

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 2024)

	6 Years, 2 Months	Jan-Mar 2024	Total
Prevention			
Referrals for Treatment	1,531	28	1,583
Te Whatu Ora	1,375	0	1,398
Whānau group support	78	0	78
Reports of Concern	68	0	68
Reports of Concern for children	148	2	150
Enforcement			
Firearms seized	124	12	150
Arrested	399	8	416
Charges	3,304	48	3,379
Search Warrants	278	12	314
Drug tests of person on bail	585	25	620

Health Action (July - September 2024)

	6 Years, 2 Months	Jan-Mar 2024	Total
Treatment			
Treatment cases	4,921	226	5,147
Screening and Brief Intervention			
ED screening (Vacancy)	14,369	0	14,412
Self-reported (in the last 3/12)	479	5	484
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	158	0	158
Referral for meth use support/treatment	96	4	100
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	1,820	40	1,913
Whaiora and their whānau	1,621	212	1,935
Employment			
Referrals	408	15	433
Employment	199	5	209
Education / Mahi	78	4	85
Job Retention	18	0	18

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Methamphetamine

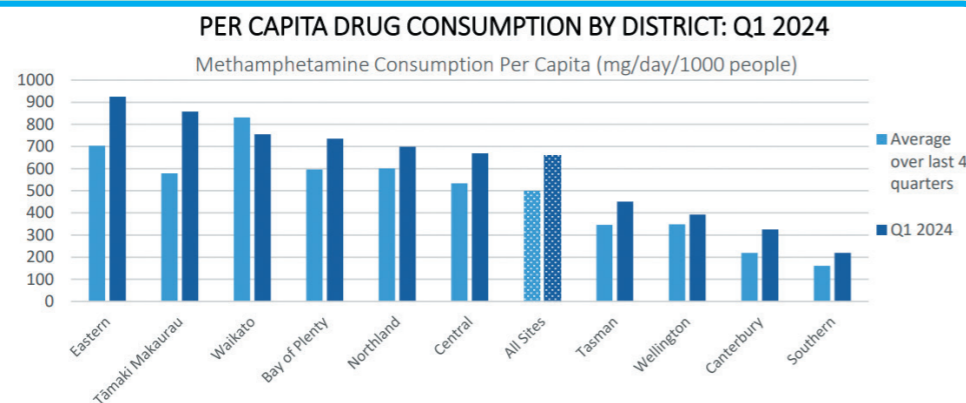
All data is representative of the sites tested only. It is not possible to extrapolate this data to nearby communities that are not tested. The social harm cost estimates are derived from the New Zealand Illicit Drug Harm Index 2020 (DHI 2020). The DHI 2020 provides a conservative measure of the harms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

Quarterly Per Capita Drug Consumption

By District: Q1 2024

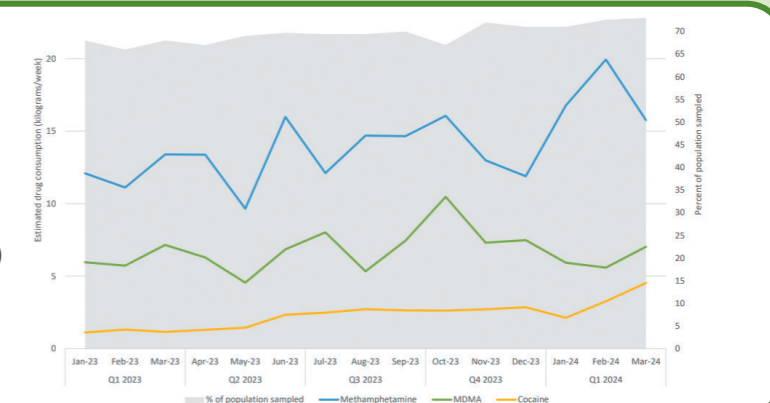
- Q1 2024
- Average over last 4 quarters

Source: Wastewater Drug Testing in New Zealand: National Overview - Quarter One: July - September 2024



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 Q1 2024, averaging an estimated 17.5 kilograms per week. All districts, except for Waikato, 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 2024 equates to an estimated weekly social harm cost of \$19.4 million.