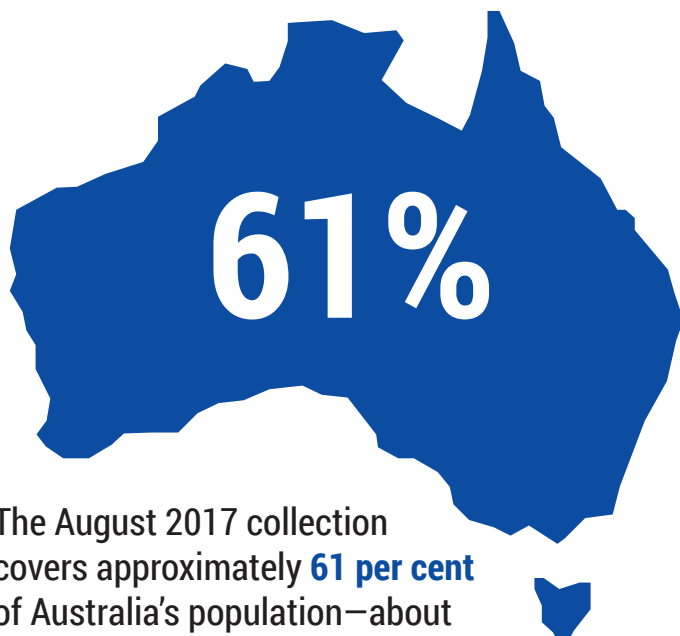


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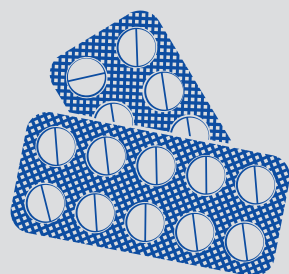


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The August 2017 collection covers approximately **61 per cent** of Australia's population—about **14.2 million Australians**.

**Methylamphetamine** continues to be the **most prevalent illicit drug** tested, with similar estimated average consumption in capital city and regional sites.



Consumption of **oxycodone** and **fentanyl** (licit and illicit) **exceeds heroin** consumption.

**Consumption levels** for tested **new psychoactive substances** confirm this remains a **niche market**.



**Alcohol and nicotine** remain the **highest consumed substances**.



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Capital city **alcohol**, **cocaine**, **heroin** and **MDMA** average consumption exceeded regional sites.

Regional **nicotine**, **MDA**, **oxycodone** and **fentanyl** average consumption exceeded capital city sites.



Despite decreases in average **cocaine** consumption in regional and city sites since April 2017, consumption increased from August 2016 to August 2017.

Excluding NPS, **MDMA** was consistently the **lowest consumed drug** nationally.



**MDA** was identified as a **tangible problem**, particularly in some regional areas.

