



In 2011, tobacco use accounted for 12% of the burden of disease for Indigenous Australians.^[1]



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



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 2019–20, 17% of clients of alcohol and other drug treatment services aged 10 and over were Indigenous Australians.^[3]

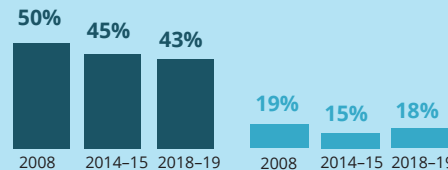
44% of Indigenous mothers reported smoking at some time during pregnancy in 2019, down from 50% in 2009.^[4]



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

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

Indigenous smoking and lifetime risky drinking^{[5] [7]}



Smoking rates for Indigenous Australians aged 18+ in non-remote areas declined from 55% in 1994 to 40% in 2018–19 and rose slightly for those in remote areas (54% in 1994 to 59% in 2018–19).^{[6] [7]}



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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