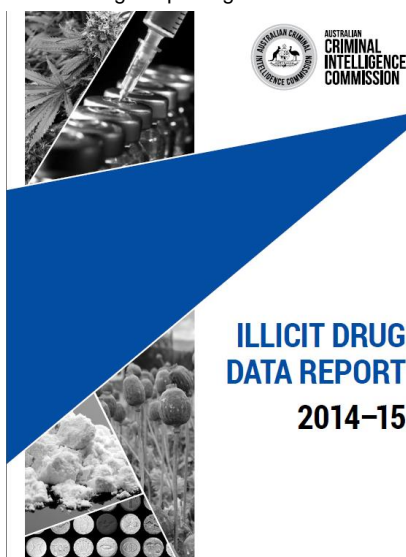


# Methamphetamine plus

Recent [information](#) contained in the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's (ACIC) *Illicit Drug Data Report 2014-15* shows a large increase of seizures of methamphetamine or crystal meth across Australia with the following disquieting statistics.



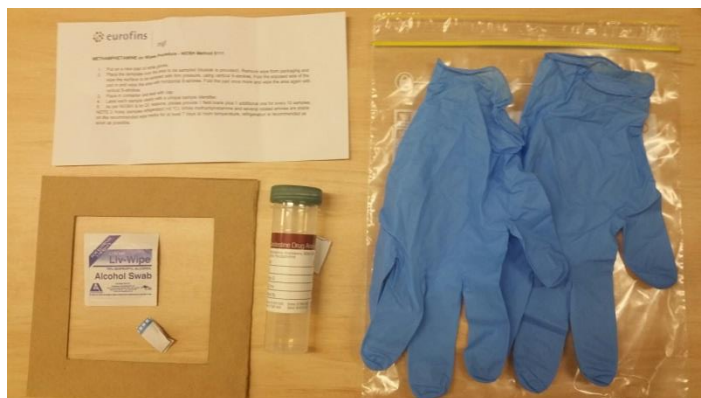
- The number and weight of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) (excluding MDMA) detections at the Australian border increased in 2014-15 and are the highest on record.
- The number and weight of MDMA detections at the Australian border increased in 2014-15 and are the second highest reported in the last decade.
- Drug profiling data indicates the majority of analysed methyl amphetamine seizures are primarily manufactured from ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, with a decreasing proportion manufactured from phenyl-2-propanone.
- The number and weight of national ATS seizures increased in 2014-15 and are the highest on record.
- There was a record 35 468 national ATS arrests in 2014-15
- The Northern Territory reported twice the number of arrests for ATS in 2014-15 compared with the previous year.
- Police detected the highest number of clandestine drug laboratories in Victoria in a decade in 2014-15.
- The total number of ATS seizures in the Australian Capital Territory has increased by 67 per cent in 2014-2015.
- South Australia is the only state or territory where amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) were the most seized drug in 2014-15.
- In Western Australia, the number and weight of ATS seizures has increased by 32.5 per cent and 125.1 per cent respectively compared to the 2013-14 reporting period.
- New South Wales continues to account for the greatest number of cannabis, heroin, cocaine and ATS seizures in Australia.

Media [reports](#) have raised the issue of houses being sold in Australia that may have been former clandestine labs and therefore are posing serious health risks to the brain and nervous system of adults and children of future occupants. In New Zealand, testing is now standard practice however, the practice of testing homes is virtually unknown in Australian real estate, even in areas of Sydney known for high rates of ice use and manufacture.



Eurofins LC-MS/MS centre-of-excellence in Brisbane has NATA accreditation for methamphetamine based on NIOSH Method 9111 and also includes the detection of amphetamine, ephedrine and pseudoephedrine in wipes with limits of reporting of <0.02 µg that is well below the regulatory limit of 0.5 µg.

A sampling kit containing everything required for taking 100cm<sup>2</sup> wipe samples from non-porous surfaces is provided free-of-charge. Timely turnaround of results is available ensuring peace of mind if your property is suspected of being either a clandestine laboratory or personal smoking uses.



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If you would to discuss technical details of your methamphetamine or clandestine drug project then please contact Dr. Bob Symons otherwise contact your local Analytical Service Manager or one of our Business Development Team listed below for further details.

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