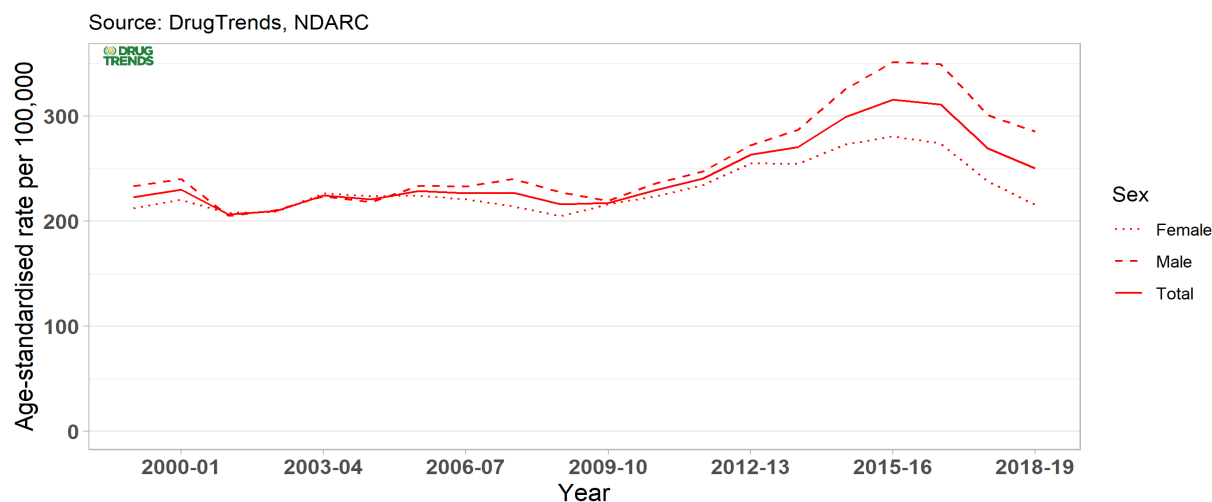


Trends in drug-related hospitalisations in New South Wales, 1999-2019

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- There were 19,636 hospitalisations with a drug-related principal diagnosis in NSW in 2018-19.
- This is equivalent to 250 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, as compared to 223 hospitalisations per 100,000 people in 1999-00 ([Figure 1](#)).
- The rate of hospitalisations was higher among males than females in 2018-19 (285 versus 215 hospitalisations per 100,000 people).
- In 2018-19, the rate of hospitalisations was highest among the 20-29 age group, followed by the 30-39 and 40-49 age groups (445, 440, and 374 hospitalisations per 100,000 people, respectively).
- The rate of hospitalisations was highest where there was a principal diagnosis indicating amphetamines and other stimulants (61 hospitalisations per 100,000 people; [Figure 2](#)).
- The highest rate of hospitalisations was observed in remote and very remote NSW (278 hospitalisations per 100,000 people), while the number of hospitalisations was highest in major cities (15,296 hospitalisations; [Figure 3](#)).

