Table N1: Summary of methodological differences between the NDSHS and NHS

Survey	Year	Fieldwork period	Sample coverage	Sample design	Sample size	Methodology	Response rate	Daily smoking rates (18+)	Lifetime alcohol risk (18+)
NDSHS	2007	July–November 2007	Random sample, residents in private dwellings aged 12 or older	Stratified by region (15 strata, capital city and rest of state). Smaller states & territories over sampled.  Random selection—person aged 12 or older with the next birthday.	23,356	Self-completion booklet (D&C) & CATI	51.6%	17.5%	21.5%
	2010	April–September 2010		Stratified by region (15 strata, capital city and rest of state). Smaller states & territories over sampled—interviewers flown to very remote areas that would have previously deemed inaccessible.	26,648 (includes booster sample for Qld)	Self-completion booklet (D&C)	50.6%	15.9%	21.5%
	2013	July-November 2013		Random selection—person aged 12 or older with the next birthday.	23,855		49.1%	13.3%	19.1%
	2016	June-November 2016		Random selection—person aged 12 or older with the last birthday.	23,772 (booster sample for Vic and SA)	Self-completion booklet (D&C), online survey and CATI	51.1%	12.8%	18.0%
NHS	2007–08	August 2007 to June 2008	Residents in private dwellings, excludes very remote areas, all ages	Dwellings randomly selected using multistage area sample of private dwellings. Within each dwelling, one adult (aged 18 or older) and one child (0–17 years) were randomly selected.	Households: 15,792	F2F interview (Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI)) Personal interview with adult respondents; proxy interview for children under 15 years.	91.0%	18.9%	20.9%
					Persons: 20,788				
	2011–12	March 2011 to June 2012			NHS only:		84.8%	16.3%	19.5%
					15,565 households; 20,426 people				
					Core (NHS & NNPAS combined): 25,080 households; 31,837 people				
	2014–15	July 2014 to June 2015			Households: 14,723 Persons: 19,259		82.0%	14.5%	17.4%