Western Australia

- There were 5,977 hospital separations with a drug-related principal diagnosis in Western Australia in 2017-18.
- This is equivalent to 237 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, as compared to 209 per 100,000 people in 1999-00 (Figure 1).
- The rate of hospitalisations was higher among females than males in 2017-18 (240 versus 234 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, respectively).
- In 2017-18, the rate of hospitalisations was highest among the 20-29 age group, followed by the 30-39 age group (454 and 373 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, respectively).
- The rate of hospitalisations was highest where there was a principal diagnosis indicating amphetamines and other stimulants (62 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, respectively; Figure 2).

Figure 1. Age-standardised rate (per 100,000 people) of drug-related hospital separations, by sex, Western Australia, 1999-00 – 2017-18.

Figure 2. Age-standardised rate (per 100,000 people) of drug-related hospital separations, by drug identified in the principal diagnosis, Western Australia, 1999-00 – 2017-18. Numbers for cocaine are small and thus rates are suppressed to protect confidentiality.
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