

Maitland CDAT – statistical profile

Introduction

These statistics have been gathered to provide your CDAT with some indicators around alcohol and drug related harms. Where possible, data from local health districts (LHDs) has been included to provide local information, otherwise information is provided from either state or national sources. Information aims to be correct at time of publication, but note that statistics are updated regularly so these may be superseded.

Where your CDAT shows a greater rate of harms than the state average, these are marked with a red ↑. Where your CDAT shows a lower rate of harms than the state average, these are marked with a green ↓.

We've selected the statistics that we thought would be of interest to you, but there is more detailed data available than we can provide. If you would like to explore an issue in more detail, or if you have any questions, please contact your [CDAT support team member](#).

Drug and alcohol usage

If you want to get an overview of alcohol and drug use across Australia, there are comprehensive, regularly updated national statistics available on the [DrugInfo website](#). These include statistics on the lifetime and recent use on a range of substances, including alcohol, cannabis, amphetamines and more. Otherwise, specific NSW and local statistics are provided below.

Alcohol use in adults¹

- 6.5% of NSW people over 14 years are daily drinkers
- 12.4% of NSW people over 14 years drink over 4 standard drinks on a single occasion at least weekly
- NSW sits below the national average for adults drinking at levels risking lifetime harm

NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUS
16.7%	16.1%	20.2%	21.6%	18.5%	18.6%	22.0%	29.7%	18.2%

- 72.4% of pregnant women in NSW abstain from alcohol during pregnancy, according to [New South Wales Child Health Survey 2009-10 data](#).

Alcohol use in school students (12-17 years old)²

- ↑ 79.9% of students in Hunter New England LHD had ever drunk alcohol (68.8% for NSW)
- ↑ 56.0% of students in Hunter New England LHD had drunk alcohol in the past 12 months (47.0% for NSW)
- ↑ 35.1% of students in Hunter New England LHD had drunk alcohol in the past 4 weeks (26.9% for NSW)
- ↑ 20.9% of students in Hunter New England LHD had drunk alcohol in the past 7 days (16.2% for NSW)

Tobacco use in adults³

- Between 2010 and 2013 there was a statistically significant decrease in NSW daily smokers (15.0% to 12.2%)

Tobacco use in school students (12-17 years old)⁴

- ↓ 5.3% of students in Hunter New England LHD had smoked in the past 7 days (6.4% for NSW)

¹ Taken from the [National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2013](#). The survey provides the best overview of alcohol and drug use across the nation.

² Taken from the [New South Wales School Students Health Behaviours Survey 2011](#). This self-administered survey was 7,966 students between 12-17 years across the state of NSW.

³ Taken from the [National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2013](#)

⁴ Taken from the [New South Wales School Students Health Behaviours Survey 2011](#)

Drug use in adults⁵

- NSW saw an increase in recent (past 12 months) drug use between 2010 and 2013 (13.8% to 14.2%), but less than the national average for 2013 (15.0%)
- NSW had the second lowest recent (past 12 months) rate of cannabis use in Australia at 9.5% (national rate of 10.2%)
- NSW also reported lower (1.4%) than the national average (2.1%) for recent use of methamphetamine (note this includes speed, base and crystal methamphetamine)
- However, NSW is the state/territory with the second highest rate of recent cocaine use (2.7%, national rate is 2.1%; ACT is the highest at 2.8%)

Drug use in school students (12-17 years) ⁶

- ↓ 15.0% of students in Hunter New England LHD have ever used inhalants to get high (18.0% for NSW)
- 13.6% of students in Hunter New England LHD have ever used cannabis (13.6% for NSW)
- 2.0% NSW students have ever used steroids without a prescription
- Only 2-3% NSW students have ever used amphetamines, ecstasy, hallucinogens or cocaine

Alcohol and drug related harms

- ↑ There are 18.1 alcohol-attributable deaths per 100,000 population in Hunter New England LHD (n=183), compared to 15.6 per 100,000 for all of NSW (n=1,261)⁷
- ↑ There are 336.1 alcohol-attributable injury hospitalisations per 100,000 in Hunter New England LHD (n=3,203), compared to 318.8 per 100,000 for all of NSW (n=24,878)⁸
- ↓ There are 579.9 alcohol-attributable hospitalisations per 100,000 in Hunter New England LHD (n=5,557), compared to 667.9 per 100,000 population for all of NSW (N=51,981)⁹
- In 2013 there were 13,192 incidents of alcohol-related non-domestic assaults in NSW, 86 in Maitland LGA¹⁰
- In 2013 there were 10,007 incidents of alcohol-related domestic violence incidents in NSW, 116 in Maitland LGA¹¹
- In 2013 there were 8,457 incidents of alcohol-related offensive behaviour in NSW, 32 in Maitland LGA¹²
- Between Apr 2013 and Mar 2014 there were 3,825 alcohol-related assaults on licensed premises in NSW¹³
- Between Apr 2013 and Mar 2014 there were 9,070 alcohol-related assaults not on licensed premises in NSW¹⁴
- In 2013 there were 44,717 drug related offences in NSW – these include possession, dealing and manufacture of different substances –327 of these were in Maitland LGA¹⁵

⁵ Taken from the [National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2013](#)

⁶ Taken from the [New South Wales School Students Health Behaviours Survey 2011](#)

⁷ NSW Health Statistics 2011 data using NSW Health's interactive tool <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/>

⁸ NSW Health Statistics 2011-12 data using NSW Health's interactive tool <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/>

⁹ NSW Health Statistics 2012-13 data using NSW Health's interactive tool <http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/>

¹⁰ Taken from BOCSAR website NSW Recorded Crime Statistics January 2009 – December 2013 xls

¹¹ Taken from BOCSAR website NSW Recorded Crime Statistics January 2009 – December 2013 xls

¹² Taken from BOCSAR website NSW Recorded Crime Statistics January 2009 – December 2013 xls

¹³ Taken from BOCSAR website NSW Recorded Crime Statistics Apr 2004 to Mar 2014 xls

¹⁴ Taken from [BOCSAR Apr 2013-Mar 2014](#) data

¹⁵ Taken from BOCSAR 2013 data using their [interactive tool](#)