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# Appendix 3: Population estimates

Table A3.1: Population estimates, by age and sex, Australia, 2004

Age group	Males	Females	Persons
		(14 years and older)	
14–19	849,800	810,900	1,660,700
20–29	1,402,400	1,361,300	2,763,700
30–39	1,479,400	1,499,600	2,979,000
40–49	1,478,300	1,494,000	2,972,300
50–59	1,263,000	1,259,800	2,522,900
60+	1,622,000	1,887,200	3,509,100
<i>Aged 14+</i>	8,094,800	8,312,800	16,407,600
		(12 years and older)	
12–15	568,800	541,400	1,110,300
16–17	279,700	266,800	546,500
18–19	287,400	274,900	562,300
12–19	1,135,900	1,083,100	2,219,100
20+	7,245,000	7,501,900	14,747,000
<i>Aged 12+</i>	8,381,000	8,585,100	16,966,000

Source: AIHW National Population Database.

# Appendix 4: Standard errors

Table A4.1: Standard errors (SE) and relative standard errors (RSE) for indicative population sizes, Australia, 2004

Prevalence	Indicative population											
	250,000		500,000		1,500,000		2,500,000		8,250,000		16,500,000	
	SE <sup>(a)</sup>	RSE <sup>(b)</sup>	SE	RSE	SE	RSE	SE	RSE	SE	RSE	SE	RSE
	(per cent)											
95	1.48	1.6	1.05	1.1	0.60	0.6	0.47	0.5	0.26	0.3	0.18	0.2
90	2.04	2.3	1.44	1.6	0.83	0.9	0.64	0.7	0.35	0.4	0.25	0.3
80	2.72	3.4	1.92	2.4	1.11	1.4	0.86	1.1	0.47	0.6	0.33	0.4
70	3.11	4.4	2.20	3.1	1.27	1.8	0.98	1.4	0.54	0.8	0.38	0.5
50	3.39	6.8	2.40	4.8	1.39	2.8	1.07	2.1	0.59	1.2	0.42	0.8
30	3.11	10.4	2.20	7.3	1.27	4.2	0.98	3.3	0.54	1.8	0.38	1.3
20	2.72	13.6	1.92	9.6	1.11	5.5	0.86	4.3	0.47	2.4	0.33	1.7
10	2.04	20.4	1.44	14.4	0.83	8.3	0.64	6.4	0.35	3.5	0.25	2.5
5	1.48	29.6	1.05	20.9	0.60	12.1	0.47	9.4	0.26	5.2	0.18	3.6
3	1.16	38.6	0.82	27.3	0.47	15.8	0.37	12.2	0.20	6.7	0.14	4.8
2	0.95	47.5	0.67	33.6	0.39	19.4	0.30	15.0	0.17	8.3	0.12	5.8
1	0.68	67.6	0.48	47.8	0.28	27.6	0.21	21.4	0.12	11.8	0.08	8.3
0.5	0.48	95.8	0.34	67.7	0.20	39.1	0.15	30.3	0.08	16.7	0.06	11.8
0.3	0.37	123.8	0.26	87.5	0.15	50.5	0.12	39.1	0.06	21.5	0.05	15.2
0.2	0.30	151.7	0.21	107.2	0.12	61.9	0.10	48.0	0.05	26.4	0.04	18.7
0.1	0.21	214.6	0.15	151.7	0.09	87.6	0.07	67.9	0.04	37.4	0.03	26.4

(a) Standard error expressed in same units as prevalence.

(b) Relative standard error.

#### Notes

1. The standard error estimates are modelled on the average design effects across 35 key variables.
2. Light shading indicates caution in using estimates; dark shading indicates unreliable for most practical purposes.

**Table A4.2: Prevalence and population estimate thresholds for 50% relative standard error, Australia, 2004**

Age group	Males		Females		Persons	
	Prevalence (Per cent)	Estimate (Number)	Prevalence (Per cent)	Estimate (Number)	Prevalence (Per cent)	Estimate (Number)
			<b>(14 years and over)</b>			
14–19	0.70	5,900	0.56	4,500	0.31	5,200
20–29	0.48	6,800	0.33	4,500	0.20	5,400
30–39	0.39	5,800	0.26	3,900	0.16	4,700
40–49	0.37	5,400	0.28	4,200	0.16	4,800
50–59	0.38	4,800	0.30	3,800	0.17	4,200
60+	0.24	3,900	0.21	4,000	0.11	3,900
<i>Aged 14+</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>5,200</i>	<i>0.05</i>	<i>4,100</i>	<i>0.03</i>	<i>4,600</i>
			<b>(12 years and over)</b>			
12–15	0.94	5,400	0.84	4,600	0.45	5,000
16–17	1.91	5,300	1.50	4,000	0.85	4,600
18–19	2.61	7,500	1.90	5,200	1.11	6,200
<i>12–19</i>	<i>0.51</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>0.42</i>	<i>4,600</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>5,200</i>
20+	0.07	5,100	0.05	4,100	0.03	4,500
<i>Aged 12+</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>5,200</i>	<i>0.05</i>	<i>4,100</i>	<i>0.03</i>	<i>4,600</i>

