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# 2 Overview—the status of drug use in 2004

**Table 2.1: Summary of recent<sup>(a)</sup> drug use: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, New South Wales, 1993 to 2004**

Drug/behaviour	1993	1995	1998	2001	2004
			(per cent)		
Tobacco	n.a.	n.a.	23.8	21.5	19.8
Alcohol	79.5	79.0	78.3	81.2	81.2
Illicits					
Marijuana/cannabis	10.9	13.4	16.7	11.9	10.7
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(b)</sup>	2.4	4.0	4.2	2.5	2.8
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(b)</sup>	0.8	0.4	2.1	0.9	1.1
Steroids <sup>(b)</sup>	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	—
Barbiturates <sup>(b)</sup>	0.6	—	0.2	0.1	0.1
Inhalants	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.4
Heroin	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.1
Methadone <sup>(c)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	—	0.1	—
Other opiates/opioids <sup>(b)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.2	0.2
Meth/amphetamine (speed) <sup>(b)</sup>	2.1	2.5	3.8	3.4	3.1
Cocaine	1.0	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.2 #
Hallucinogens	1.0	2.4	2.6	0.9	0.6
Ecstasy <sup>(d)</sup>	1.8	1.1	2.1	3.4	3.5
Ketamine	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3
GHB	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1
Injected drugs	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Any illicit</i>	13.8	19.1	19.8	15.6	14.6
None of the above	14.8	14.6	17.4	15.5	16.1

(a) Used in the last 12 months. For tobacco and alcohol, 'recent use' means daily, weekly and less-than-weekly smokers and drinkers respectively.

(b) For non-medical purposes.

(c) Non-maintenance.

(d) This category included substances known as 'Designer drugs' prior to 2004.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 2.2: Summary of drugs ever used/tried: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, New South Wales, 1993 to 2004**

Drug/behaviour	Ever tried <sup>(a)</sup>			Ever used <sup>(b)</sup>	
	1993	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)				
Tobacco	n.a.	n.a.	48.1	47.2	44.5 #
Alcohol	85.6	86.6	87.6	89.2	88.3
Illicits					
Marijuana/cannabis	34.5	30.3	38.9	32.2	31.6
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(c)</sup>	n.a.	15.1	10.7	5.1	5.0
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(c)</sup>	n.a.	3.1	5.1	2.9	2.7
Steroids <sup>(c)</sup>	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3
Barbiturates <sup>(c)</sup>	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.0
Inhalants	5.0	2.1	3.9	3.0	2.6
Heroin	2.6	1.0	2.0	1.6	1.3
Methadone <sup>(d)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	0.5	0.4	0.3
Other opiates/opioids <sup>(c)</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.9	1.4 #
Meth/amphetamine (speed) <sup>(c)</sup>	5.5	4.6	8.8	9.1	9.3
Cocaine	3.9	3.5	5.8	6.1	5.9
Hallucinogens	8.1	5.6	9.8	7.6	7.8
Ecstasy <sup>(e)</sup>	4.4	2.5	5.3	6.9	8.0
Ketamine	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.1
GHB	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.5
Injected drugs	2.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.6
<i>Any illicit</i>	38.9	41.2	45.1	36.6	36.1
None of the above	8.6	8.7	9.8	8.7	10.1 #

(a) Tried at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used at least once in lifetime.

(c) For non-medical purposes.

(d) Non-maintenance.

(e) This category included substances known as 'Designer drugs' prior to 2004.

*Notes*

1. For tobacco, 1998, 2001 and 2004 figures represent proportions of the population who have smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime.

2. For alcohol, figures represent proportions of the population who have consumed a full glass of alcohol.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 2.3: Age of initiation<sup>(a)</sup> of lifetime drug use, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Drug/behaviour	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(years)			
Tobacco	16.0	15.9	15.8	16.0
Alcohol	17.7	17.5	17.2	17.5
Illicits				
Marijuana/cannabis	19.4	18.6	18.4	18.4
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(b)</sup>	20.4	20.8	19.3	24.9
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(b)</sup>	28.2	23.8	23.4	25.7
Steroids <sup>(b)</sup>	19.2	21.6	20.5	27.5
Barbiturates <sup>(b)</sup>	18.0	21.0	18.4	19.9
Inhalants	15.7	16.5	17.7	19.5
Heroin	19.4	20.4	20.1	21.3
Methadone <sup>(c)</sup>	n.a.	20.9	20.7	25.7
Meth/amphetamine (speed) <sup>(b)</sup>	20.3	19.3	20.2	21.1
Cocaine	21.7	21.3	22.7	24.1
Hallucinogens	19.1	19.2	19.4	19.8
Ecstasy <sup>(d)</sup>	22.7	23.1	21.5	23.4
Ketamine	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25.5
GHB	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25.0
Injected drugs	n.a.	21.4	20.1	22.2
<i>Any illicit</i>	<i>19.6</i>	<i>18.5</i>	<i>18.4</i>	<i>19.3</i>

(a) Age first tried/used drug.

(b) For non-medical purposes.

(c) Non-maintenance.

(d) This category included substances known as 'Designer drugs' prior to 2004.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 2.4: Offered or had the opportunity to use selected drugs: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Drug	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Tobacco	60.8	55.4	49.8	45.2	55.2	50.2
Alcohol	92.3	91.4	86.6	85.6	89.4	88.4
Illicits						
Marijuana/cannabis	26.8	23.5	19.0	14.9	22.8	19.2
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(a)</sup>	44.0	38.6	44.1	41.2	44.1	39.9
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(a)</sup>	6.4	7.0	6.9	6.0	6.7	6.5
Steroids <sup>(a)</sup>	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8
Barbiturates <sup>(a)</sup>	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Inhalants	4.3	3.9	1.9	1.7	3.1	2.7
Heroin	1.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.9
Meth/amphetamine (speed) <sup>(a)</sup>	9.1	7.8	6.1	5.6	7.6	6.7
Cocaine	5.7	3.8	3.7	2.8	4.7	3.3
Naturally occurring hallucinogens	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.6
LSD/synthetic hallucinogens	3.7	2.7	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.2
Ecstasy <sup>(b)</sup>	9.7	10.3	7.1	6.1	8.4	8.1
Ketamine	n.a.	1.8	n.a.	1.6	n.a.	1.7
GHB	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	0.7	n.a.	1.0
Kava	3.2	3.1	1.7	2.0	2.5	2.5

(a) For non-medical purposes.

