

**Table 1: Drugs ever used and recently used<sup>(a)</sup>, proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Drug/behaviour	Drugs ever used		Drugs recently used	
	1995	1998	1995	1998
				(%)
Tobacco	63.4	65.4	27.1	26.3
Alcohol	86.5	89.6	78.3	80.7
Illicits				
Marijuana/cannabis	31.1	39.3	13.1	17.9
Painkillers/ analgesics <sup>(b)</sup>	12.3	11.4	3.5	5.2
Tranquillisers/ sleeping pills <sup>(b)</sup>	3.2	6.2	0.6	3.0
Steroids <sup>(b)</sup>	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.2
Barbiturates <sup>(b)</sup>	1.2	1.6	0.2	0.2
Inhalants	2.4	3.9	0.4	0.8
Heroin	1.4	2.2	0.4	0.7
Methadone <sup>(c)</sup>	<sup>(d)</sup>	0.5	<sup>(d)</sup>	0.2
Amphetamines <sup>(b)</sup>	5.7	8.7	2.1	3.6
Cocaine	3.4	4.3	1.0	1.4
Hallucinogens	7.0	10.0	2.0	3.0
Ecstasy, designer drugs	2.4	4.7	0.9	2.4
Injected illegal drugs	1.3	2.1	0.6	0.7
<i>Any illicit</i>	39.3	46.0	17.0	22.0
None of the above	8.1	6.9	17.8	19.9

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

(b) For non-medical purposes.

(c) Non-maintenance.

(d) Not asked in 1995.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 2: Proportion of the population aged 14 years and over who associate specific drugs with a drug 'problem', by sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Drug	Males		Females		Persons	
	1995	1998	1995	1998	1995	1998
	(%)					
Tobacco	4.8	4.3	5.4	4.0	5.1	4.2
Alcohol	14.8	14.9	13.0	13.3	13.9	14.1
Marijuana/ cannabis	32.1	20.7	32.3	21.3	32.2	21.0
Pain killers/ analgesics	1.2	0.4	1.5	0.5	1.4	0.4
Tranquillisers/ sleeping pills	1.3	0.5	2.1	0.9	1.7	0.7
Steroids	0.4	0.4	-	0.3	0.2	0.3
Barbiturates	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.2
Inhalants	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Heroin	29.0	37.5	30.4	37.2	29.7	37.4
Amphetamines	3.8	13.2	4.3	12.6	4.0	12.9
Cocaine	7.4	3.9	6.6	4.0	7.0	3.9
Naturally occurring hallucinogens	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
LSD/ synthetic hallucinogens	1.3	0.5	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.1
Ecstasy/designer drugs	0.1	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.1	1.2
Tea/coffee/caffeine	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Drugs other than listed	0.3	1.1	0.1	1.1	0.2	1.1
None/ can't think of any	2.4	0.5	1.8	0.8	2.1	0.6

Note: In 1995 the question was open ended; in 1998 as a fixed list.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 3: Proportion of the population aged 14 years and over who find regular drug use acceptable, by sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Drug	Males		Females		Persons	
	1995	1998	1995	1998	1995	1998
	(%)					
Tobacco/ cigarettes	39.8	41.8	37.5	38.6	38.6	40.2
Alcohol	61.9	67.7	46.4	55.1	54.1	61.3
Marijuana/ cannabis	27.9	30.4	18.0	20.9	22.9	25.6
Pain killers/ analgesics <sup>(a)</sup>	7.2	10.3	5.2	8.8	6.2	9.5
Tranquillisers/ sleeping pills <sup>(a)</sup>	4.1	7.2	2.4	3.8	3.2	5.5
Steroids <sup>(a)</sup>	2.3	3.9	0.7	0.9	1.5	2.4
Barbiturates <sup>(a)</sup>	2.0	2.7	1.5	0.7	1.8	1.6
Inhalants	0.9	1.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	1.0
Heroin	2.4	2.8	1.5	0.8	1.9	1.8
Methadone <sup>(b)</sup>	(c)	2.8	(c)	0.8	(c)	1.8
Amphetamines	2.5	4.7	1.4	1.7	2.0	3.1
Cocaine	2.0	3.8	1.1	1.1	1.5	2.4
Naturally occurring hallucinogens	4.5	6.4	2.3	2.2	3.4	4.3
LSD/ synthetic hallucinogens	3.1	4.4	1.1	1.5	2.1	2.9
Ecstasy/ designer drugs	3.0	5.1	1.1	1.5	2.0	3.3

