

Explanatory Notes

The following information applies to terms used in this report.

Arrest

'Arrest' incorporates all recorded law enforcement action against a person for suspected unlawful involvement in illicit drugs. It incorporates enforcement action by way of arrest, summons, diversion program, cannabis expiation notice in South Australia, simple cannabis offence notice in the Australian Capital Territory, drug infringement notice in the Northern Territory, and 'notice to appear' in Queensland. Some charges may subsequently have been dropped or the defendant may have been found not guilty.

Seizure

'Seizure' is the confiscation by a law enforcement agency of a quantity of an illicit drug or a regulated drug being used or possessed unlawfully, whether or not an arrest is made in conjunction with that confiscation.

The amount of drug seized may be recorded by weight, volume and linear measurement, or as a unit count (eg. number of tablets, plants or bags). The method of estimating the amount of drug seized varies between and within jurisdictions. For example seizures of amphetamine in tablet form may be weighed or counted, similarly, seizures of cannabis plants may be weighed, counted or measured.

Heroin and Other Opioids

'Heroin and other opioids' includes opiate analgesics such as heroin, morphine, opium, codeine and opioid analgesics such as methadone and pethidine.

Cocaine

'Cocaine' includes cocaine, coca leaf, and coca paste.

Amphetamine-Type Stimulants

'Amphetamine-type stimulants' includes amphetamine, methamphetamine, and crystalline methamphetamine. Amphetamine-type stimulant arrest and seizure tables include phenethylamines.

Phenethylamines

Phenethylamines includes 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA - commonly known as 'ecstasy'), 3,4-methylenedioxyethylamphetamine (MDEA), 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA), dimethoxyamphetamine (DMA), and paramethoxyamphetamine (PMA).

Cannabis

'Cannabis' includes cannabis plant, leaf, resin, oil, seed and all other forms.

Hallucinogen

'Hallucinogen' includes tryptamines such as lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and psilocybin ('mushrooms').

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Steroid

'Steroid' includes anabolic androgenic steroids such as testosterone, nandrolone and stanozolol.

Other Drugs

'Other drugs' includes phencyclidine (PCP, or angel dust), diazepam, lignocaine, benzocaine, dothiepin, flunitrazepam, other prescription drugs, and any drug not included in other categories.

Symbols and Abbreviations

The following symbols and abbreviations are used in the tables:

n.a.	Not available
n.e.c.	Not elsewhere classified
no.	Number
r	Revised figure
%	Per cent
..	Not applicable
-	Zero or rounded to zero

Figures that have been rounded may not add to totals.