

NATIONAL WASTEWATER DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM



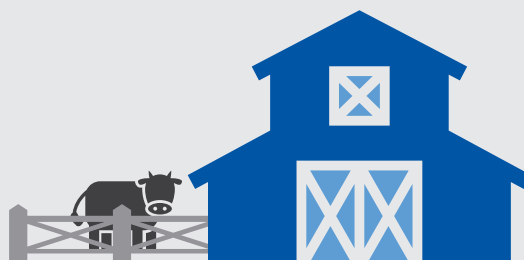
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The December 2021 collection covers around **56 per cent** of Australia's population—about **13 million Australians**.



Capital city **methylamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA, heroin** and **ketamine** average consumption exceeded regional consumption.



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



In December 2021, capital city **meth, cocaine** and **MDMA** consumption all exceeded regional consumption for the first time since April 2017.

December 2021 and February 2022 highlights

Meth and **cocaine** consumption showed early signs of a recovery, but not to pre-COVID levels.

Record lows:



MDMA capital city (February)



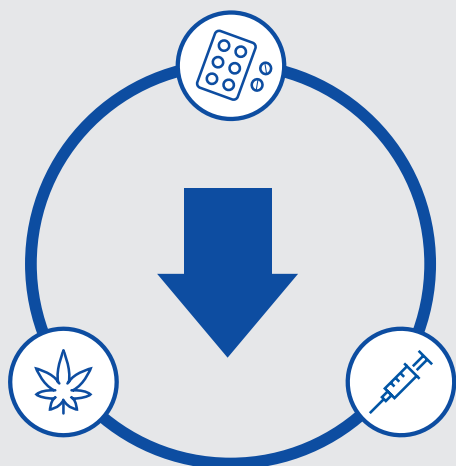
Fentanyl regional (December)

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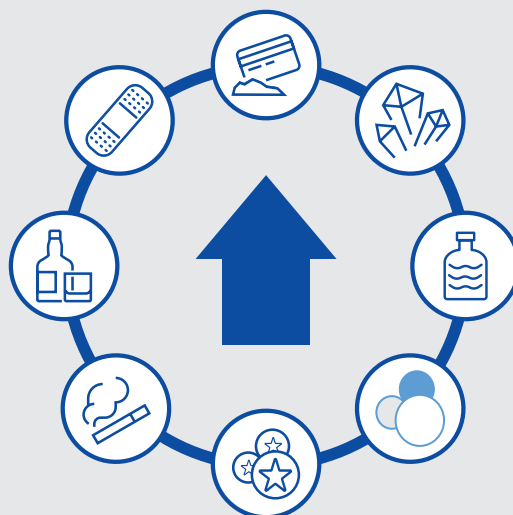


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Between August and December 2021, the population-weighted average capital city consumption of:

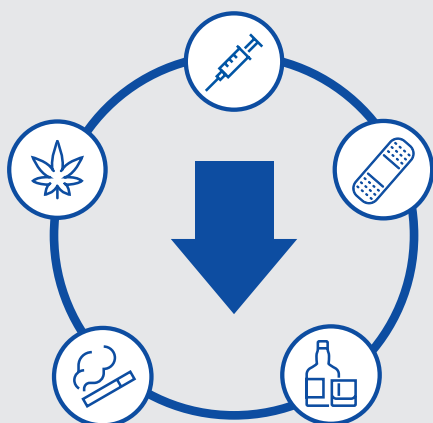


heroin, oxycodone and
cannabis **decreased**

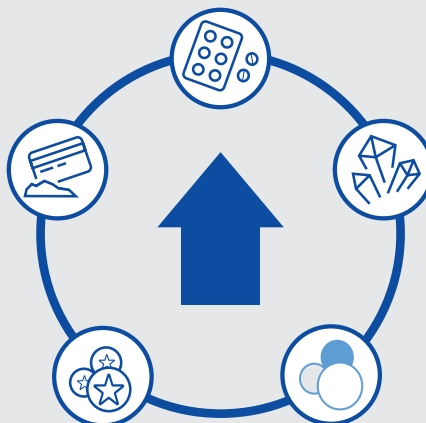


alcohol, nicotine, methylamphetamine,
cocaine, MDMA, MDA, fentanyl and
ketamine **increased**

Between August and December 2021, the population-weighted average regional consumption of:



alcohol, nicotine, heroin, fentanyl
and cannabis **decreased**



methylamphetamine,
cocaine, MDMA, MDA and
oxycodone **increased**



ketamine remained
relatively stable

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INTERNATIONAL DRUG COMPARISONS

Methylamphetamine
consumption in
Australia ranked **first** of
25 SCORE countries



Cocaine consumption in
Australia ranked **15th** of
26 SCORE countries



MDMA consumption in
Australia ranked **5th** of
27 SCORE countries



Cannabis consumption
in Australia ranked **6th** of
16 SCORE countries