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



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

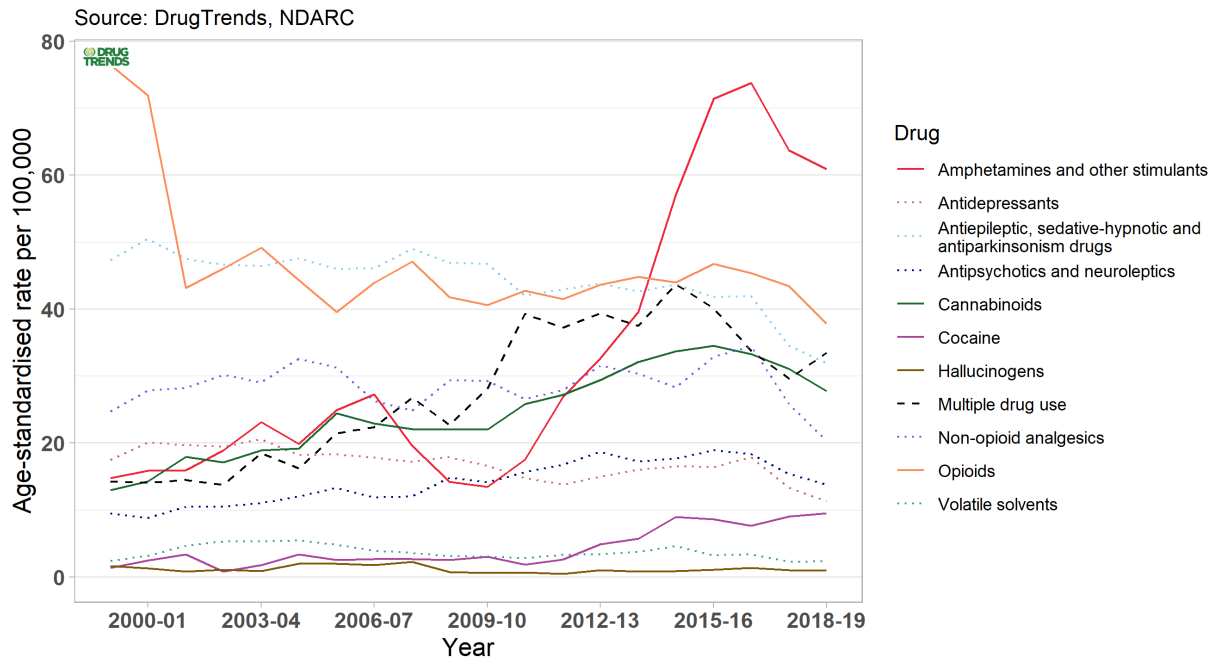
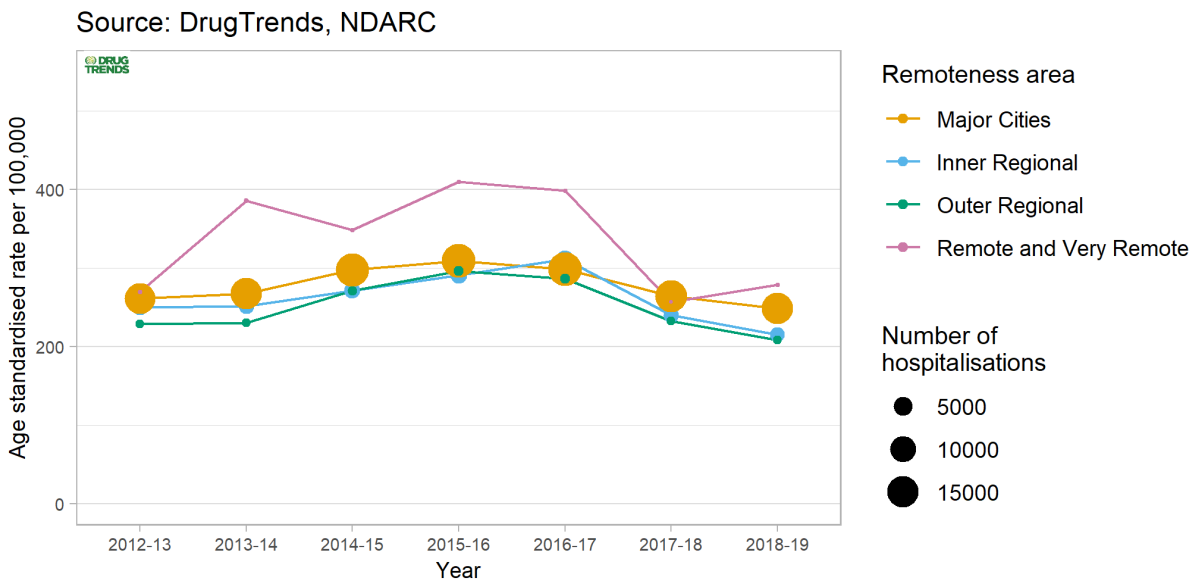


Figure 3. Age-standardised rate (per 100,000 people) of drug-related hospitalisations, by remoteness, New South Wales, 2012-13 - 2018-19.



Note: The size (area) of the bubble is proportional to the number of hospitalisations.

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