(b) This category included substances known as 'Designer drugs' prior to 2004.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 2.5: Drug first nominated<sup>(a)</sup> when asked about a specific 'drug problem': proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Drug first nominated	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Tobacco	2.9	4.3	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.4
Alcohol	8.3	10.2	7.8	10.8	8.1	10.5
Marijuana/cannabis	20.5	27.1	20.8	27.3	20.7	27.2
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(b)</sup>	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(b)</sup>	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5
Steroids <sup>(b)</sup>	—	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Barbiturates <sup>(b)</sup>	—	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Inhalants	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Heroin	53.6	42.5	52.9	41.6	53.2	42.0
Meth/amphetamines (speed) <sup>(b)</sup>	3.1	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.9
Cocaine	6.4	6.9	6.1	7.7	6.3	7.3
Naturally occurring hallucinogens	0.2	—	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
LSD/synthetic hallucinogens	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Ecstasy <sup>(c)</sup>	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.4
GHB	n.a.	0.1	n.a.	0.1	n.a.	0.1
Ketamine	n.a.	—	n.a.	—	n.a.	—
Kava	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea/coffee/caffeine	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Drugs other than listed	0.3	0.1	0.3	—	0.3	—
None/can't think of any	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7

(a) Respondents were allowed to nominate up to two drugs.

(b) For non-medical purposes.

(c) This category included substances known as 'Designer drugs' prior to 2004.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 2.6: Regular drug use by adults acceptable: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Drug	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Tobacco	41.3	40.7	36.0	35.6	38.7	38.1
Alcohol	80.3	81.0	66.9	68.9	73.6	74.9
Marijuana/cannabis	26.2	26.8	18.5	17.7	22.3	22.1
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(a)</sup>	7.0	8.2	5.2	5.9	6.1	7.0
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(a)</sup>	5.0	6.0	2.8	3.7	3.9	4.8
Steroids <sup>(a)</sup>	2.7	3.1	0.9	1.0	1.8	2.1
Barbiturates <sup>(a)</sup>	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.9
Inhalants	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.8
Heroin	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.6
Methadone <sup>(b)</sup>	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.0
Meth/amphetamines (speed) <sup>(a)</sup>	3.7	3.6	2.2	1.9	3.0	2.7
Cocaine/crack	3.2	2.8	1.6	1.4	2.4	2.1
Hallucinogens	n.a.	3.5	n.a.	1.4	n.a.	2.4
Naturally occurring hallucinogens	5.4	n.a.	2.1	n.a.	3.7	n.a.
LSD/synthetic hallucinogens	2.8	n.a.	1.4	n.a.	2.1	n.a.
Ecstasy <sup>(c)</sup>	5.4	6.1	2.6	2.4	4.0	4.2
GHB	n.a.	1.1	n.a.	0.4	n.a.	0.7
Ketamine	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	0.6	n.a.	0.9

(a) For non-medical purposes.

(b) Non-maintenance.

(c) This category included substances known as 'Designer drugs' prior to 2004.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 2.7: Support<sup>(a)</sup> for the personal use of selected drugs being made legal: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Drug	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Marijuana/cannabis	29.1	29.2	25.8	22.8	27.4	25.9
Heroin	8.2	6.0	7.8	4.3	8.0	5.1
Meth/amphetamines (speed)	7.4	6.3	6.8	3.5	7.1	4.9
Cocaine	7.4	6.0	6.6	3.5	7.0	4.7

(a) Support or strongly support (calculations based on those respondents who were informed enough to indicate their level of support)

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 2.8: Preferred distribution of a hypothetical \$100 for reducing the use of selected drugs, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Reduction measure	Alcohol		Tobacco		Marijuana/ cannabis		Amphetamines		Heroin/ cocaine	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(\$)									
Education	40.40	40.90	46.10	45.90	41.80	42.30	34.40	35.00	30.80	32.10
Treatment	29.80	30.10	30.40	30.10	25.30	26.10	23.30	23.90	23.80	24.30
Law enforcement	29.90	29.10	23.50	23.90	32.90	31.60	42.30	41.10	45.40	43.60

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 2.9: Support<sup>(a)</sup> for increased penalties for the sale or supply of selected illicit drugs, proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Drug	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Marijuana/cannabis	59.6	53.9	66.9	64.2	63.3	59.2
Heroin	87.5	83.8	88.6	87.5	88.1	85.7
Meth/amphetamines (speed)	84.0	80.6	86.1	85.7	85.1	83.2
Cocaine	85.5	81.4	87.4	86.5	86.4	84.0

(a) Support or strongly support (calculations based on those respondents who were informed enough to indicate their level of support).

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

# 3 Consumption patterns

## Tobacco

**Table 3.1: Tobacco smoking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, New South Wales, 1991 to 2004**

Tobacco smoking status	1991	1993	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Daily	21.8	25.0	23.3	20.6	18.1	16.5
Weekly	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.5
Less than weekly	1.1	1.7	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.7
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	20.8	21.4	15.9	24.3	25.7	24.8
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	54.2	49.5	57.8	51.9	52.8	55.5 #

(a) Smoked at least 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life, and no longer smoke.

(b) Never smoked 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 3.2: Tobacco smoking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Smoking status	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Daily	19.1	17.2	17.2	15.8	18.1	16.5
Weekly	2.1	2.0	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.5
Less than weekly	2.3	2.1	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.7
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	28.0	26.8	23.4	22.8	25.7	24.8
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	48.5	52.0 #	57.0	58.9	52.8	55.5 #

(a) Smoked at least 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life, and no longer smoke.

