7.4 percent of arrestees who tested positive for another drug, and 10.9 percent who had not tested positive for any drug use. Last, about 28 percent of arrestees testing positive for methamphetamine and 23 percent of arrestees testing positive for other drugs reported that they had been prescribed medication for a mental health disorder during their lifetime, compared to about 21 percent of non-drug users.