(a) Non-medical use.

(b) Non-maintenance.

(c) Not asked in 1995.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 4: Tobacco smoking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Smoking status	Males		Females		Persons	
	1995	1998	1995	1998	1995	1998
	(%)					
Regular <sup>(a)</sup>	25.8	24.1	21.6	20.2	24.0	22.1
Occasional <sup>(b)</sup>	3.2	4.5	3.1	3.9	3.1	4.2
Ex-smoker	40.9	41.7	35.1	33.5	37.5	37.5
Never smoked	30.1	29.7	40.2	42.4	35.4	36.2

(a) Smokes daily/most days.

(b) Smokes less often than daily/most days.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 5: Proportion of tobacco smokers in the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Smoking status	Age group						
	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	All ages
	(%)						
	<b>Males</b>						
Regular <sup>(a)</sup>	15.4	31.3	28.1	27.0	21.7	15.3	24.1
Occasional <sup>(b)</sup>	8.7	8.3	3.9	1.7	3.2	2.1	4.5
Ex-smoker	24.1	28.3	39.5	44.2	53.1	59.4	41.7
Never smoked	51.8	32.1	28.5	27.0	22.1	23.2	29.7
	<b>Females</b>						
Regular <sup>(a)</sup>	15.2	29.9	24.1	22.0	15.1	10.5	20.2
Occasional <sup>(b)</sup>	9.6	6.8	3.7	2.7	2.2	0.3	3.9
Ex-smoker	28.6	29.6	39.7	34.6	38.0	29.5	33.5
Never smoked	46.6	33.7	32.5	40.7	44.7	59.7	42.4
	<b>Persons</b>						
Regular <sup>(a)</sup>	15.3	30.6	26.1	24.4	18.4	12.8	22.1
Occasional <sup>(b)</sup>	9.2	7.5	3.8	2.2	2.7	1.2	4.2
Ex-smoker	26.4	29.0	39.6	39.3	45.5	43.7	37.5
Never smoked	49.2	32.9	30.6	34.0	33.5	42.3	36.2

(a) Smokes daily/most days.

(b) Smokes less often than daily/most days.

Source: 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 6: Alcohol drinking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Drinking status	Males		Females		Persons	
	1995	1998	1995	1998	1995	1998
	(%)					
Regular <sup>(a)</sup>	55.1	59.1	33.3	38.5	44.0	48.6
Occasional <sup>(b)</sup>	28.2	25.2	40.3	38.7	34.3	32.1
Ex-drinker	8.1	8.7	10.7	10.9	9.5	9.8
Not more than one glass of alcohol	8.6	7.0	15.6	11.8	12.2	9.5

(a) Consumes alcohol on at least one day per week.

(b) Consumes alcohol less often than one day per week.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 7 Proportion of recent<sup>(a)</sup> alcohol drinkers aged 14 years and over, by drinking status<sup>(b)(c)</sup>, by age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Age group	Males		Females		Persons	
	Regular	Occasional	Regular	Occasional	Regular	Occasional
	(%)					
14-19	32.9	37.4	27.1	43.6	30.0	40.5
20-29	63.1	25.8	40.4	44.1	51.9	34.8
30-39	65.0	24.1	44.1	40.6	54.4	32.5
40-49	62.5	23.3	42.7	39.1	52.2	31.5
50-59	61.6	25.4	37.1	41.6	49.1	33.7
60+	58.6	20.3	33.8	26.4	45.7	23.4
<b>All ages</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>32.1</b>

(a) Consumed in the last 12 months.

