

The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) collects data annually from all state and territory police services, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Customs Service and the Australian Analytical Laboratories. The illicit drugs data collected and presented in this report includes:

- consumer and provider arrests
- seizures
- purity levels, and
- prices.

The *Illicit Drug Data Report* is the only report of its type in Australia and provides law enforcement and interested stakeholders with a national picture of the illicit drugs market. This report provides the data necessary to assess possible future illicit drug trends, but unlike its predecessor, the *Australian Illicit Drug Report*, it does not seek to provide detailed analysis of those trends. Instead it provides a brief snapshot of key points identified in the processing of the data.

The purpose of this report is to provide statistics to assist decision-makers develop illicit drug supply and harm reduction strategies. The data also assists the Commonwealth to meet national and international reporting obligations.

The ACC continues to utilise the National Illicit Drug Reporting Format to assist in reducing errors and standardising the data received from each of the law enforcement agencies and other contributing organisations.

For future editions, the ACC intends to release the *Illicit Drug Data Report* as close as possible to the end of the reported financial year. This was not practicable, with its predecessor, because of the significant analytical effort required to produce individual chapters on each drug-type.