Latest trends

Asia report methamphetamine as the main drug of concern in treatment. In countries in the subregion with recent data, annual prevalence of methamphetamine use ranges between 0.5 and 1.1 per cent, which is rather high compared with the global average. There are also signs of an increase in crystalline methamphetamine use in South-East Asia.

Potential harm from methamphetamine use is on the rise in North America

North America is the subregion with the highest prevalence of the use of amphetamines (amphetamine and methamphetamine), at 2.1 per cent of the population aged 15-64. While the non-medical use of pharmaceutical stimulants is more prevalent in North America, a significant number of people also use methamphetamine.