




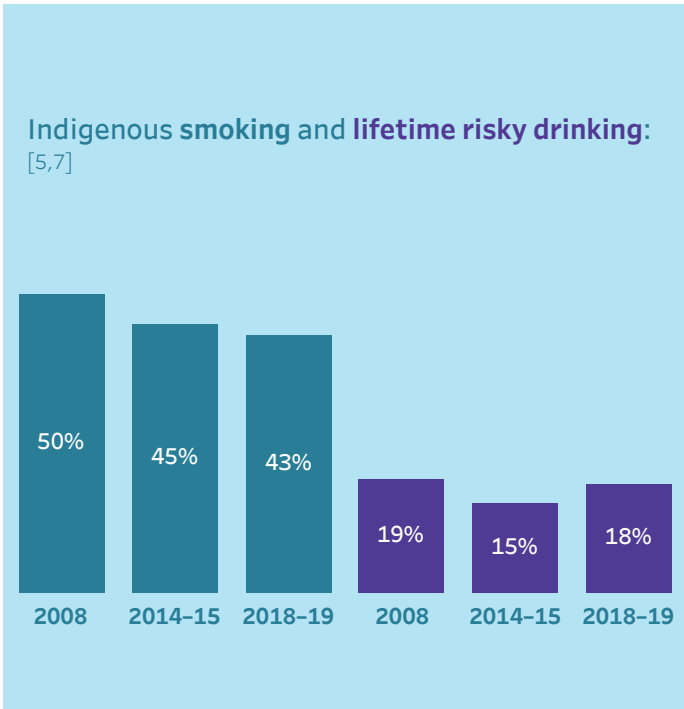
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Australia

In 2018, tobacco use accounted for **11.9% of the burden of disease** for Indigenous Australians. [1]

Smoking rates for Indigenous Australians aged 18 and over:

- **Non-remote areas declined** from 55% in 1994 to 40% in 2018–19.
- **Remote areas rose slightly** from 54% in 1994 to 59% in 2018–19. [6,7]

In the last 12 months in 2019:

- **1 in 10** Indigenous Australians **consumed 11 or more standard drinks** at least once a month
- Almost **1 in 4** used any **illicit drug**
- **16%** used **cannabis**
- **7%** used a **pharmaceutical for non medical use**
- **2.9%** used **meth/amphetamines**. [2]

In 2020–21, **17%** of clients of **alcohol and other drug treatment services** aged 10 and over were Indigenous Australians. [3]

In 2014–15, of Indigenous Australians with a **mental health condition**:

- Almost **1 in 2** were **daily smokers**
- About **2 in 5** have **used substances**. [5]



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Indigenous Australians aged 14+ were **slightly more likely to abstain** from **drinking alcohol** than non-Indigenous in 2019.[2]

43% of Indigenous mothers **reported smoking** at some time during **pregnancy** in 2020, down from 49% in 2010.[4]



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National Drug Strategy Household Survey findings relate to people aged 14 or older unless specified. An adult is a person aged 18 or older. [2]

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