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# KEY FINDINGS—NORTHERN TERRITORY

## National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program—Report 16

The Program found that of the substances tested in December 2021 and February 2022 in the Northern Territory:

- There were 2 sites monitored in the Northern Territory in December 2021—one capital city site and one regional site.
- Average alcohol consumption decreased in both the capital city and regional site.
- Average nicotine consumption decreased in the capital city site and increased in the regional site.
- Average methylamphetamine consumption increased in both the capital city and regional site.
- Average cocaine consumption increased in the capital city site and decreased in the regional site.
- Average MDMA consumption decreased in both the capital city and regional site. Average capital city consumption of MDMA in February 2022 was the lowest on record.
- Average MDA excretion decreased in the capital city site and increased in the regional site. Average capital city excretion of MDA in February 2022 was the lowest on record.
- Average heroin consumption increased in both the capital city site and regional site.
- Average oxycodone consumption decreased in the capital city site and increased in the regional site.
- Average fentanyl consumption increased in both the capital city and regional site.
- Average cannabis consumption decreased in the capital city site and increased in the regional site. Average regional consumption of cannabis in December 2021 was the highest on record.
- Average ketamine excretion decreased in both the capital city and regional site.

**National comparison—December 2021:**

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- The Northern Territory continued to have the highest average capital city and regional consumption of alcohol and nicotine.
- The Northern Territory had the second highest average capital city consumption of MDMA.
- The Northern Territory had the highest average regional excretion of MDA.
- The Northern Territory had the second highest average capital city and highest average regional consumption of cannabis.

**NOTE:** With only 2 participating testing sites for the whole Territory, results may not be representative of the Territory as a whole, although they cover around 25 per cent of the population.

### 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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