(b) Never smoked 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 3.3: Tobacco smoking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Smoking status	Age group						Aged 14+
	14–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60+	
(per cent)							
<b>Males</b>							
Daily	9.7	20.7	23.2	20.4	16.7	10.3	17.2
Weekly	2.3	3.4	2.8	1.5	1.5	0.7	2.0
Less than weekly	1.3	3.9	3.1	2.2	1.2	0.5	2.1
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	3.3	12.0	20.2	27.9	36.7	48.2	26.8
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	83.4	59.9	50.6	48.0	44.0	40.3	52.0
<b>Females</b>							
Daily	12.1	21.0	22.9	20.4	13.5	6.1	15.8
Weekly	1.5	2.4	1.5	1.0	0.2	0.4	1.1
Less than weekly	0.5	3.3	2.3	1.7	0.6	0.1	1.4
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	2.3	14.4	25.1	30.8	25.8	27.5	22.8
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	83.6	58.9	48.2	46.1	59.9	66.0	58.9
<b>Persons</b>							
Daily	10.9	20.9	23.1	20.4	15.1	8.0	16.5
Weekly	1.9	2.9	2.2	1.3	0.9	0.5	1.5
Less than weekly	0.9	3.6	2.7	2.0	0.9	0.3	1.7
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	2.9	13.2	22.7	29.4	31.3	37.0	24.8
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	83.5	59.4	49.4	47.0	51.9	54.1	55.5

(a) Smoked at least 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life, and no longer smoke.

(b) Never smoked 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.4: Tobacco smoking status: proportion of the population aged 12–19 years and all ages, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Smoking status	Age group				
	12–15	16–17	18–19	Aged 12–19	Aged 12+
	(per cent)				
	<b>Males</b>				
Daily	0.5	9.7	18.9	7.3	16.6
Weekly	0.4	1.2	4.9	1.7	1.9
Less than weekly	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.0	2.0
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	1.2	5.4	2.2	2.5	25.9
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	97.1	82.8	72.7	87.5	53.6
	<b>Females</b>				
Daily	3.4	10.0	19.4	9.1	15.3
Weekly	—	0.6	3.8	1.1	1.1
Less than weekly	—	—	1.3	0.3	1.4
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	1.2	1.6	3.9	2.0	22.1
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	95.4	87.9	71.5	87.5	60.1
	<b>Persons</b>				
Daily	1.9	9.8	19.1	8.2	15.9
Weekly	0.2	0.9	4.4	1.4	1.5
Less than weekly	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.7	1.7
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	1.2	3.5	3.0	2.2	24.0
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	96.3	85.2	72.1	87.5	56.9

(a) Smoked at least 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life, and no longer smoke.

(b) Never smoked 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.5: Tobacco: number of tobacco smokers, by tobacco smoking status, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Smoking status	Age group						Aged 14+
	14–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60+	
	(number)						
	<b>Males</b>						
Daily	27,200	96,200	114,200	100,400	70,100	57,700	466,000
Weekly	6,500	15,900	14,000	7,600	6,300	4,100	54,300
Less than weekly	3,600	18,200	15,500	11,000	4,900	2,600	55,800
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	9,400	55,900	99,300	137,800	154,400	269,000	725,500
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	233,800	278,200	249,300	236,600	185,500	224,600	1,408,100
	<b>Females</b>						
Daily	32,500	96,600	114,500	101,400	56,100	39,700	441,000
Weekly	4,000	11,200	7,400	4,900	1,000	2,300	31,000
Less than weekly	1,200	15,300	11,400	8,500	2,600	500	39,400
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	6,300	66,300	125,700	153,100	107,600	179,700	638,500
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	224,300	270,800	241,000	229,200	249,600	431,500	1,646,300
	<b>Persons</b>						
Daily	59,700	192,800	228,800	201,800	126,200	97,400	907,000
Weekly	10,500	27,100	21,400	12,500	7,300	6,400	85,300
Less than weekly	4,900	33,400	26,900	19,400	7,500	3,200	95,200
Ex-smokers <sup>(a)</sup>	15,700	122,200	224,900	290,900	262,000	448,900	1,364,100
Never smoked <sup>(b)</sup>	458,100	549,000	490,300	465,800	435,100	655,800	3,054,300

(a) Smoked at least 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life, and no longer smoke.

(b) Never smoked 100 cigarettes (manufactured and/or roll-your-own) or the equivalent amount of tobacco in their life.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.6: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> tobacco smokers: mean number of cigarettes smoked per week, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Males	Females	Persons
	(number)		
14–19	59.1	82.6	70.9
20–29	85.2	74.0	79.8
30–39	103.9	94.1	99.2
40–49	113.9	110.7	112.3
50–59	118.9	100.4	111.1
60+	106.5	87.0	98.8
<b>Aged 14+</b>	101.3	92.3	97.1

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

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**Table 3.7: Alcohol drinking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, New South Wales, 1991 to 2004**

Drinking status	1991	1993	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Daily	9.3	9.6	10.9	7.7	8.9	8.8
Weekly	42.1	41.1	33.0	40.1	39.3	39.7
Less than weekly	28.6	28.8	35.1	30.5	32.9	32.7
Ex-drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	12.2	6.1	7.6	9.3	8.0	7.1
Never a full serve of alcohol	7.7	14.4	13.4	12.4	10.8	11.7

(a) Has consumed at least a full serve of alcohol, but not in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). No significant differences between 2001 and 2004 for this table.

**Table 3.8: Alcohol drinking status: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Drinking status	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Daily	11.4	11.3	6.5	6.4	8.9	8.8
Weekly	45.2	45.8	33.6	33.8	39.3	39.7
Less than weekly	28.0	28.0	37.7	37.3	32.9	32.7
Ex-drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.2	8.0	7.1
Never a full glass of alcohol	8.8	8.9	12.8	14.3	10.8	11.7

(a) Has consumed at least a full serve of alcohol, but not in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). No significant differences between 2001 and 2004 for this table.

