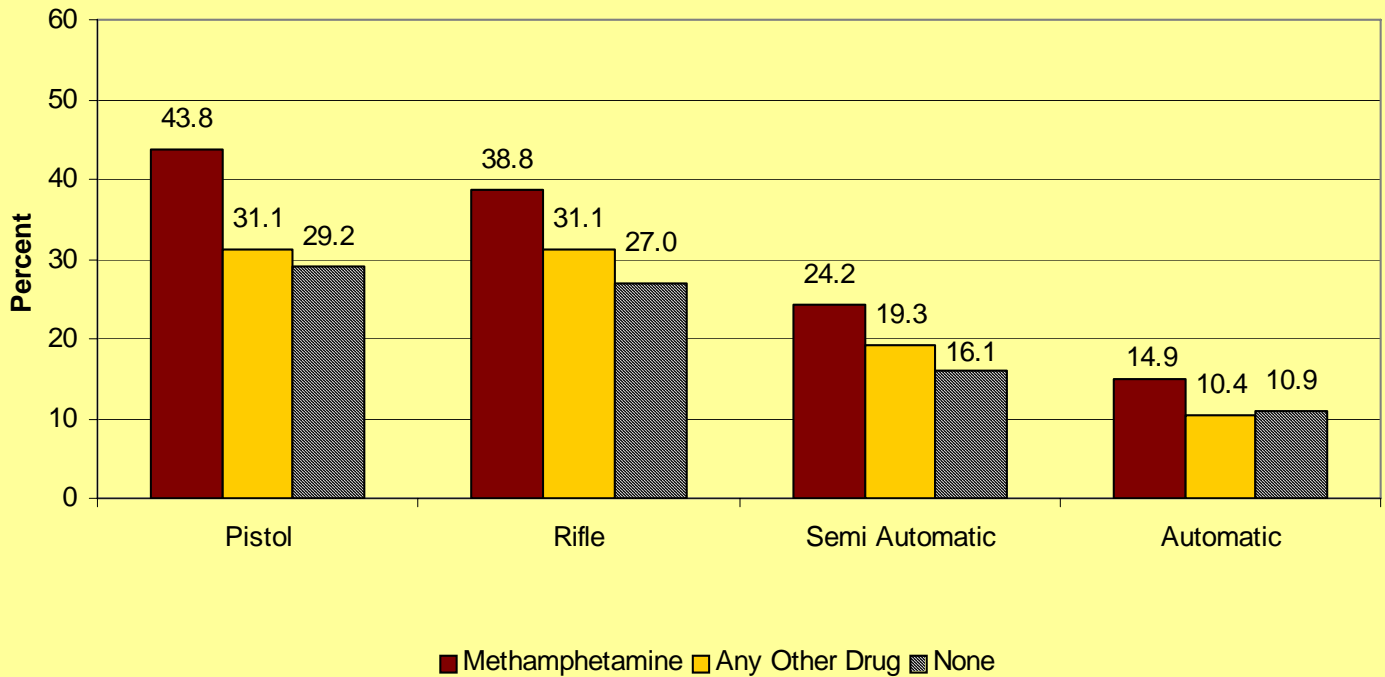


Percent of Arrestees Testing Positive for Methamphetamine and Ever Possessing a Firearm (n=553)



Methamphetamine Use and Firearm Possession

The present analysis examines the relationship between methamphetamine use and firearms possession. The findings indicate that those arrestees who test positive for methamphetamine are significantly more likely to report firearms possession when compared to other arrestees. Specifically, over 43 percent of methamphetamine users reported having owned a pistol compared to 31.1 percent of other drug users and 29.2 percent of non-drug users. A similar trend was observed for possession of a rifle, semi-automatic, and automatic weapon.