The August 2017 collection covers approximately 61 per cent of Australia’s population—about 14.2 million Australians.

Methamphetamine continues to be the most prevalent illicit drug tested, with similar estimated average consumption in capital city and regional sites.

Consumption of oxycodone and fentanyl (licit and illicit) exceeds heroin consumption.

Consumption levels for tested new psychoactive substances confirm this remains a niche market.

Alcohol and nicotine remain the highest consumed substances.

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Regional nicotine, MDA, oxycodone and fentanyl average consumption exceeded capital city sites.

Capital city alcohol, cocaine, heroin and MDMA average consumption exceeded regional sites.

Despite decreases in average cocaine consumption in regional and city sites since April 2017, consumption increased from August 2016 to August 2017.

Excluding NPS, MDMA was consistently the lowest consumed drug nationally.

MDA was identified as a tangible problem, particularly in some regional areas.

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