**Table 3.9: Alcohol drinking status: proportion of the population who are recent<sup>(a)</sup> alcohol drinkers aged 14 years and over, by drinking status, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Drinking status	Age group						Aged 14+
	14–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60+	
	(per cent)						
	<b>Males</b>						
Daily	0.5	2.9	8.4	11.8	15.9	22.4	11.3
Weekly	24.5	55.1	52.0	48.5	45.7	40.8	45.8
Less than weekly	41.7	31.1	29.4	28.8	25.1	18.7	28.0
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	2.5	3.7	4.6	6.0	7.8	9.6	6.0
Never a full glass of alcohol	30.8	7.2	5.6	4.8	5.4	8.4	8.9
	<b>Females</b>						
Daily	0.3	1.6	3.2	5.5	8.9	13.7	6.4
Weekly	17.5	33.3	39.1	43.6	34.4	28.8	33.8
Less than weekly	47.5	45.7	43.5	36.0	34.1	25.7	37.3
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	2.2	8.5	6.7	6.2	9.8	12.0	8.2
Never a full glass of alcohol	32.5	10.9	7.5	8.7	12.8	19.8	14.3
	<b>Persons</b>						
Daily	0.4	2.2	5.8	8.6	12.4	17.7	8.8
Weekly	21.1	44.2	45.5	46.1	40.1	34.3	39.7
Less than weekly	44.5	38.4	36.5	32.4	29.6	22.5	32.7
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	2.4	6.1	5.7	6.1	8.8	10.9	7.1
Never a full glass of alcohol	31.6	9.0	6.6	6.7	9.1	14.6	11.7

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

(b) Has consumed at least a full serve of alcohol, but not in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.10: Alcohol drinking status: proportion of the population aged 12–19 years of age and all ages, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Drinking status	Age group				
	12–15	16–17	18–19	Aged 12–19	Aged 12+
(per cent)					
<b>Males</b>					
Daily	—	1.5	—	0.4	10.9
Weekly	4.3	20.6	44.1	18.3	44.2
Less than weekly	24.5	50.0	35.1	33.4	27.3
Ex-drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	3.1	3.3	1.5	2.7	5.9
Never a full glass of alcohol	68.1	24.5	19.3	45.2	11.6
<b>Females</b>					
Daily	—	—	1.0	0.3	6.2
Weekly	3.2	12.4	35.1	13.5	32.8
Less than weekly	26.5	62.3	43.5	39.6	36.7
Ex-drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.7	7.9
Never a full glass of alcohol	68.9	23.3	18.5	44.9	16.5
<b>Persons</b>					
Daily	—	0.8	0.5	0.3	8.5
Weekly	3.8	16.6	39.7	16.0	38.4
Less than weekly	25.5	56.0	39.2	36.5	32.1
Ex-drinker <sup>(a)</sup>	2.2	2.7	1.7	2.2	6.9
Never a full glass of alcohol	68.5	23.9	18.9	45.1	14.1

(a) Has consumed at least a full serve of alcohol, but not in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.11: Alcohol consumption: number of recent<sup>(a)</sup> alcohol drinkers, by drinking status, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Drinking status	Age group						Aged 14+
	14–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60+	
	(number)						
	<b>Males</b>						
Daily	1,400	13,500	41,300	58,200	67,200	125,200	306,800
Weekly	68,700	256,000	256,100	239,500	192,600	227,900	1,240,700
Less than weekly	117,000	144,300	144,700	142,200	105,700	104,500	758,500
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	7,000	17,100	22,600	29,700	32,900	53,800	163,000
Never a full glass of alcohol	86,300	33,500	27,500	23,700	22,800	46,700	240,800
	<b>Females</b>						
Daily	900	7,100	16,100	27,300	37,100	89,500	178,000
Weekly	46,900	153,300	195,300	216,800	143,600	188,100	944,000
Less than weekly	127,300	210,400	217,300	179,000	142,300	167,900	1,044,200
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	6,000	39,200	33,700	31,000	40,700	78,600	229,000
Never a full glass of alcohol	87,100	50,100	37,600	43,000	53,400	129,600	401,000
	<b>Persons</b>						
Daily	2,300	20,600	57,400	85,600	104,200	214,600	484,800
Weekly	115,700	409,100	451,500	456,400	336,300	416,000	2,184,700
Less than weekly	244,400	354,800	362,000	321,000	247,900	272,400	1,802,700
Ex-drinker <sup>(b)</sup>	12,900	56,300	56,300	60,700	73,500	132,400	392,000
Never a full glass of alcohol	173,400	83,600	65,200	66,700	76,200	176,400	641,700

(a) Used in the last 12 months

(b) Has consumed at least a full serve of alcohol, but not in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.12: Alcohol consumption: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over at risk of harm in the long term, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Abstainers <sup>(a)</sup>	Level of risk <sup>(b)</sup>		
		Low risk	Risky	High risk
(per cent)				
<b>Males</b>				
14–19	33.3	60.9	4.8	1.0
20–29	10.9	76.0	7.3	5.8
30–39	10.2	81.1	6.0	2.7
40–49	10.8	80.0	5.9	3.3
50–59	13.2	78.3	6.3	2.2
60+	18.0	73.1	6.0	2.9
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Females</b>				
14–19	34.7	56.1	5.3	3.8
20–29	19.4	67.5	10.8	2.2
30–39	14.3	75.2	8.3	2.3
40–49	14.9	74.7	7.7	2.7
50–59	22.6	69.1	6.9	1.4
60+	31.8	62.2	5.0	1.0
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Persons</b>				
14–19	34.0	58.6	5.1	2.4
20–29	15.1	71.8	9.1	4.0
30–39	12.2	78.1	7.2	2.5
40–49	12.9	77.3	6.8	3.0
50–59	17.9	73.7	6.6	1.8
60+	25.5	67.2	5.4	1.9
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>

(a) Not consumed alcohol in the last 12 months.