(b) Regular: consumes alcohol on at least one day per week.

(c) Occasional: consumes alcohol less often than one day per week.

Source: 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 8: Proportion of recent<sup>(a)</sup> alcohol drinkers aged 14 years and over, by consumption risk level, age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Risk level <sup>(b)</sup>	Age group						All ages
	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
	(%)						
	<b>Males</b>						
Low risk	38.0	52.7	68.8	69.4	76.1	88.0	67.0
Hazardous	15.4	16.3	15.1	20.0	14.7	8.1	15.1
Harmful	46.6	31.0	16.1	10.6	9.2	3.9	17.9
	<b>Females</b>						
Low risk	28.7	44.3	62.0	73.8	78.2	81.0	62.3
Hazardous	25.2	26.9	26.5	18.7	14.5	18.2	22.2
Harmful	46.1	28.8	11.5	7.5	7.3	0.8	15.5
	<b>Persons</b>						
Low risk	33.3	48.7	65.4	71.6	77.1	85.0	64.7
Hazardous	20.4	21.4	20.8	19.3	14.6	12.5	18.5
Harmful	46.3	29.9	13.8	9.1	8.3	2.5	16.8

(a) Consumed in the last 12 months.

(b) According to NHMRC guidelines (daily intake): males <5, females <3 = low risk; males 5-6, females 3-4 = hazardous; males >6, females >4 = harmful.

*Note:* Base equals all recent drinkers, question asked 'On a day that you have an alcoholic drink, how many standard drinks do you usually have?'.

*Source:* 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 9: Marijuana/cannabis: ever used and recent use<sup>(a)</sup>, proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Age group	Ever used		Recent use	
	1995	1998	1995	1998
(%)				
<b>Males</b>				
14-19	44.7	44.5	35.3	35.0
20-29	65.7	67.9	42.3	43.7
30-39	58.8	59.9	18.7	24.1
40-49	32.4	54.1	7.7	16.6
50-59	15.2	20.8	1.8	5.6
60+	1.9	3.7	–	1.1
<b>All ages</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>21.3</b>
<b>Females</b>				
14-19	24.4	44.8	19.9	34.2
20-29	53.7	59.2	23.1	29.3
30-39	43.4	53.8	8.1	16.3
40-49	14.2	30.0	2.2	6.3
50-59	5.2	15.3	1.1	7.6
60+	0.9	4.3	0.4	1.2
<b>All ages</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>Persons</b>				
14-19	35.5	44.6	28.3	34.6
20-29	59.8	63.6	32.7	36.5
30-39	50.7	56.8	13.1	20.2
40-49	23.7	41.6	5.1	11.3
50-59	10.0	18.0	1.5	6.6
60+	1.4	4.0	0.2	1.1
<b>All ages</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 10: Marijuana/cannabis: number of recent<sup>(a)</sup> users, by age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Age group	Males	Females	Persons
(number)			
14-19	283,900	263,300	547,000
20-29	626,000	411,000	1,034,800
30-39	349,700	237,600	587,500
40-49	224,800	85,200	305,900
50-59	58,100	76,100	134,600
60+	15,000	19,800	33,200
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1,587,800</b>	<b>1,123,000</b>	<b>2,701,800</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: 'All ages' and 'Persons' may not add up to the sum of components due to rounding.

