

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

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora 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 (October-December 2025)

	Total to Sept 2025 - 8 years, 2 months	Oct-Dec 2025	Total
<b>Prevention</b>			
Referrals for Treatment	1,661	51	<b>1,712</b>
Te Whatu Ora	1,398	0	<b>1,398</b>
Whānau group support	78	0	<b>78</b>
Reports of Concern	68	122	<b>190</b>
Reports of Concern for children	151	0	<b>151</b>
<b>Enforcement</b>			
Firearms seized	157	3	<b>160</b>
Arrested	428	15	<b>443</b>
Charges	3,472	17	<b>3,489</b>
Search Warrants	328	10	<b>338</b>
Drug tests of person on bail	649	42	<b>691</b>

### Health Action (October-December 2025)

	Total to Sept 2025 - 8 years, 2 months	Oct-Dec 2025	Total
<b>Treatment</b>			
Treatment cases	6,017	213	<b>6,230</b>
<b>Screening and Brief Intervention</b>			
ED screening	15,261	198	<b>15,459</b>
Self-reported (in the last 3/12)	612	9	<b>621</b>
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	175	3	<b>178</b>
Referral for meth use support/treatment	190	24	<b>214</b>
Agreed to a referral to address other substance use	167	20	<b>187</b>
<b>Choice (One-day Brief Intervention Programmes) &amp; Pou Whānau Connectors</b>			
Referral to Choice programme	2,108	39	<b>2,147</b>
Whaiora and their whānau	3,650	387	<b>4,037</b>
<b>Employment</b>			
Referrals	480	9	<b>489</b>
Employment	227	9	<b>236</b>
Education / Mahi	93	0	<b>93</b>
Job Retention	19	0	<b>19</b>

## Wastewater Drug Testing in New Zealand: National Overview Quarter Three: July – September 2025

### Methamphetamine

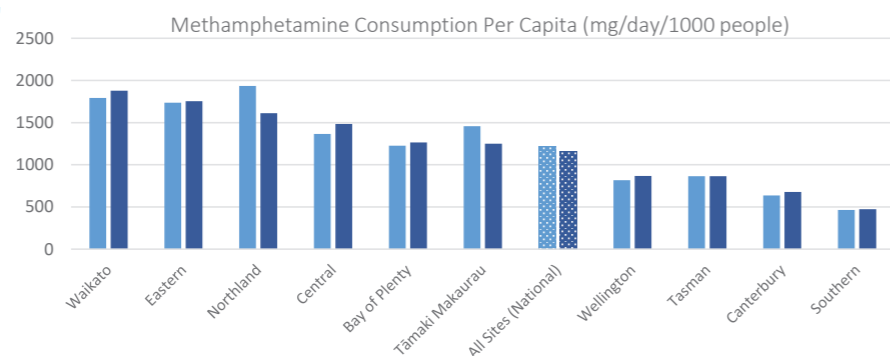
All data is representative of the sites tested only. It is not possible to extrapolate this data to nearby communities that are not tested. The social harm cost estimates are derived from the New Zealand Illicit Drug Harm Index 2023 (DHI 2023). The DHI 2023 provides a conservative measure of the harms 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 2025

- Q3 2025
- Average over last 4 quarters

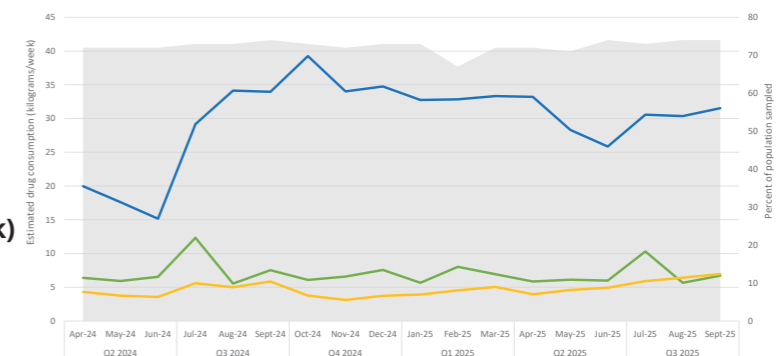
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Estimated per capita drug consumption is shown as milligrams per day, per 1,000 people. As a number of locations are tested every second month, the presence or absence of data from some sites within a district will affect the total load and per capita 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 increased in Q3 2025, averaging an estimated 30.8 kilograms per week. Due to the high consumption rate over the last year, this was 6% (or 1.8 kilograms) below the average quantity consumed over the previous four quarters. Methamphetamine use across sample sites in Q3 2025 equates to an estimated weekly social harm cost of \$32.3 million.