(b) For males, the consumption of up to 28 standard drinks per week is considered 'Low risk', 29 to 42 per week 'Risky', and 43 or more per week 'High risk'. For females, the consumption of up to 14 standard drinks per week is considered 'Low risk', 15 to 28 per week 'Risky', and 29 or more per week 'High risk'.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.13: Alcohol consumption: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over at risk of harm in the short term, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Abstainers <sup>(a)</sup>	Low risk	Risky and high risk <sup>(b)</sup>		
			At least yearly	At least monthly	At least weekly
(per cent)					
<b>Males</b>					
14–19	33.3	31.7	14.4	14.0	6.7
20–29	10.9	30.1	17.5	26.3	15.3
30–39	10.2	39.3	23.4	16.9	10.3
40–49	10.8	53.1	18.4	9.0	8.7
50–59	13.2	58.5	14.6	8.1	5.6
60+	18.0	68.8	5.1	3.1	5.0
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Females</b>					
14–19	34.7	26.8	15.7	13.4	9.4
20–29	19.4	28.0	18.6	24.8	9.3
30–39	14.3	51.5	15.8	12.4	6.1
40–49	14.9	54.0	15.8	9.7	5.7
50–59	22.6	60.8	8.9	4.7	3.1
60+	31.8	61.5	3.4	1.5	1.8
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Persons</b>					
14–19	34.0	29.3	15.1	13.7	8.0
20–29	15.1	29.0	18.1	25.5	12.3
30–39	12.2	45.4	19.6	14.6	8.2
40–49	12.9	53.5	17.1	9.3	7.2
50–59	17.9	59.6	11.8	6.4	4.3
60+	25.5	64.9	4.2	2.2	3.2
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>

(a) Not consumed alcohol in the last 12 months.

(b) For males, the consumption of 7 or more standard drinks on any one day. For females, the consumption of 5 or more standard drinks on any one day.

*Notes*

1. Respondents that have been coded 'Can't say/No answer' to all GQF matrix F13a to F13f are assumed to be low-risk drinkers for this alcohol risk analysis.
2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

## Illicit drugs

NOTE:

Estimates in Tables 3.14 to 3.32 showing very low prevalence, especially for age-sex groups, should be treated with extreme caution due to small sample size and potentially high relative sampling error.

**Table 3.14: Use of any illicit drug: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	27.6	28.4	28.0	22.9	21.7	22.3
20–29	55.2	48.4	51.8	32.7	23.2	28.0
30–39	63.1	50.3	56.7	26.1	14.4	20.2
40–49	49.0	41.1	45.0	13.2	10.1	11.7
50–59	30.9	20.3	25.6	8.0	4.7	6.4
60+	11.9	8.3	9.9	4.5	3.9	4.2
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>
	(number)					
14–19	77,300	76,100	153,400	64,200	58,300	122,500
20–29	256,500	222,800	479,200	152,000	106,900	258,600
30–39	310,500	251,700	562,300	128,600	71,800	200,400
40–49	241,900	204,200	446,200	65,200	50,300	115,500
50–59	130,100	84,600	214,800	33,800	19,500	53,400
60+	66,400	54,200	120,400	24,900	25,800	50,700
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>1,090,400</b>	<b>899,300</b>	<b>1,989,400</b>	<b>471,300</b>	<b>335,300</b>	<b>806,200</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.15: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of any illicit drug: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	45.0	37.5	23.8	22.9	21.4	39.6	30.4	21.7
20–29	50.1	45.0	40.9	32.7	25.2	28.0	26.8	23.2
30–39	31.7	24.2	24.8	26.1	12.2	19.6	13.0	14.4
40–49	21.1	19.5	13.2	13.2	9.0	6.4	8.8	10.1
50–59	6.5	8.0	7.2	8.0	3.4	13.9	5.5	4.7
60+	2.8	3.3	4.4	4.5	6.6	5.5	3.4	3.9
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). No significant differences between 2001 and 2004 for this table.

**Table 3.16: Recent use of illicit drugs: proportion of the population aged 12 years and over, by selected age, New South Wales, 2004**

Drug type	Age group				
	12–15	16–17	18–19	Aged 12–19	Aged 12+
	(per cent)				
Marijuana/cannabis	5.3	18.4	28.2	14.2	10.4
Pain-killers/analgesics <sup>(b)</sup>	1.6	2.5	3.7	2.3	2.7
Tranquillisers/sleeping pills <sup>(b)</sup>	—	1.7	2.8	1.1	1.0
Steroids <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
Barbiturates <sup>(b)</sup>	0.1	—	0.8	0.3	0.1
Inhalants	1.3	—	0.8	0.8	0.4
Heroin	—	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
Methadone <sup>(c)</sup>	—	0.2	0.4	0.2	—
Other opiates/opioids <sup>(c)</sup>	—	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.2
Meth/amphetamine (speed) <sup>(b)</sup>	0.7	2.1	13.7	4.3	3.0
Cocaine	0.3	0.9	1.9	0.9	1.2
Hallucinogens	0.7	—	5.0	1.6	0.6
Ecstasy	0.4	1.7	10.7	3.3	3.4
Ketamine	—	—	1.8	0.6	0.3
GHB	—	—	1.2	0.4	0.1
Injected drugs	—	0.2	1.5	0.6	0.3
<i>Any illicit</i>	7.8	21.5	32.7	17.4	14.3
None of the above	92.2	78.5	67.3	82.6	85.7

(a) For non-medical purposes.

(b) Non-maintenance.

*Notes*

1. 'Any illicit' does not include 'other opiates', ketamine, GHB or injecting drug use for those aged 12–13 years. Statistics reported for these substances are based on those people aged 14 years and over only.
2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.17: Use of marijuana/cannabis: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	24.9	23.8	24.3	19.7	17.1	18.4
20–29	50.6	43.8	47.2	28.0	16.7	22.4
30–39	60.4	46.9	53.6	22.6	9.9	16.2
40–49	45.7	37.0	41.3	11.1	6.9	9.0
50–59	27.2	16.0	21.6	4.2	2.1	3.2
60+	4.9	2.7	3.7	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>
	(number)					
14–19	69,800	63,700	133,500	55,300	45,800	101,100
20–29	235,100	201,400	436,400	130,200	76,600	206,800
30–39	297,300	234,400	531,700	111,100	49,700	160,800
40–49	225,500	184,000	409,500	54,900	34,300	89,300
50–59	114,600	66,500	181,300	17,900	8,600	26,500
60+	27,100	17,500	44,600	1,900	1,000	2,900
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>972,100</b>	<b>769,500</b>	<b>1,741,600</b>	<b>372,100</b>	<b>216,800</b>	<b>588,700</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.18: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of marijuana/cannabis: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	39.5	33.0	23.5	19.7	16.8	38.0	26.2	17.1 #
20–29	47.5	40.4	38.2	28.0 #	19.7	23.5	21.9	16.7
30–39	19.3	22.6	20.7	22.6	7.1	17.9	11.1	9.9
40–49	14.1	15.0	7.6	11.1	1.6	2.6	5.1	6.9
50–59	2.6	6.7	4.5	4.2	1.6	11.5	1.9	2.1
60+	—	—	0.4	0.3	—	2.6	—	0.2
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>7.8 #</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2004 result significantly different from 2001 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 3.19: Use of heroin: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	0.5	0.5	0.5	—	0.4	0.2
20–29	2.3	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.2	0.3
30–39	2.1	0.8	1.5	—	0.1	0.1
40+	1.5	1.0	1.3	0.1	—	—
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
	(number)					
14–19	1,300	1,500	2,800	—	1,000	1,000
20–29	10,700	5,100	15,800	2,100	900	3,000
30–39	10,300	4,100	14,400	—	500	500
40+	21,900	16,400	38,200	800	500	1,300
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>27,100</b>	<b>71,200</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,900</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.20: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of heroin: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	—	1.0	0.4	—	2.5	0.9	0.5	0.4
20–29	5.9	3.2	—	0.4	—	1.4	0.2	0.2
30–39	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.2	0.1
40+	—	0.4	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.2	—
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). No significant differences between 2001 and 2004 for this table.

