

Reduce methamphetamine demand by enhancing treatment services and increasing our responsiveness.

Te Whatu Ora (in Te Tai Tokerau), NZ Police together with community agencies lead Te Ara Oranga, the Methamphetamine Harm Reduction initiative in Northland that launched in October 2017. Te Ara Oranga is about working in a tangible and engaging style with the community and agencies, focusing on delivering a holistic approach to health and policing to produce better outcomes for all. The initiative links evidence-based health services with police prevention and enforcement activity.

Police Action (April-June 2025)

	7 Years, 5 Months	Apr-Jun 2025	Total
Prevention			
Referrals for Treatment	1,620	36	1,656
Te Whatu Ora	1,398	0	1,398
Whānau group support	78	0	78
Reports of Concern	68	0	68
Reports of Concern for children	151	0	151
Enforcement			
Firearms seized	156	1	157
Arrested	425	3	428
Charges	3,468	4	3,472
Search Warrants	325	1	326
Drug tests of person on bail	633	6	639

Health Action (April-June 2025)

	7 Years, 5 Months	Apr-Jun 2025	Total
Treatment			
Treatment cases	5,599	205	5,804
Screening and Brief Intervention			
ED screening (Vacancy)	15,187	37	15,224
Self-reported (in the last 3/12)	591	14	605
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	162	12	174
Referral for meth use support/treatment	148	36	184
Agreed to a referral to address other substance use	138	24	162
Choice (One-day Brief Intervention Programmes) & Pou Whānau Connectors			
Referral to Choice programme	2,045	18	2,063
Whaiora and their whānau	2,867	292	3,159
Employment			
Referrals	450	10	460
Employment	219	5	224
Education / Mahi	89	3	92
Job Retention	19	0	19

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Methamphetamine

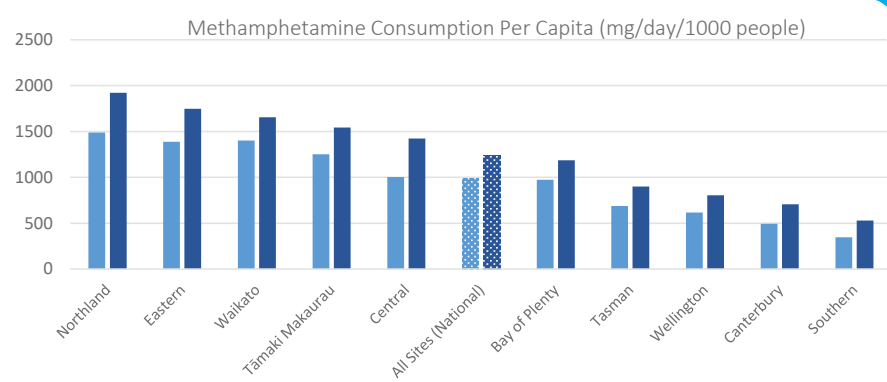
All data is representative of the sites tested only. It is not possible to extrapolate this data to nearby communities that are not tested. The social harm cost estimates are derived from the New Zealand Illicit Drug Harm Index 2020 (DHI 2020). The DHI 2020 provides a conservative measure of the harms associated with the use of illicit drugs in New Zealand and considers both personal and community harms.

Quarterly Per Capita Drug Consumption

By District: Q3 2024

- Q1 2025
- Average over last 4 quarters

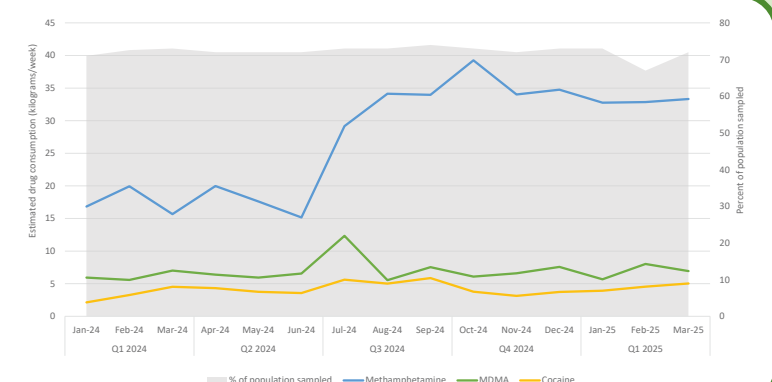
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Per capita drug consumption is shown as milligrams per day, per 1,000 people. As a number of locations are tested every second month, the presence or absence of data from some sites within a district will affect the total load and per capita consumption rates reported each quarter. District relates to the sites tested within each district and should not be extrapolated to represent the entire district. All sites relates to the per capita consumption for all sites tested across New Zealand.

Estimated Drug Use Across All Sites

(kilograms/week)



Methamphetamine use across sample sites decreased slightly but remained elevated in Q1 2025, averaging an estimated 33 kilograms per week. All districts recorded above average methamphetamine use when compared with their respective average consumption rates over the previous four quarters. Methamphetamine use across sample sites in Q1 2025 equates to an estimated weekly social harm cost of \$34.6 million.