Source: 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 11: Heroin: ever used and recent use<sup>(a)</sup>, proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Age group	Ever used		Recent use	
	1995	1998	1995	1998
(%)				
<b>Males</b>				
14-19	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.5
20-29	3.6	6.2	2.2	2.9
30-39	4.1	4.0	0.4	0.7
40+	0.9	1.6	–	0.4
<b>All ages</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Females</b>				
14-19	0.9	2.3	0.9	1.4
20-29	2.0	3.2	0.5	1.3
30-39	0.6	2.1	0.2	0.3
40+	0.5	0.4	–	0.1
<b>All ages</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Persons</b>				
14-19	0.6	1.7	0.6	1.0
20-29	2.8	4.7	1.4	2.1
30-39	2.2	3.0	0.3	0.5
40+	0.7	1.0	–	0.3
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 12: Heroin: number of recent<sup>(a)</sup> users, by age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Age group	Males	Females	Persons
(number)			
14-19	4,400	10,600	15,100
20-29	41,500	18,200	59,500
30-39	10,200	4,400	14,500
40+	16,400	4,200	20,600
<b>All ages</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>38,800</b>	<b>112,600</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: 'All ages' and 'Persons' may not add up to the sum of components due to rounding.

Source: 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 13: Any illicit drug: ever used and recent<sup>(a)</sup> use, proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Age	Ever Used		Recent use	
	1995	1998	1995	1998
(%)				
<b>Males</b>				
14-19	50.3	50.6	37.9	38.3
20-29	71.1	71.2	46.1	47.1
30-39	61.4	63.4	24.7	27.5
40-49	39.8	60.9	12.0	22.1
50-59	31.0	28.4	3.5	7.2
60+	12.0	12.3	1.8	5.2
<b>All ages</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>25.0</b>
<b>Females</b>				
14-19	33.5	51.6	25.0	37.1
20-29	60.2	63.8	27.4	33.5
30-39	50.9	59.3	13.6	20.4
40-49	25.7	38.3	7.9	10.1
50-59	18.9	27.2	3.9	13.4
60+	8.7	14.5	3.7	6.3
<b>All ages</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>Persons</b>				
14-19	42.7	51.1	32.0	37.7
20-29	65.6	67.5	36.8	40.3
30-39	55.9	61.3	18.9	23.9
40-49	33.1	49.2	10.0	15.9
50-59	24.7	27.8	3.7	10.4
60+	10.2	13.5	2.9	5.8
<b>All ages</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 14: Any illicit drug: number of recent<sup>(a)</sup> users, by age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Age group	Males	Females	Persons
(number)			
14-19	310,600	285,600	596,000
20-29	674,700	469,900	1,142,500
30-39	399,000	297,400	695,200
40-49	299,300	136,700	430,400
50-59	74,700	134,300	212,100
60+	71,100	104,200	175,300
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1,863,600</b>	<b>1,459,100</b>	<b>3,320,600</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: 'All ages' and 'Persons' may not add up to the sum of components due to rounding.

Source: 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 15: Injecting drug use<sup>(a)</sup>: ever injected and recently<sup>(b)</sup> injected, proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, Australia, 1995, 1998**

Age group	Ever injected		Recently injected	
	1995	1998	1995	1998
(%)				
<b>Males</b>				
14-19	2.1	0.7	1.1	0.3
20-29	5.9	6.5	2.8	3.0
30-39	3.2	4.1	0.6	0.9
40+	0.1	1.3	–	0.4
<b>All ages</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Females</b>				
14-19	1.0	2.5	0.9	1.2
20-29	1.3	2.9	0.7	1.1
30-39	0.8	1.7	–	0.3
40+	0.4	0.3	0.3	<0.1 <sup>(c)</sup>
<b>All ages</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Persons</b>				
14-19	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.7
20-29	3.6	4.7	1.8	2.1
30-39	1.9	2.9	0.3	0.6
40+	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2
<b>All ages</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>

(a) Any illicit drug injected.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

(c) Estimate subject to extreme sampling variability.

Sources: 1995 and 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Surveys.

