## Wastewater drug testing in New Zealand: Quarter 2 findings National overview

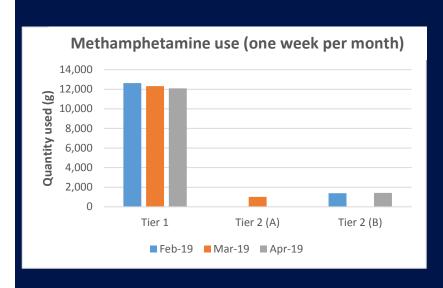


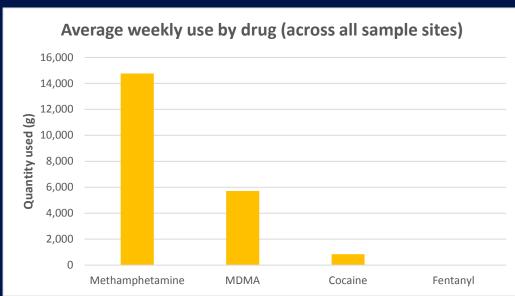
Notes: (1) Baseline usage across drug types and sample regions is unclear at present, but will become evident in due course as testing continues. Therefore, cautious interpretation is advised.

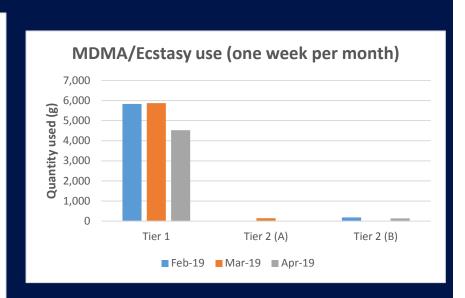
Background: Testing occurs during one week per month, however the frequency of testing varies between regions due to available resources. Nationwide testing started in November 2018.

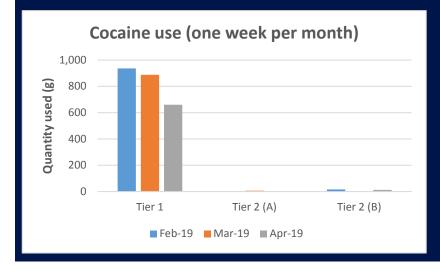
- (2) Heroin remains undetected at any sample location.
- (3) Testing began in Rangiora from February 2019.

	Test frequency	Proportion of national population	Regions
Tier 1	Monthly	64%	Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, Waikato, Dunedin, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Tauranga, Nelson, Whangarei, Queenstown
Tier 2 (Group A)	Bimonthly	6%	Ashburton, Greymouth, Invercargill, Kerikeri, Paraparaumu, Rotorua, Taupo, Wanganui
Tier 2 (Group B)	Bimonthly	6%	Hastings, Napier, Blenheim, Timaru, Rangiora, Levin, Whakatane, Masterton, Westport









## How does average weekly consumption differ between quarters?

	Q1	Q2
Methamphetamine	16.6 kg	14.8 kg
MDMA/Ecstasy	4.3 kg	5.7 kg
Cocaine	696 g	850 g
Fentanyl	3 g	5 g

