

NATIONAL WASTEWATER DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM



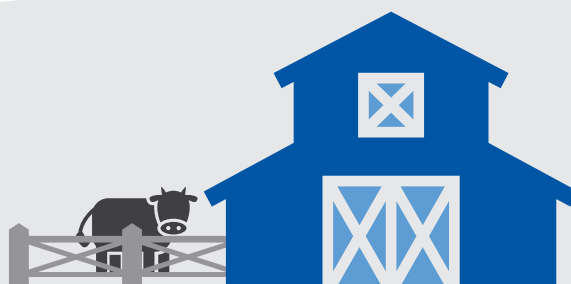
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The August 2020 collection covers around **56 per cent** of Australia's population—about **13.2 million Australians**.



Capital city **cocaine** and **heroin** average consumption exceeded regional consumption.



Regional **nicotine, alcohol, methylamphetamine, MDMA, MDA, oxycodone, fentanyl** and **cannabis** average consumption exceeded capital city consumption.

Of the drugs measured with available dose data, **alcohol** and **nicotine** remain the most consumed, with **methylamphetamine** the most consumed illicit drug.

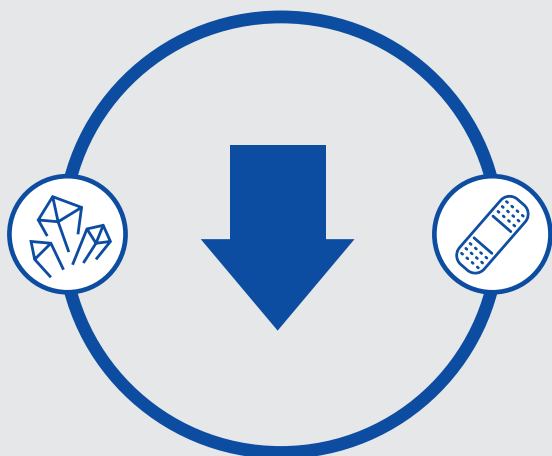


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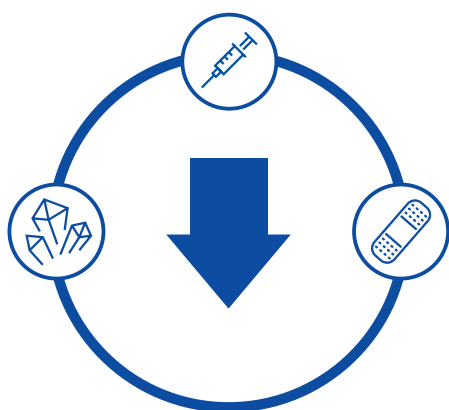


methylamphetamine and
fentanyl **decreased**



alcohol, nicotine, cocaine, MDMA, heroin,
oxycodone and cannabis **increased**

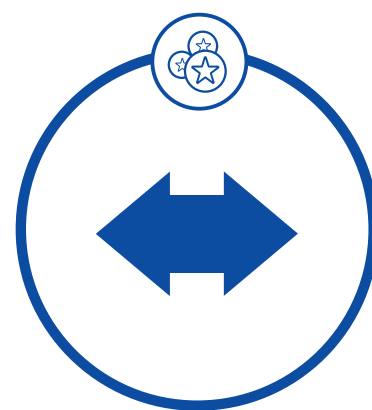
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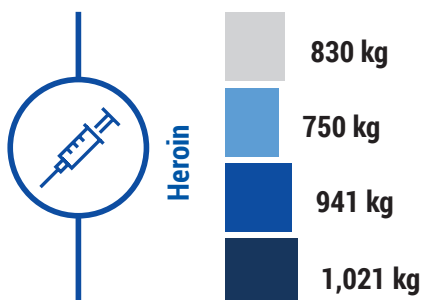
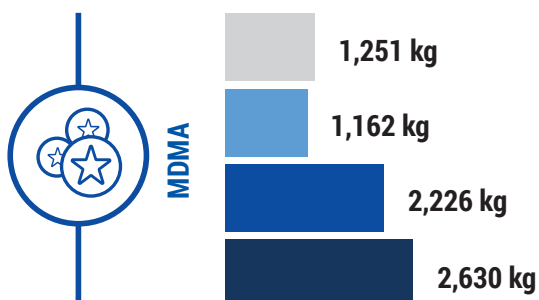
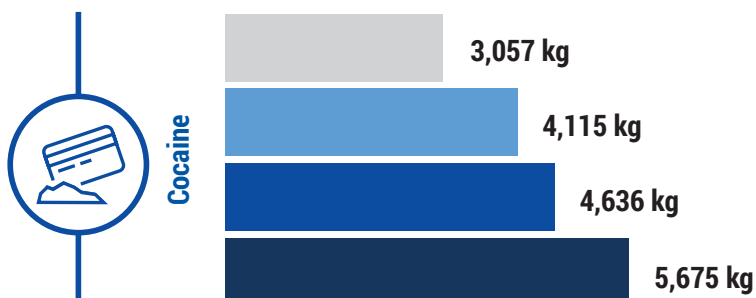
MDMA remained
relatively stable

