



In 2015, **tobacco was the leading cause of cancer** in Australia (22% of attributable burden).^[1]



Tobacco is the **leading cause of preventable burden in Australia**, 9.3% of the total burden of disease and injury in 2015.^[1]



The **estimated social cost** for tobacco use in 2015-16 was **\$136.7 billion**.^[9]



83% of **secondary school students had never tried smoking** in 2017 compared to 76% in 2011.^[6]



The most common reason given for adults aged 14+ **trying e-cigarettes** in 2016 was **curiosity** (55%).^[2]



Nicotine was the **principal drug of concern** in **1.4%** of closed alcohol and other drug treatment episodes in 2017-18.^[8]

More than 1 in 3 adult daily smokers smoked **20+ cigarettes per day** (37%) in 2016.^[2]



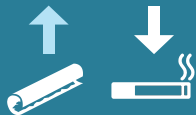
In 2016, 57% of **daily smokers** were aged **over 40**.^[2]



In 2016, Australians living in the most **disadvantaged socioeconomic** areas were **2.7 times more likely** than those in the most advantaged socioeconomic areas to **smoke daily**.^[2]



In 2017, **volume of sales** of roll-your-own tobacco **increased** while cigarettes, cigars and pipe tobacco have all **declined**.^[5]



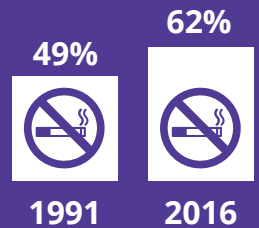
Average number of cigarettes smoked per day by daily smokers aged 18+ in 2017-18.^[3]

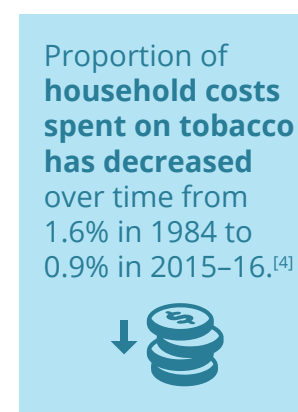
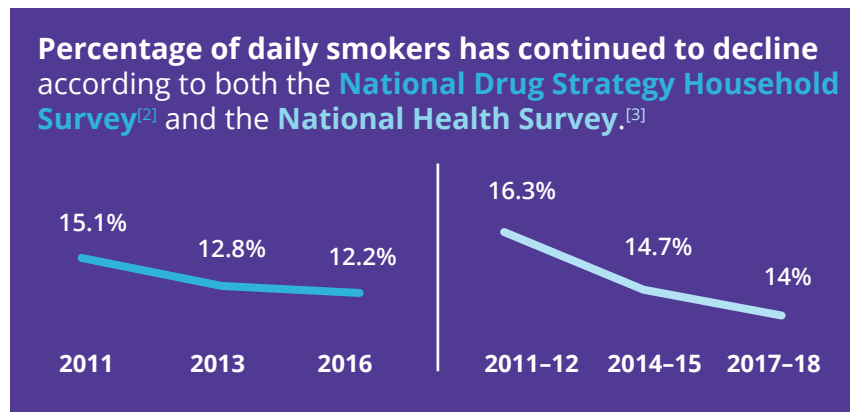
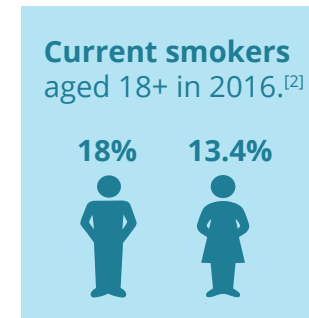
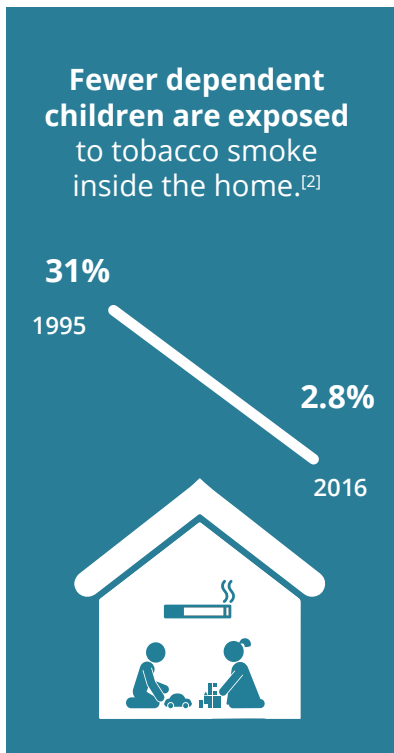


1 in 3 current smokers aged 14 and over have **ever used e-cigarettes** in 2016.^[2]



There has been an increase in the proportion of adults who **never take up smoking**.^[2]





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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