**Table 3.21: Use of meth/amphetamines: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	6.7	7.2	6.9	6.3	5.2	5.7
20–29	20.5	17.0	18.8	10.5	7.9	9.2
30–39	20.2	12.6	16.4	5.7	1.9	3.8
40+	5.6	3.4	4.5	0.8	0.3	0.6
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>
	(number)					
14–19	18,700	19,200	37,900	17,600	14,000	31,500
20–29	95,200	78,400	173,500	48,900	36,200	85,100
30–39	99,400	62,900	162,300	27,900	9,400	37,300
40+	82,800	54,100	136,900	12,100	5,400	17,600
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>296,400</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>511,400</b>	<b>106,600</b>	<b>65,200</b>	<b>171,700</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.22: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of meth/amphetamines: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	3.1	7.1	3.4	6.3	—	11.2	5.0	5.2
20–29	13.8	19.7	14.1	10.5	7.9	4.2	7.1	7.9
30–39	3.6	3.4	2.9	5.7	—	1.0	1.9	1.9
40+	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). No significant differences between 2001 and 2004 for this table.

**Table 3.23: Use of ecstasy: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	5.8	7.7	6.7	4.0	4.8	4.4
20–29	24.1	18.1	21.1	14.1	9.9	12.0
30–39	16.7	11.2	13.9	6.4	2.3	4.3
40+	3.3	1.4	2.3	0.9	0.1	0.5
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>
	(number)					
14–19	16,400	20,600	37,000	11,300	12,800	24,100
20–29	112,000	83,300	195,200	65,400	45,700	111,000
30–39	82,100	55,900	138,100	31,300	11,700	43,000
40+	49,300	21,400	70,700	13,600	2,300	16,000
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>260,600</b>	<b>182,000</b>	<b>442,500</b>	<b>122,000</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>194,800</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

*Notes*

1. Caution should be used when interpreting these findings as results are based on self-reported data and not empirical testing of the substance used.
2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.24: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of ecstasy: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	—	3.9	2.1	4.0	—	4.4	1.6	4.8
20–29	9.7	9.6	9.2	14.1	3.5	4.4	4.8	9.9 #
30–39	1.3	2.0	1.5	6.4 #	—	1.3	0.8	2.3
40+	—	—	0.1	0.9 #	—	0.3	0.1	0.1
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4.5 #</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.6 #</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

Note: Caution should be used when interpreting these findings as results are based on self-reported data and not empirical testing of the substance used.

**Table 3.25: Use of inhalants: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	1.6	3.0	2.3	0.3	1.0	0.7
20–29	5.6	3.0	4.3	1.1	0.6	0.9
30–39	6.3	4.6	5.5	1.0	0.2	0.6
40+	1.5	0.7	1.1	0.3	—	0.2
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
	(number)					
14–19	4,500	8,000	12,500	900	2,700	3,600
20–29	25,800	13,800	39,600	5,100	3,000	8,100
30–39	31,100	23,200	54,300	5,100	900	6,000
40+	22,500	11,400	33,900	4,500	700	5,200
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>84,200</b>	<b>56,600</b>	<b>140,700</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>23,000</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.26: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of inhalants: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	—	1.3	—	0.3	2.5	1.8	1.1	1.0
20–29	0.7	2.8	0.2	1.1	—	2.4	1.0	0.6
30–39	1.9	1.1	0.5	1.0	—	0.5	—	0.2
40+	—	—	0.2	0.3	—	0.3	0.1	—
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). No significant differences between 2001 and 2004 for this table.

**Table 3.27: Use of cocaine: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(a)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	0.9	3.4	2.1	0.1	2.2	1.1
20–29	10.8	7.2	9.0	3.7	2.2	2.9
30–39	12.2	10.0	11.1	3.0	1.6	2.3
40+	5.3	2.5	3.8	0.5	0.1	0.3
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>
	(number)					
14–19	2,600	9,100	11,700	400	5,800	6,300
20–29	50,200	33,300	83,500	17,100	10,200	27,200
30–39	60,100	50,200	110,300	14,600	8,000	22,600
40+	77,700	38,600	116,300	7,700	1,900	9,600
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>190,900</b>	<b>131,600</b>	<b>322,500</b>	<b>39,900</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>65,900</b>

(a) Used at least once in lifetime.

(b) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.28: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of cocaine: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	—	1.0	1.0	0.1	—	2.2	1.0	2.2
20–29	9.6	8.4	2.9	3.7	5.1	3.6	0.8	2.2
30–39	—	3.8	1.6	3.0	—	1.9	0.5	1.6
40+	—	1.0	0.1	0.5	—	—	0.2	0.1
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2 #</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 3.29: Use of injecting drugs<sup>(a)</sup>; proportion of the population aged 14 years and over and numbers, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Age group	Ever used <sup>(b)</sup>			Recent use <sup>(c)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
14–19	0.7	1.4	1.0	—	1.2	0.6
20–29	2.0	0.9	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
30–39	4.0	2.0	3.0	0.9	0.2	0.5
40+	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
	(number)					
14–19	1,900	3,800	5,700	—	3,100	3,200
20–29	9,100	4,300	13,300	1,200	1,300	2,500
30–39	19,500	9,800	29,300	4,500	900	5,400
40+	21,900	15,000	36,900	2,400	2,200	4,600
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>85,300</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>15,700</b>

(a) Any illicit drug injected.