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Year 1 (2016–2017) Year 2 (2017–2018) Year 3 (2018–2019) Year 4 (2019–2020)



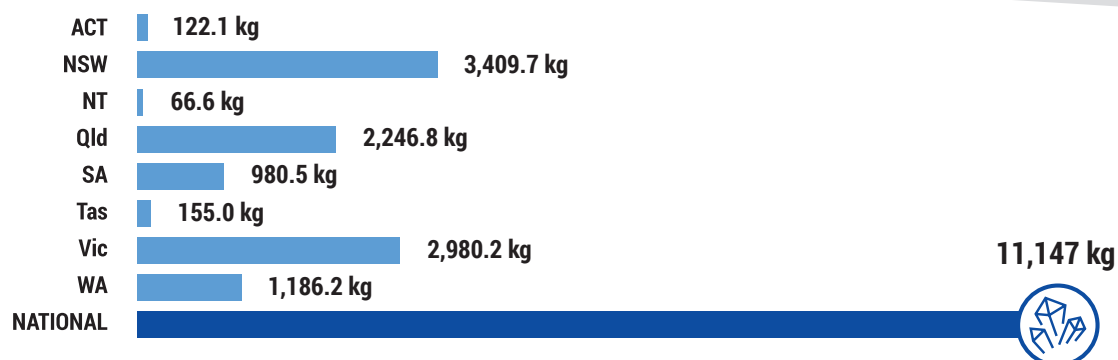
The estimated **weight** of **methamphetamine**, **cocaine**, **MDMA** and **heroin** consumed annually **increased** from Year 1 to Year 4 of the Program.

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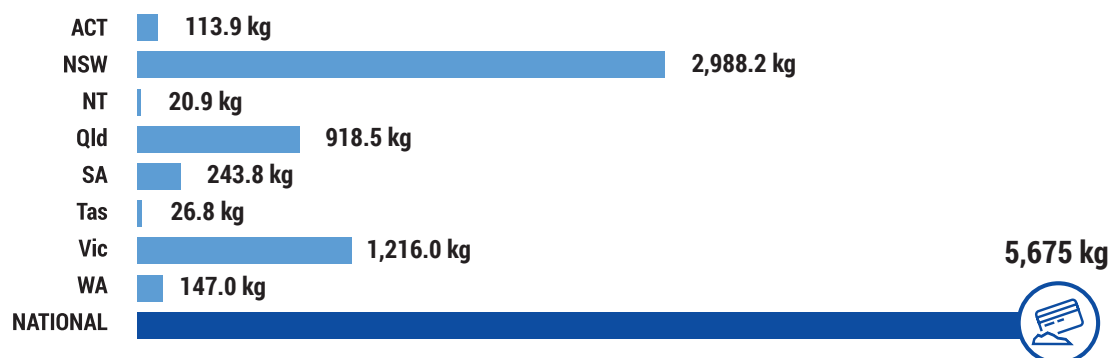


