

Trends in drug-related hospitalisations in Australian Capital Territory, 1999-2019

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- There were 768 hospitalisations with a drug-related principal diagnosis in ACT in 2018-19.
- This is equivalent to 179 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, as compared to 125 hospitalisations per 100,000 people in 1999-00 ([Figure 1](#)).
- The rate of hospitalisations was higher among females than males in 2018-19 (209 versus 149 hospitalisations per 100,000 people).
- In 2018-19, the rate of hospitalisations was highest among the 20-29 age group, followed by the 10-19 and 30-39 age groups (340, 291, and 241 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, respectively).
- The rate of hospitalisations was highest where there was a principal diagnosis indicating non-opioid analgesics (37 hospitalisations per 100,000 people), closely followed by amphetamines and other stimulants (36 hospitalisations per 100,000 people; [Figure 2](#)).
- Over 99.8% of the population in Australian Capital Territory resided in major cities and the remaining resided in inner regional areas. For this reason, data on hospitalisations by remoteness area is not presented.

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Figure 1. Age-standardised rate (per 100,000 people) of drug-related hospitalisations, by sex, Australian Capital Territory, 1999-00 - 2018-19.

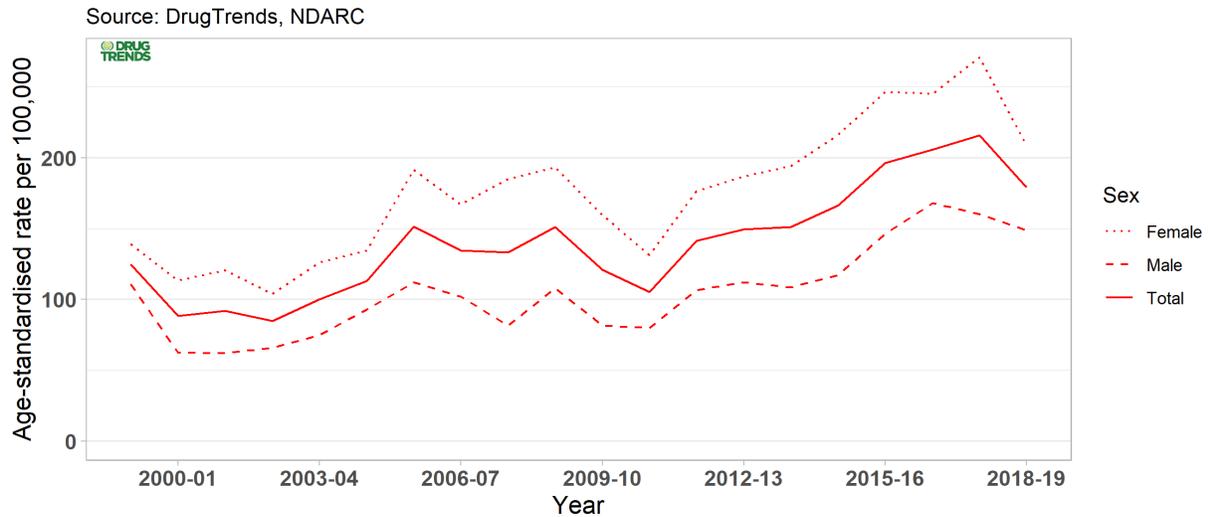
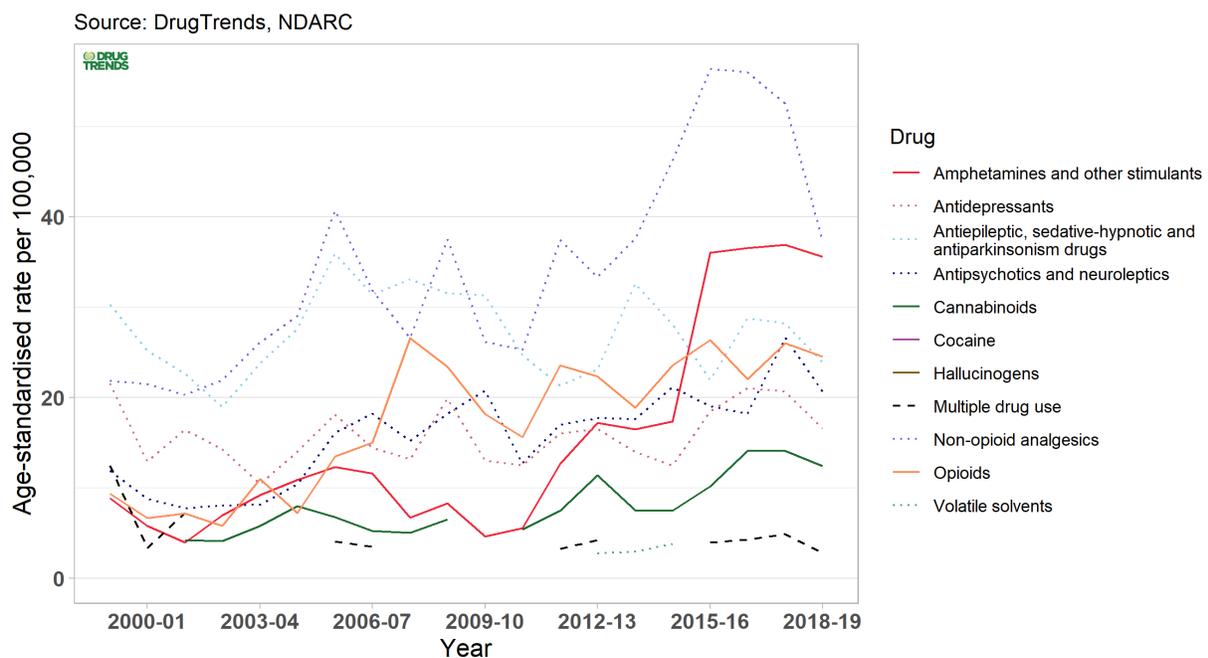


Figure 2. Age-standardised rate (per 100,000 people) of drug-related hospitalisations, by drug identified in the principal diagnosis, Australian Capital Territory, 1999-00 - 2018-19.



Note: Age-standardised rates were not calculated if the number of hospitalisations was less than or equal to 10 (please refer to our [methods](#) document for details). Suppressed data are visible as gaps in the data series.

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