



In 2011, **tobacco use accounted for 12% of the burden of disease** for Indigenous Australians.<sup>[1]</sup>



Indigenous Australians aged 14+ were **more likely to abstain from drinking alcohol** (31%) than non-Indigenous (23%) in 2016.<sup>[2]</sup>

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**In the last 12 months** in 2016:

1. Almost 1 in 5 Indigenous Australians consumed 11 or more standard drinks at least once a month
2. Over 1 in 4 used any illicit drug
3. 1 in 5 used cannabis
4. 1 in 10 used a pharmaceutical for non-medical use
5. 1 in 30 used meth/amphetamines.<sup>[2]</sup>

16.1% of clients of **alcohol and other drug treatment services** were Indigenous Australians aged 10+ in 2017–18.<sup>[3]</sup>

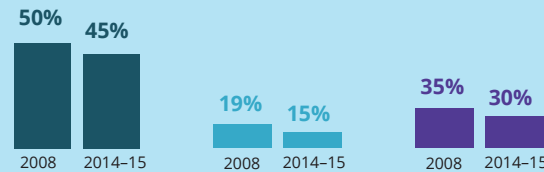
44% of **Indigenous mothers** reported **smoking** at some time during pregnancy in 2017, down from 52% in 2009.<sup>[4]</sup>



In 2014–15, of **Indigenous Australians with a mental health condition**:

1. Almost 1 in 2 were **daily smokers**
2. About 2 in 5 have **used substances**.<sup>[5]</sup>

Indigenous **smoking** and risky drinking (**lifetime risk** and **single occasion risk**)<sup>[5]</sup>



**Smoking rates** for Indigenous Australians aged 18+ in **non-remote areas declined** from 55% in 1994 to 42% in 2014–15 and **stayed stable for those in remote areas** (54% in 1994 and 56% in 2014–15).<sup>[6]</sup>



National Drug Strategy Household Survey findings relate to people aged 14 or older unless specified. An adult is a person aged 18 or older.<sup>[2]</sup>

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