

Summary of Key Findings from the 2022-23 National Drug Strategy Household Survey  
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Substance	2019		2022-23		Comments
	SA	Aust.	SA	Aust.	
<b>Tobacco:</b> Daily smoking	11.9%	11%	9.0%	8.3%	Decrease for Australia and SA. Decrease for Australian men and women, decrease for SA women.
<b>e-cigarettes</b> Recent use Current smokers Ex-smokers Never smoked	2.9% 10.2% 4.0% 0.8%*	2.5% 9.7% 3.2% 0.7%	4.9% 18.1% 5.4% 2.4%	7.0% 21.6% 9.6% 3.7%	Increase for all Australians, as well as current smokers, ex-smokers and never smoked. Increase for all South Australians, current smokers and never smoked.
<b>Alcohol</b> Daily consumption Lifetime risk Single occasion risk (at least monthly)	5.8% 27.0% 26.0%	5.4% 24.9% 24.8%	4.7% 25.0% 24.9%	5.2% 24.6% 23.8%	No change in Australian or South Australian daily drinkers. No change in lifetime or single occasion risky drinking
<b>Recent<sup>^</sup> illicit drug use (any)</b>	15.4%	16.4%	17.0%	17.9%	Increase for Australia but no statistically significant change in SA.
<b>Meth/amphetamine</b>	n.a	n.a.	1.1%	1%	Comparisons over time not possible due to a change in survey question. Crystal/ice main form used.
<b>Cannabis</b>	10.6%	11.6%	11.1%	11.5%	No statistically significant change for Australia and SA.
<b>Any pharmaceutical</b>	n.a	n.a.	4.8%	5.3%	Comparisons over time not possible due to a change in survey question.
<b>Any opioid</b>	3.0%	2.8%	2.0%	2.3%	Decrease for Australia and SA.
<b>Pain-killers/pain-relievers and opioids</b>	2.9%	2.7	2.0%	2.2%	Decrease for Australia. No change for SA.
<b>Cocaine</b>	2.5%	4.2%	4.1%	4.5%	No change for Australia. Increase for SA.
<b>Ecstasy</b>	1.2%	3.0%	1.7%	2.1%	Decrease for Australia. No change for SA.
<b>Hallucinogens</b>	0.7%*	1.6%	2.1%	2.4%	Increase for Australia and SA.
<b>Inhalants</b>	1.3%*	1.4%	1.0%	1.4%	No change for Australia and SA.
<b>Heroin</b>	n.p.	<0.1%*	n.p.	0.1%*	Unreliable estimates.
<b>Pharmaceutical stimulants</b>	n.a	n.a	1.7%	2.1%	Not collected in previous years.

<sup>^</sup>Used drug at least once in the past 12 months.

\*Estimate should be interpreted with caution.

np: are not presented due to low numbers or data quality issues.