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# Appendix 1: Relative standard errors

Table A1.1: Prevalence (P) and relative standard errors (RSE) for different age and sex groups, Australia, 1998

# Appendix 2: Definition, measurement and distribution of correlates

Table A2.1: Definition of correlate variables, Australia, 1998

Variable	Description	Measurement	Definition
Education	Possession of post-school qualification	No qualification	Persons with no post-school qualification. Includes persons with schooling up to year 10, non-trade qualification and those with no schooling at all
		HSC or equivalent	HSC/SACE/VCE/high school certificate/leaving certificate or equivalent
		Trade/diploma	Persons with trade qualification, associate diploma or undergraduate diploma
		Tertiary	Persons with bachelor's degree or post-graduate degree/diploma
Employment status	Employment status at survey time	Employed	Working full time or part time for pay
		Student	A full-time or part-time student
		Unemployed	Unemployed
		Retired/ pension	Retired or on a pension or doing home duties
Occupational status	Status of the job, derived from ASCO coding	Upper (white)	ASCO codes 1 to 2999
		Middle	ASCO codes 3000 to 6999
		Lower (blue)	ASCO codes 7000 and above
Country of birth	The birthplace of the respondent	Australian-born	Those born in Australia; includes both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians
		Other English-speaking born	Those born in United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States
		Non-English speaking countries	Persons born in other countries
Socioeconomic area	Relative socioeconomic status of the statistical local area of residence based on the Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage	1st quintile	Index score below 949 (based on sample distribution)
		2nd quintile	Index score between 950 and 981
		3rd quintile	Index score between 982 and 1012
		4th quintile	Index score between 1013 and 1060
		5th quintile	Index score between 1061 and 1196
Geography	Type of locality of residence	Urban	Capital cities and other urban areas
		Rural/remote	Non-urban areas

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**Table A2.1 (continued): Definition of correlate variables, Australia, 1998**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Marital status	Respondent's present marital status	Never married	Respondent never married
		Widowed	Respondent is widowed
		Divorced/ separated	Respondent is either divorced or separated but not divorced
		Presently married	Respondent is married, including in <i>de facto</i> relationship
Social influences	A proxy measure to assess whether social network impacts on drug use behaviour	At least 50% of friends use	If at least 50% of the respondent's friends use the drug
		Less than 50% of friends use	If less than 50% of respondent's friends use the drug

**Table A2.2: Sample distribution of correlate variables, Australia, 1998**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Proportion of sample (per cent)</b>
<b>Education</b>	
No qualification	43.3
HSC or equivalent	17.9
Trade/diploma	23.0
Tertiary	15.7
<b>Employment status</b>	
Currently employed	52.4
Student	11.0
Unemployed	5.0
Retired/pension	31.6
<b>Occupational status</b>	
Upper (white)	25.0
Middle	44.7
Lower (blue)	30.3
<b>Country of birth</b>	
Australian born	80.0
Other English-speaking born	9.2
Non-English-speaking born	10.8
<b>Geography</b>	
Urban	71.3
Rural/remote	28.7
<b>Marital status</b>	
Never married	27.7
Widowed	5.4
Divorced/separated	10.4
Presently married	56.5