

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 (July-September 2025)

	Total to June 2025 - 7 Years, 5 Months	July-Sept 2025	Total
Prevention			
Referrals for Treatment	1,626	35	1,661
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	157	0	157
Arrested	428	0	428
Charges	3,472	0	3,478
Search Warrants	326	2	328
Drug tests of person on bail	639	10	649

Health Action (July-September 2025)

	Total to June 2025 - 7 Years, 5 Months	July-Sept 2025	Total
Treatment			
Treatment cases	5,804	213	6,017
Screening and Brief Intervention			
ED screening (Vacancy)	15,224	37	15,261
Self-reported (in the last 3/12)	605	7	612
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	174	1	175
Referral for meth use support/treatment	184	6	190
Agreed to a referral to address other substance use	162	5	167
Choice (One-day Brief Intervention Programmes) & Pou Whānau Connectors			
Referral to Choice programme	2,063	45	2,108
Whaiora and their whānau	3,159	491	3,650
Employment			
Referrals	460	20	480
Employment	224	3	227
Education / Mahi	92	1	93
Job Retention	19	0	19

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Methamphetamine

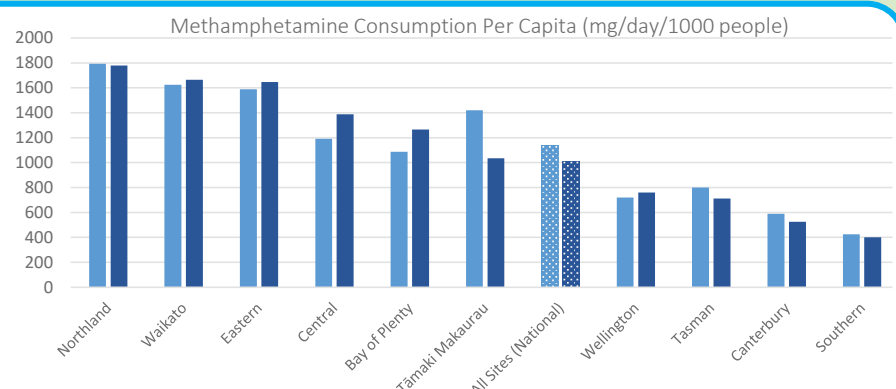
All data is representative of the sites tested only. It is not possible to extrapolate this data to nearby communities that are not tested. The social harm cost estimates are derived from the New Zealand Illicit Drug Harm Index 2020 (DHI 2020). The DHI 2020 provides a conservative measure of the harms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

Quarterly Per Capita Drug Consumption

By District: Q2 2025

■ Q2 2025
■ Average over last 4 quarters

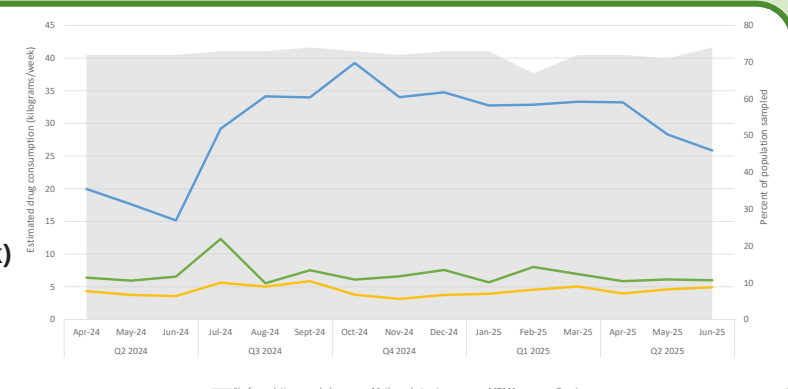
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Per capita drug consumption is shown as milligrams per day, per 1,000 people. As a number of locations are tested every second month, the presence or absence of data from some sites within a district will affect the total load and per capita consumption 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 in Q2 2025, averaging an estimated 29.1 kilograms per week. Despite the decrease in overall consumption, some districts continued to record above average per capita methamphetamine consumption rates in Q2 2025. Methamphetamine use across sample sites in Q2 2025 equates to an estimated weekly social harm cost of \$30.5 million.