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KEY FINDINGS—SOUTH AUSTRALIA

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 15

The Program found that, compared to April 2021, of the substances tested in August 2021 in South Australia:

- There were 9 sites monitored in South Australia in August 2021—4 capital city sites and 5 regional sites.
- Average alcohol consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average nicotine consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites. Average capital city consumption in October 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average cocaine consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average MDMA consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average MDA excretion decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city and regional excretion in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average heroin consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in August 2021 was the highest on record.
- Average oxycodone consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average fentanyl consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city consumption in October 2021 and regional consumption in August 2021 were the lowest on record.
- Average cannabis consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites. Average capital city and regional consumption in August 2021 were the highest on record.
- Average ketamine excretion increased in both capital city and regional sites.

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National comparison— August 2021:

- South Australia had the highest average capital city and second highest regional consumption of methylamphetamine.
- South Australia had the second highest average capital city consumption of oxycodone and fentanyl.
- South Australia had the second highest average regional consumption of cannabis.

Note to editors

In accordance with current wastewater analysis conventions, the terms of the contract, and to protect the integrity of the program, the exact locations are not able to be publicly released by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission. To maintain the confidentiality of the participating site, each site was allocated a unique code to de-identify their results, however trends in particular states and territories are still able to be identified.

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