

2001 NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

The 2001 National Drug Strategy Household Survey was gathered information concerning licit and illicit drug use in Australia from almost 27,000 persons aged 14 years and over.

Previous surveys were conducted in 1985, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995 and 1998.

The information on this factsheet can be found in the report published in 2002 by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare –2001 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: First results.

This report can be found via the Institute's web site – <http://www.aihw.gov.au>

Summary of drug use: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, and mean age of initiation, Australia, 1998, 2001

Drug/behaviour	Lifetime use		Recent use (a)		Mean age of initiation	
	1998	2001	1998(b)	2001(c)	1998	2001
Tobacco	50.8	49.4	24.9	23.2	15.7	15.5
Alcohol	86.9	90.4	80.7	82.4	17.1	17.1
Illicits						
Marijuana/cannabis	39.1	33.1	17.9	12.9	18.7	18.5
Analgesics (d)	11.5	6.0	5.2	3.1	19.7	18.9
Tranquillisers (d)	6.2	3.2	3.0	1.1	23.4	22.8
Steroids (d)	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	21.6	22.5
Barbiturates (d)	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.2	19.7	18.7
Inhalants	3.9	2.6	0.9	0.4	17.5	17.6
Heroin	2.2	1.6	0.8	0.2	21.5	20.7
Methadone (e)	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	21.6	21.8
Amphetamines (d)	8.8	8.9	3.7	3.4	19.9	20.4
Cocaine	4.3	4.4	1.4	1.3	22.3	22.6
Hallucinogens	9.9	7.6	3.0	1.1	18.8	19.1
Ecstasy/designer drugs	4.8	6.1	2.4	2.9	22.7	21.9
Injected illegal drugs	2.1	1.8	0.8	0.6	20.7	20.2
Any illicit	46.0	37.7	22.0	16.9	18.8	18.6
None of the above	6.7	7.5	14.2	14.7		

- (a) Used in the last 12 months. For tobacco use 'recent use' means daily, weekly and less than weekly smokers
- (b) Tried at least once in lifetime
- (c) Used at least once in lifetime
- (d) For non-medical purposes
- (e) Non-maintenance