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# Preface

Public health activities undertaken or funded by governments are important aspects of the Australian health care system. They are aimed at preventing illness and enhancing the wellbeing and quality of life of a nation's population. What is spent now on public health activities lowers the future demand for more expensive health interventions.

This is the fourth in a series of reports that has analysed expenditure on public health by health departments in Australia. Each of these reports has been compiled by the AIHW with the important cooperation of the Commonwealth and State health authorities. Like the other reports in the series, this report has been funded by the Population Health Division of the Department of Health and Ageing.

This publication presents the most recent estimates of funding and expenditure on public health activities for the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04. In addition, it presents some revisions to previously published estimates for 1999-00 and 2000-01.

In this report a separate chapter is allocated to the analysis of each jurisdiction's expenditure on public health activities.

Because of the revisions to previously published estimates any comparisons of expenditure over time should be based on the funding and expenditure information provided in this publication rather than by reference to earlier publications.

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# Abbreviations and symbols

## Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AODP	Alcohol and Other Drugs Program (Northern Territory)
ARPANSA	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency
BEACH	Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health (survey)
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)
DHS	Department of Human Services (Victoria, South Australia)
DOH	Department of Health (Western Australia)
DoHA	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
FSANZ	Food Standards Australia New Zealand
GP	general practitioner
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HSRIP	Human Services Research and Innovation Program (South Australia)
LGA	local government authority
NGO	non-government organisation
NPHEP	National Public Health Expenditure Project
NPHP	National Public Health Partnership
NSP	needle and syringe programs
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
NT DHCS	Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services
OATSIH	Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
PHOFA	Public Health Outcome Funding Agreement
QCSP	Queensland Cervical Screening Program
RAWWS	Remote Area Well Women Screening Program (Northern Territory)
SA	South Australia
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SPPs	Specific Purpose Payments
TAG	Technical Advisory Group on the National Public Health Expenditure Project
WA	Western Australia



## **Symbols**

Figures in tables and the text have sometimes been rounded. Discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

The following symbols are used in tables:

n.a. not available.

. . not applicable

– nil or rounded to zero

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