Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Australia

People with mental health conditions







Daily smokers



4.1%

2016



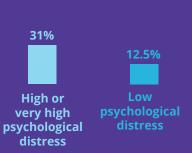
Recent cocaine users



Recent non-medical use of pain-killers/pain relievers and opioids



People who reported high or very high levels of psychological distress were at least twice as likely to report recent illicit drug use as those with low psychological distress in 2019.[1]



People who had higher levels of psychological distress were more likely to report drinking more than four standard drinks in one occasion (36%) than those with low levels of psychological distress (22%) in 2019.[1]

People with a mental health condition were twice as likely to smoke daily as people who had not been diagnosed or treated for a mental health condition (20% compared with 9.9%). [1]

People with a mental health condition were about

1.2 x as likely to report drinking at risky levels in 2019 as people without these conditions.[1]



In 2019, people who reported high or very high levels of **psychological distress** were **twice as likely** to report **daily smoking** than those who reported low psychological distress (21% compared with 9.5%).^[1]



National Drug Strategy Household Survey findings relate to people aged 14 or older unless specified. An adult is a person aged 18 or older.[1]

1. AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2020. National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2019. Drug statistics series no. 32. Cat. no. PHE 270. Canberra: AIHW. Viewed 16 July 2020.

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For more detail, see the full report, Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in Australia, which is available from the AIHW website.