**Table 16: Injecting drug use: number of recent<sup>(a)</sup> users, by age and sex, Australia, 1998**

Age group	Males	Females	Persons
(number)			
14-19	2,300	9,300	11,700
20-29	43,000	15,400	59,500
30-39	13,100	4,400	17,500
40+	16,800	1,100 <sup>(b)</sup>	17,900
<b>All ages</b>	<b>77,500</b>	<b>30,800</b>	<b>107,900</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

(b) Estimate subject to extreme sampling variability.

Note: 'All ages' and 'Persons' may not add up to the sum of components due to rounding.

Source: 1998 National Drug Strategy Household Survey.

**Table 17: Deaths attributable to drug use, by drug involved and cause of death, Australia, 1997**

Drug and cause of death	Age group							Total
	Under 14	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
<b>Tobacco</b>								
Cancer	–	1	5	40	277	886	5,651	6,860
Ischaemic heart disease	–	–	7	79	260	631	2,929	3,907
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	–	2	–	2	18	168	3,939	4,130
Other	118	8	26	57	127	226	2,766	3,328
<i>Total tobacco</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>178</i>	<i>682</i>	<i>1,910</i>	<i>15,286</i>	<i>18,224</i>
<b>Alcohol</b>								
Cancer	–	1	1	9	29	66	185	292
Alcoholism and alcoholic liver cirrhosis	–	1	16	71	211	273	432	1,004
Road injuries	27	74	184	67	44	15	38	450
Other	9	41	171	153	178	181	1,189	1,922
<i>Total alcohol</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>372</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>462</i>	<i>536</i>	<i>1,844</i>	<i>3,668</i>
<b>Illicits</b>								
<b>Drug dependence</b>								
Cannabis	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Opiates	–	31	229	214	67	8	1	550
Cocaine	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Amphetamine	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Hallucinogens	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Drug abuse</b>								
Cannabis	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Opiates	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Cocaine	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Amphetamine	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hallucinogens	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Poisoning</b>								
Opiates	–	5	23	33	18	4	2	85
Psychostimulants	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	3
Hallucinogens	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Suicide	–	14	64	52	–	–	–	130
Antepartum haemorrhage	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Low birthweight	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Hepatitis B	–	–	1	1	2	3	5	12
Hepatitis non-A, non-B	–	–	–	2	6	2	23	34
AIDS	–	–	–	3	1	–	–	5
Infective endocarditis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Drug psychoses	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Maternal drug dependence	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Newborn toxicity	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
<i>Total illicit drugs</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>307</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>832</i>
<b>Total drugs</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>17,161</b>	<b>22,724</b>

Source: AIHW National Mortality Database.

**Table 18: Deaths attributable to the use of tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs as a proportion of total deaths, Australia, 1997**

Age group	Tobacco		Alcohol		Illicits		All causes
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number
<b>Males</b>							
Under 14	68	5.9	29	2.5	4	0.3	1,155
14-19	7	1.1	95	15.9	37	6.2	599
20-29	25	1.4	301	16.8	247	13.8	1,795
30-39	116	5.7	226	11.1	261	12.9	2,028
40-49	491	16.2	342	11.3	82	2.7	3,039
50-59	1,417	25.9	408	7.5	11	0.2	5,460
60+	10,927	20.4	1,064	2.0	17	0.0	53,669
<i>Total</i>	<i>13,051</i>	<i>19.3</i>	<i>2,465</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>67,752</i>
<b>Females</b>							
Under 14	50	5.7	10	1.1	4	0.4	869
14-19	5	1.9	19	7.9	15	6.4	237
20-29	13	2.2	71	11.8	74	12.2	604
30-39	62	6.3	75	7.6	46	4.7	984
40-49	191	10.5	120	6.6	13	0.7	1,818
50-59	494	15.1	128	3.9	7	0.2	3,270
60+	4,359	8.1	780	1.5	14	0.0	53,812
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,173</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>1,203</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>61,598</i>
<b>Persons</b>							
Under 14	118	5.8	38	1.9	7	0.4	2,024
14-19	11	1.3	114	13.7	52	6.3	836
20-29	39	1.6	372	15.5	321	13.4	2,399
30-39	178	5.9	301	10.0	307	10.2	3,012
40-49	682	14.0	462	9.5	96	2.0	4,857
50-59	1,910	21.9	536	6.1	18	0.2	8,730
60+	15,286	14.2	1,844	1.7	31	0.0	107,481
<i>Total</i>	<i>18,224</i>	<i>14.1</i>	<i>3,668</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>832</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>129,350</i>

Source: AIHW National Mortality Database.

