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KEY FINDINGS—VICTORIA

National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 15

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

- There were 10 sites monitored in Victoria in August 2021—2 capital city sites and 8 regional sites.
- Average alcohol consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.
- Average nicotine consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average capital city and regional consumption in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- 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 and regional 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 oxycodone consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average regional consumption in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average fentanyl consumption decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.
- Average cannabis consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average ketamine excretion decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.

National comparison—August 2021:

- Victoria had the second highest average capital city consumption of cocaine.
- Victoria had the highest average capital city consumption and second highest regional consumption of heroin.
- Victoria had the second highest average regional consumption of oxycodone.

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- Victoria had the second highest average regional and capital city excretion of ketamine.

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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