(b) Used at least once in lifetime.

(c) Used in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.30: Recent<sup>(a)</sup> use of injecting drugs<sup>(b)</sup>; proportion of the population aged 14 years and over by age and sex, New South Wales, 1995 to 2004**

Age group	Males				Females			
	1995	1998	2001	2004	1995	1998	2001	2004
	(per cent)							
14–19	—	—	—	—	2.5	0.7	0.7	1.2
20–29	7.3	1.6	2.6	0.3	—	0.4	2.1	0.3 #
30–39	1.9	—	0.5	0.9	—	—	0.8	0.2
40+	—	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	—	0.1	0.1
<b>Aged 14+</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

(b) Any illicit drug injected.

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 3.31: Injecting drug use: first and recent<sup>(a)</sup> illicit drugs injected, proportion of ever/recent injecting drug users aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Drug	First injected <sup>(b)</sup>			Recently injected <sup>(c)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)					
Heroin	30.8	32.2	31.4	10.7	20.3	15.4
Methadone	—	—	—	10.7	10.2	10.5
Other opiates	1.1	2.5	1.7	—	4.5	2.2
Meth/amphetamines	50.7	56.9	53.3	93.4	95.5	94.4
Cocaine	2.6	3.5	3.0	—	13.5	6.5
Hallucinogens	0.8	—	0.5	—	9.0	4.3
Ecstasy	0.8	1.7	1.2	—	16.6	8.0
Benzodiazepines	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steroids	10.3	0.7	6.3	—	—	—
Other drugs	2.9	2.5	2.7	—	—	—

(a) Used in the last 12 months.

(b) Answered by respondents who have ever injected.

(c) Answered by respondents who have injected in the last 12 months.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 3.32: Source of supply of illicit drugs, by type of drug, New South Wales, 2004**

Drug	Friend or acquaintance	Relative	Dealer	Doctor shopping / forged script	Buy at shop	Other
				(per cent)		
Marijuana/cannabis	68.5	5.2	19.1	..	..	7.1
Analgesics <sup>(a)</sup>	5.9	15.2	2.4	2.6	69.6	4.2
Tranquillisers <sup>(a)</sup>	56.1	14.6	1.5	8.8	..	19.0
Steroids <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	—	—	..	100.0
Inhalants	31.9	—	—	—	47.9	20.2
Heroin	—	27.6	72.4	—	..	—
Methadone <sup>(b)</sup>	65.8	20.6	13.6	—	..	—
Meth/amphetamines <sup>(a)</sup>	70.4	1.4	23.8	—	..	4.4
Cocaine	64.3	10.8	20.2	—	..	4.6
Hallucinogens	65.7	7.5	12.7	—	..	14.0
Ecstasy	71.9	1.9	23.5	—	..	2.7

(a) Non-medical use.

(b) Non-maintenance.

*Notes*

1. Base for each substance equals respondents using in the last 12 months.

2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

# 4 Community support for drug-related policy

**Table 4.1: Support<sup>(a)</sup> for tobacco measures: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Measure	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Banning smoking in the workplace	77.5	80.7 #	85.3	85.0	81.4	82.9
Banning smoking in pubs/clubs	58.2	67.4 #	65.4	69.8 #	61.8	68.6 #
Increasing tax on tobacco products to pay for health education	63.2	64.3	68.9	67.9	66.0	66.1
Increasing tax on tobacco products to contribute to treatment costs	66.2	67.5	71.4	70.3	68.8	68.9
Increasing tax on tobacco products to discourage smoking	60.2	62.5	64.3	67.3 #	62.3	64.9 #
Making it harder to buy tobacco in shops	58.8	61.5	62.4	68.3 #	60.6	65.0 #
Stricter enforcement of law against supplying to minors	90.1	88.3	92.8	91.5	91.4	89.9 #
Stricter penalties for sale or supply of tobacco products to minors	n.a.	85.2	n.a.	90.0	n.a.	87.6
Bans on point of sale advertising and display of tobacco products	n.a.	67.4	n.a.	74.7	n.a.	71.1
Implementing a licensing scheme for tobacco retailers	n.a.	69.7	n.a.	73.2	n.a.	71.4

(a) Support or strongly support (calculations based on those respondents who were informed enough to indicate their level of support).

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 4.2: Support<sup>(a)</sup> for alcohol measures: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Measure	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Increasing the price of alcohol	17.2	16.7	25.8	29.5 #	21.5	23.2
Reducing the number of outlets that sell alcohol	25.9	25.7	34.7	39.7 #	30.3	32.9 #
Reducing trading hours for pubs and clubs	33.3	32.2	41.9	42.9	37.6	37.6
Raising the legal drinking age	39.1	36.8	46.9	47.5	43.0	42.3
Increasing the number of alcohol-free public events	63.8	59.2 #	74.0	72.6	69.0	66.1 #
Increasing the number of alcohol-free dry zones	66.9	62.6 #	74.5	73.2	70.7	68.0 #
Serving only low-alcohol beverages at sporting events	59.9	54.5 #	71.7	71.5	65.8	63.2 #
Limiting TV advertising until after 9.30 p.m.	65.6	67.8	76.0	78.0	70.9	73.0 #
Banning alcohol sponsorship of sporting events	39.6	41.3	53.8	56.7	46.7	49.2 #
More severe penalties for drink driving	83.7	82.4	93.6	92.0 #	88.7	87.3
Stricter laws against serving drunk customers	82.0	79.5	88.7	86.9	85.4	83.3 #
Restricting late night trading of alcohol	50.1	50.3	61.1	62.9	55.6	56.7
Strict monitoring of late night licensed premises	71.3	70.9	79.0	77.7	75.2	74.3
Increasing the size of standard drink labels on alcohol containers	62.1	62.0	73.2	73.7	67.7	68.0
Adding national drinking guidelines to alcohol containers	66.3	67.4	78.4	78.2	72.4	72.9
Increasing tax on alcohol to pay for health, education and treatment of alcohol-related problems	n.a.	33.7	n.a.	48.6	n.a.	41.3