**Table 19: Hospital episodes attributable to drug use, by drug involved and principal diagnosis, Australia, 1996-97**

Drug and principal diagnosis	Age group							Total
	Under 14	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
<b>Tobacco</b>								
Cancer	–	55	738	854	1,772	4,199	18,054	25,673
Ischaemic heart disease	–	2	106	1,206	5,908	12,457	18,177	37,856
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	–	63	180	319	720	2,579	23,833	27,694
Other	4,719	920	4,849	5,602	5,310	8,198	29,028	58,611
<i>Total tobacco</i>	<i>4,719</i>	<i>1,039</i>	<i>5,874</i>	<i>7,982</i>	<i>13,710</i>	<i>27,433</i>	<i>89,093</i>	<i>149,834</i>
<b>Alcohol</b>								
Cancer	–	3	14	67	247	416	773	1,520
Alcoholism and alcoholic liver cirrhosis	250	988	2,428	4,724	6,253	4,564	4,098	23,256
Road injuries	815	1,345	3,661	1,240	817	259	436	8,499
Other	322	3,969	9,409	7,738	6,596	5,792	28,855	62,642
<i>Total alcohol</i>	<i>1,386</i>	<i>6,305</i>	<i>15,512</i>	<i>13,769</i>	<i>13,914</i>	<i>11,032</i>	<i>34,161</i>	<i>95,917</i>
<b>Illicits</b>								
<b>Drug dependence</b>								
Cannabis	–	167	115	50	13	–	–	345
Opiates	–	294	1,148	897	431	47	18	2,835
Cocaine	–	6	10	9	4	–	–	29
Amphetamine	–	34	73	34	3	–	1	145
Hallucinogens	–	6	1	–	–	–	–	7
<b>Drug abuse</b>								
Cannabis	–	30	68	28	10	2	1	139
Opiates	–	29	99	85	16	3	1	233
Cocaine	–	2	4	2	–	–	–	8
Amphetamine	–	15	59	19	3	–	–	96
Hallucinogens	–	17	12	5	3	1	–	38
<b>Poisoning</b>								
Opiates	–	144	504	312	98	19	9	1,086
Psychostimulants	–	99	129	72	19	4	–	323
Hallucinogens	–	68	58	30	13	5	2	176
Other psychotropic drug	–	7	56	51	43	22	42	221
Anabolic steroid	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Antepartum haemorrhage	–	21	272	18	–	–	–	312
Low birthweight	386	4	55	4	–	–	–	448
Hepatitis B	–	11	33	46	30	13	11	143
Hepatitis non-A, non-B	–	10	95	344	231	55	62	797
AIDS	–	2	2	4	1	1	2	11
Infective endocarditis	–	3	9	15	–	–	–	27
Drug psychoses	–	430	1,093	563	181	120	423	2,810
Maternal drug dependence	–	53	238	142	5	–	–	438
Newborn toxicity	573	–	–	–	–	–	–	573
<i>Total illicit drugs</i>	<i>959</i>	<i>1,451</i>	<i>4,132</i>	<i>2,730</i>	<i>1,103</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>572</i>	<i>11,240</i>
<b>Total drugs</b>	<b>7,064</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>25,518</b>	<b>24,480</b>	<b>28,727</b>	<b>38,756</b>	<b>123,827</b>	<b>256,991</b>

Source: AIHW National Hospital Morbidity Database.