# Appendix 5: Definition of characteristics variables

Table A5.1: Definitions and population proportions<sup>(a)</sup> of characteristics variables, Australia, 2004

Variable	Description	Measurement	Definition	%
Education	Level of education	Without post-school qualification	Is still at school, did or did not complete highest level of secondary school	45.0
		With post-school qualification	Has skilled or basic vocational qualification, undergraduate or associate diploma, bachelor degree or higher	55.0
Employment status		Currently employed	Working full time or part time for pay	55.9
		Student	Full-time or part-time student	11.1
		Unemployed	Unemployed looking for work	2.5
		Engaged in home duties	Engaged in home duties	7.9
		Retired or on a pension	Retired or on a pension	19.8
		Unable to work	Unable to work	1.5
		Other	Other than the above cases	1.4
Main language spoken at home		English	Main language spoken at home is English	93.1
		Other	Main language spoken at home is a language other than English	6.9
Socioeconomic status	Relative socioeconomic status of the census collection district of the residence, based on the Index of Relative Advantage/Disadvantage	1st quintile	Index score below 914.2850	15.9
		2nd quintile	Index score between 914.2851 and 965.5514	19.2
		3rd quintile	Index score between 965.5515 and 1,017.7479	20.2
		4th quintile	Index score between 1,017.7480 and 1,089.4959	22.4
		5th quintile	Index score more than 1,089.4959	22.3
Geography	Locality of residence	Major cities	Major cities	67.6
		Inner regional	Inner regional	21.0
		Outer regional	Outer regional	9.3
		Remote and very remote	Remote and very remote regions	2.2
Marital status		Never married	Never married	26.4
		Divorced/separated/widowed	Divorced, separated or widowed	11.5
		Married/de facto	Married or in a de facto relationship	62.2
Indigenous status	Self-reported origin	Indigenous	Origin Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or both	1.4
		Other Australians	All other origins	98.6

(a) Estimated population proportions, persons aged 14 years or older.

# Glossary

<b>Abstainer (alcohol)</b>	Never consumed a full serve of alcohol.
<b>Concurrent use</b>	Use of two or more substances at the same time.
<b>Ever use</b>	Used at least once in lifetime.
<b>Ex-drinker</b>	A person who has consumed a full serve of alcohol in their lifetime, but not in the last 12 months.
<b>Ex-smoker</b>	A person who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes or the equivalent tobacco in their lifetime, but does not smoke at all now.
<b>Ex-user</b>	A person who has used a substance in their lifetime, but not in the last 12 months.
<b>High risk (alcohol)</b>	Defines a level of drinking at which there is substantial risk of serious harm, and above which risk continues to increase rapidly.
<b>Illicit drugs</b>	Illegal drugs, drugs and volatile substances used illicitly, and pharmaceuticals used for non-medical purposes. The survey included questions on the following illicit drugs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>pain-killers/analgesics*</li><li>tranquillisers/sleeping pills*</li><li>steroids*</li><li>barbiturates*</li><li>meth/amphetamines (speed)*</li><li>marijuana/cannabis</li><li>heroin</li><li>methadone**</li><li>other opiates (opioids)*</li><li>cocaine</li><li>LSD/synthetic hallucinogens</li><li>natural hallucinogens</li><li>ecstasy</li><li>ketamine</li><li>GHB</li><li>inhalants</li><li>(any) injected drug</li></ul>

*Note*

\* used for non-medical purposes

\*\* non-maintenance program

Non-medical and non-maintenance use is noted in the report.

<b>Long-term risk (alcohol)</b>	The level of risk associated with regular daily patterns of drinking, defined by the total amount of alcohol typically consumed per week.
<b>Low risk (alcohol)</b>	Defines a level of drinking at which there is only a minimal risk of harm. At this level, there may be health benefits for some of the population.
<b>Never smoker</b>	A person who does not smoke now and has smoked fewer than 100 cigarettes or the equivalent tobacco in their lifetime.
<b>Non-maintenance</b>	Use of a substance other than as part of a medically supervised maintenance program. In this report this includes methadone.
<b>Non-medical use</b>	Use of drugs either alone or with other drugs in order to induce or enhance a drug experience, for performance enhancement or for cosmetic purposes. In this report this includes pain-killers/analgesics, tranquillisers/sleeping pills, steroids and barbiturates (termed 'pharmaceuticals') and meth/amphetamines (speed) and other opioids such as morphine or pethidine.
<b>Non-smoker</b>	Never smoked or an ex-smoker.
<b>Recent</b>	In the last 12 months.
<b>Risky (alcohol)</b>	Defines a level of drinking at which risk of harm is significantly increased beyond any possible benefits.
<b>Short-term risk (alcohol)</b>	The risk of harm (particularly injury or death) in the short term, that is associated with given levels of drinking on a single day. These levels assume that overall drinking patterns remain within the levels set for long-term risk, and that these heavier drinking days occur a maximum of three times per week. Outside these limits, risk is further increased.
<b>Smoker</b>	A person who reported currently smoking daily, weekly or less often than weekly.
<b>Standard drink</b>	Containing 10 grams of alcohol (equivalent to 12.5 millilitres of alcohol). Also referred to as a full serve.