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# Preface

*Statistics on Drug Use in Australia 1998* is the eighth in a series originally titled *Statistics on Drug Abuse in Australia*, which was produced by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care. This publication by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare marks changes in authorship and scope, although the format will be familiar to readers of earlier titles. This edition moves away from focusing on drug abuse exclusively, with expanded chapters on tobacco, alcohol, use of pharmaceutical drugs and the health effects of drug use. It is intended as an accessible summary of major drug-use statistical collections which will lead interested readers to sources of more detailed information. The chapter on total pharmaceutical use is provided as context for the information on non-medical use of pharmaceuticals.

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# Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
BAC	Blood alcohol concentration
CDUD	Community Drug Use Database
COTSA	Clients of Treatment Service Agencies
DDD	Defined daily dose
HCV	Hepatitis C virus
MCDS	Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy
NCADA	National Campaign Against Drug Abuse
NDS	National Drug Strategy
NDSHS	National Drug Strategy Household Survey
n.a.	Not available
—	Nil, or rounded to zero
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