

## 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 2024)

	6 Years, 11 Months	Oct-Dec 2024	Total
<b>Prevention</b>			
Referrals for Treatment	1,583	19	<b>1,602</b>
Te Whatu Ora	1,398	0	<b>1,398</b>
Whānau group support	78	0	<b>78</b>
Reports of Concern	68	0	<b>68</b>
Reports of Concern for children	150	0	<b>150</b>
<b>Enforcement</b>			
Firearms seized	152	0	<b>152</b>
Arrested	416	3	<b>419</b>
Charges	3,379	31	<b>3,410</b>
Search Warrants	314	4	<b>318</b>
Drug tests of person on bail	620	7	<b>627</b>

### Health Action (October-December 2024)

	6 Years, 11 Months	Oct-Dec 2024	Total
<b>Treatment</b>			
Treatment cases	5,147	207	<b>5,354</b>
<b>Screening and Brief Intervention</b>			
ED screening (Vacancy)	14,412	365	<b>14,777</b>
Self-reported (in the last 3/12)	484	11	<b>495</b>
Users consented to a referral for support/treatment	158	0	<b>158</b>
Referral for meth use support/treatment	100	0	<b>100</b>
Agreed to a referral to address other substance use	54	39	<b>93</b>
<b>Choice (One-day Brief Intervention Programmes) &amp; Pou Whānau Connectors</b>			
Referral to Choice programme	1,913	38	<b>1,951</b>
Whaiora and their whānau	1,935	466	<b>2,401</b>
<b>Employment</b>			
Referrals	433	8	<b>441</b>
Employment	209	3	<b>212</b>
Education / Mahi	85	0	<b>85</b>
Job Retention	18	1	<b>19</b>

## Wastewater Drug Testing in New Zealand: National Overview Quarter Three: July – September 2024

### Methamphetamine

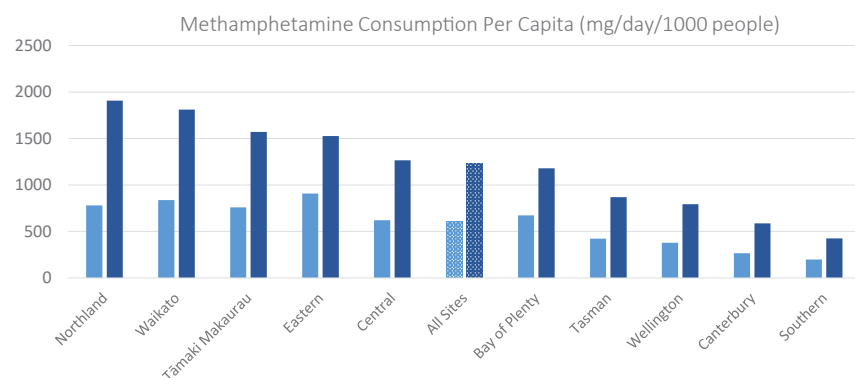
All data is representative of the sites tested only. It is not possible to extrapolate this data to nearby communities that are not tested. The social harm cost estimates are derived from the New Zealand Illicit Drug Harm Index 2020 (DHI 2020). The DHI 2020 provides a conservative measure of the harms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

- Q3 2024
- Average over last 4 quarters

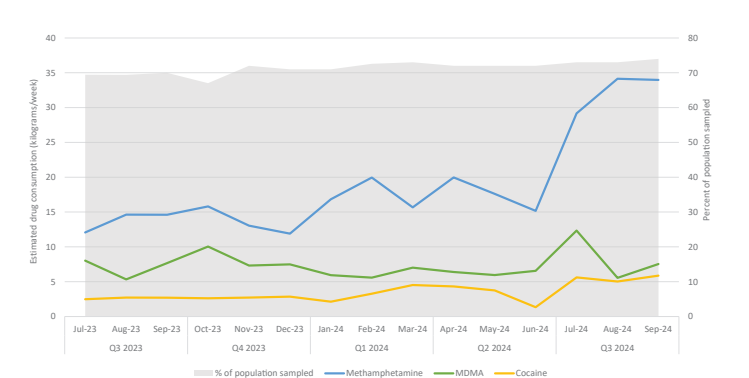
Source: Wastewater Drug Testing in New Zealand: National Overview - Quarter Two: July to September 2024



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 substantially in Q3 2024, averaging an estimated 32.4 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 Q3 2024 equates to an estimated weekly social harm cost of \$34 million.