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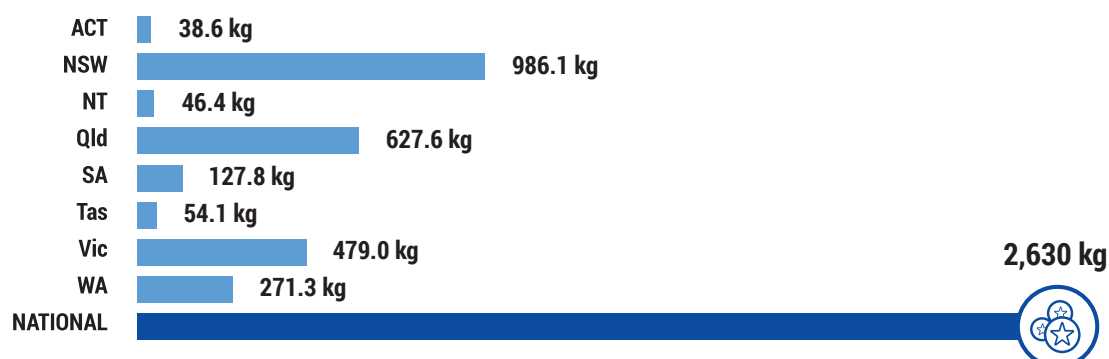
Methylamphetamine



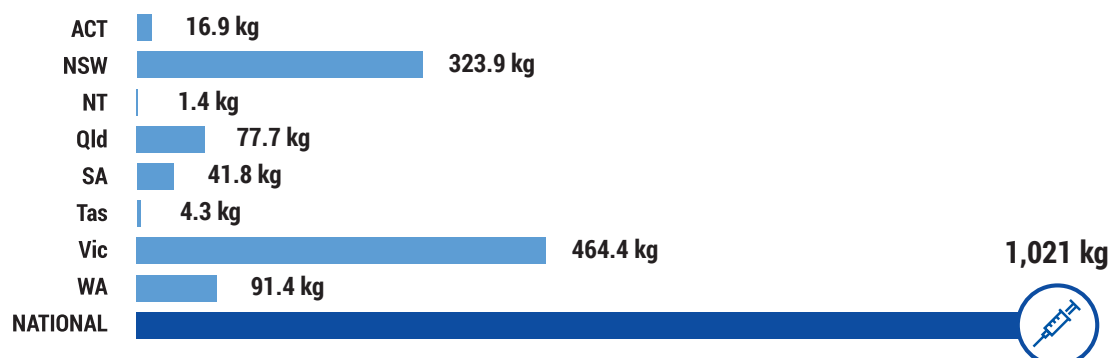
Cocaine



MDMA



Heroin



Estimated state and territory annual consumption of methylamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA and heroin for Year 4 of the Program.

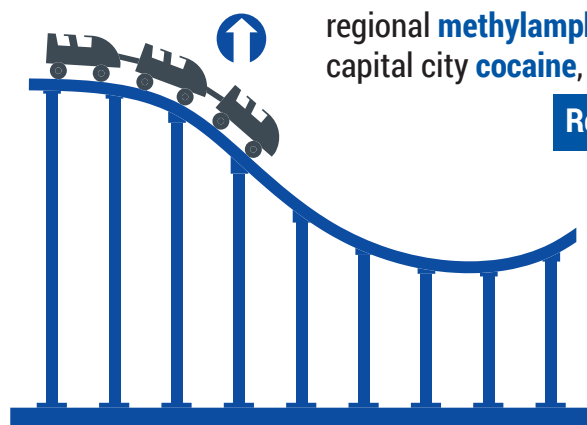
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IMPACT OF COVID-19

During the period of COVID-19 restrictions:



↑ regional **methamphetamine** (April), **heroin** and **cannabis**
capital city **cocaine**, **heroin**, **cannabis** and **nicotine**

Record high drug consumption

↓ regional **methamphetamine** (August) and **fentanyl**
capital city **methamphetamine**, **oxycodone**,
fentanyl and **alcohol**

Record low drug consumption

In one jurisdiction in August 2020, average **oxycodone** capital city consumption **exceeded methamphetamine** consumption for the first time anywhere in Australia since the Program commenced.



Consumption in some regional drug markets, such as those for **cannabis**, **cocaine**, **oxycodone**, **nicotine** and **alcohol**, increased from April to August 2020. Also, capital city consumption of **methamphetamine**, **cocaine** and **oxycodone** increased from August to October 2020.