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# KEY FINDINGS—WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 15

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

- There were 7 sites monitored in Western Australia in August 2021—3 capital city sites and 4 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 cocaine consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites. Average regional consumption in August 2021 was the highest on record.
- Average MDMA consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average MDA excretion consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average heroin consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average oxycodone consumption increased in both capital city and regional sites.
- Average fentanyl consumption decreased in both capital city and regional sites. Average regional consumption in August 2021 was the lowest on record.
- Average cannabis consumption increased in capital city and regional sites. Average regional consumption in August 2021 was the highest on record.
- Average ketamine excretion decreased in capital city sites and increased in regional sites.

### National comparison—August 2021:

- Western Australia had the highest average regional excretion of MDA.

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## **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.