

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 (October - December 2023)

	5 Years, 11 Months	Oct-Dec 2023	Total
Prevention			
Referrals for Treatment	1464	43	1507
Te Whatu Ora	1307	45	1352
Whānau group support	76	2	78
Reports of Concern	68	0	68
Reports of Concern for children	148	0	148
Enforcement			
Firearms seized	108	0	108
Arrested	386	4	390
Charges	2366	11	2377
Search Warrants	250	4	254
Drug tests of person on bail	543	32	575

Health Action (October - December 2023)

	5 Years, 11 Months	Oct-Dec 2023	Total
Treatment			
Treatment cases	4368	197	4565
Screening and Brief Intervention			
ED screening (Vacancy)	14369	0	14369
Self-reported (in the last 3/12)	479	0	479
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	158	0	158
Referral for meth use support/treatment	96	0	96
Agreed to a referral to address other substance use	54	0	54
Choice (One-day Brief Intervention Programmes) & Pou Whānau Connectors			
Referral to Choice programme	1611	184	1795
Whaiora and their whānau	1546	39	1585
Employment			
Referrals	380	15	395
Employment	187	12	199
Education / Mahi	78	0	78
Job Retention	18	0	18

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Methamphetamine

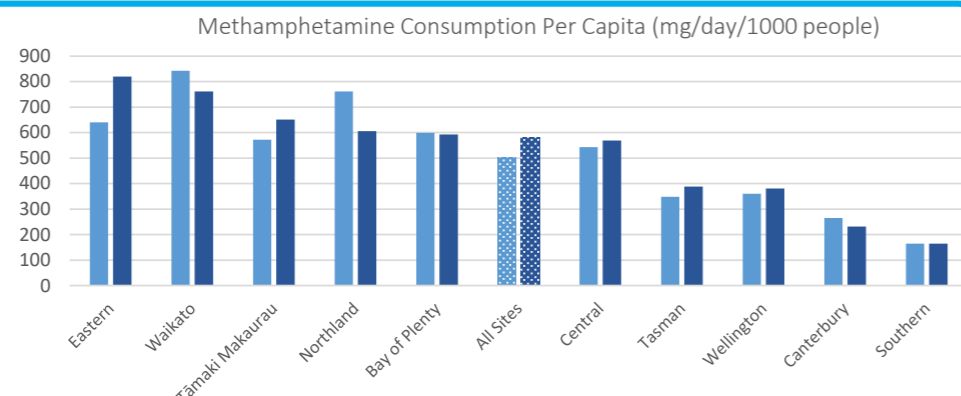
All data is representative of the sites tested only. It is not possible to extrapolate this data to nearby communities that are not tested. The social harm cost estimates are derived from the New Zealand Illicit Drug Harm Index 2020 (DHI 2020). The DHI 2020 provide s a conservative measure of the harms 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 2023

■ Q3 2023
■ Average over last 4 quarters

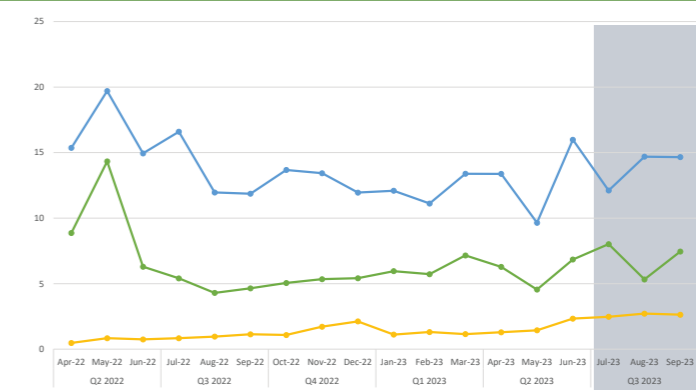
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Per capita drug consumption is shown as milligrams per day, per 1,000 people. As a number of locations are tested every second month, the presence or absence of data from some sites within a district will affect the total load and per capita consumption 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 consumption across sample sites in Q3 2023 averaged an estimated 13.8 kilo grams per week. This was above the average quantity consumed over the previous four quarters(8 percent or 1 kilogram above). Methamphetamine use across samples sites in Q3 2023 equates to an estimated weekly social harm cost of \$15.3million.