(a) Support or strongly support (calculations based on those respondents who were informed enough to indicate their level of support)

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Table 4.3: Support<sup>(a)</sup> for marijuana measures: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Measure	Males	Females	Persons
	(per cent)		
A change in legislation permitting the use of marijuana for medical purposes	68.0	68.6	68.3
A clinical trial for people to use marijuana to treat medical conditions	73.8	74.6	74.2

(a) Support or strongly support (calculations based on those respondents who were informed enough to indicate their level of support)

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 4.4: Support<sup>(a)</sup> for heroin measures: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Measure	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
Needle and syringe programs	56.7	52.4 #	59.3	53.2 #	58.0	52.8 #
Methadone maintenance programs	60.5	53.4 #	61.8	55.9 #	61.1	54.6 #
Treatment with drugs other than methadone	64.4	58.7 #	65.4	58.3 #	64.9	58.5 #
Regulated injecting rooms	44.4	40.3 #	45.1	39.9 #	44.8	40.1 #
Trial of prescribed heroin	35.0	28.0 #	32.8	23.1 #	34.0	25.6 #
Rapid detoxification therapy	79.3	72.3 #	81.2	74.4 #	80.2	73.3 #
Use of Naltrexone	74.5	69.3 #	75.3	66.6 #	74.9	68.0 #

(a) Support or strongly support (calculations based on those respondents who were informed enough to indicate their level of support)

# 2001 result significantly different from 2004 result (2-tailed  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

# 5 Harm and psychological distress associated with drug use

**Table 5.1: Activities undertaken while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs in the past 12 months: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Influence and activity	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
<b>Alcohol</b>	(per cent)					
Drove a motor vehicle	14.8	14.9	5.7	5.8	10.2	10.3
Operated a boat	1.6	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.9	1.0
Operated hazardous machinery	0.7	0.8	—	0.1	0.4	0.4
Verbally abused someone	7.2	7.3	3.8	3.8	5.5	5.5
Physically abused someone	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9
Caused damage to property	2.2	1.9	0.8	0.7	1.4	1.3
Stole money, goods or property	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3
Created a public disturbance or nuisance	3.7	3.6	1.8	1.6	2.7	2.6
Went swimming	6.8	6.5	2.9	2.9	4.8	4.6
Went to work	5.6	6.2	1.9	2.2	3.8	4.2
<b>Other drugs</b>						
Drove a motor vehicle	4.4	4.3	1.7	1.5	3.0	2.9
Operated a boat	0.6	0.8	—	—	0.3	0.4
Operated hazardous machinery	0.8	0.5	0.1	—	0.4	0.3
Verbally abused someone	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7
Physically abused someone	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Caused damage to property	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
Stole money, goods or property	0.3	0.3	—	0.1	0.2	0.2
Created a public disturbance or nuisance	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
Went swimming	3.2	2.7	1.3	0.8	2.2	1.7
Went to work	2.8	2.8	1.4	0.9	2.1	1.8

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 5.2: Proportion of the population aged 14 years and over who have been victims of alcohol or other drug-related incidents, by sex, New South Wales, 2001, 2004**

Influence and activity	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
<b>Alcohol</b>	(per cent)					
Verbal abuse	28.1	25.5	21.7	22.3	24.9	23.9
Physical abuse	5.2	5.1	3.4	3.3	4.3	4.1
Put in fear	13.2	10.4	14.9	15.7	14.1	13.1
<b>Other drugs</b>						
Verbal abuse	13.5	10.3	10.2	9.0	11.8	9.6
Physical abuse	2.9	2.0	1.3	1.2	2.1	1.6
Put in fear	8.7	5.3	10.1	8.7	9.4	7.1

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 5.3: Number of victims of alcohol-related incidents: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by age and sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Incident	Age group						Aged 14+
	14-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
	(number)						
	<b>Males</b>						
Verbal abuse	61,200	182,400	156,700	128,600	100,300	56,900	692,200
Physical abuse	14,300	48,700	35,200	21,500	8,600	6,400	137,400
Put in fear	27,600	75,400	66,000	46,400	36,000	29,200	283,100
	<b>Females</b>						
Verbal abuse	77,600	151,100	123,900	137,500	79,000	52,200	624,400
Physical abuse	22,700	25,800	12,700	21,900	5,500	800	90,900
Put in fear	75,200	107,400	82,500	99,700	45,900	23,700	437,600
	<b>Persons</b>						
Verbal abuse	138,700	333,500	280,800	266,000	179,400	108,900	1,316,900
Physical abuse	37,100	74,600	48,100	43,400	14,100	7,100	228,400
Put in fear	103,900	182,700	148,500	146,700	81,800	52,800	721,700

*Notes*

1. 'All ages' and 'Persons' may not add up to sum of components due to rounding.
2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 5.4: Most serious injury sustained as a result of alcohol or other drug-related incidents: proportion of the population aged 14 years and over, by sex, New South Wales, 2004**

Injury	Males		Females		Persons	
	2001	2004	2001	2004	2001	2004
	(per cent)					
<b>Total physically abused</b>	6.3	5.6	4.0	3.7	5.1	4.6
Most serious injury						
Bruising, abrasions	40.5	32.7	51.9	47.5	45.0	38.7
Burns, not involving hospital admission	0.9	—	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.2
Minor lacerations	8.7	15.7	5.2	10.2	7.3	13.5
Lacerations requiring suturing, but not hospital admission	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9
Fractures not requiring hospital admission	7.8	3.9	4.5	7.2	6.5	5.3
Sufficiently serious to require hospital admission	3.6	3.8	0.7	1.8	2.5	3.0
No physical injury sustained	36.6	42.1	34.4	30.6	35.7	37.5

*Notes*

1. Base of 'Total physically abused' equals all respondents. Base of 'Most serious injury' equals total physically abused.
2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 5.5: Most serious injury sustained as a result of alcohol or other drug-related physical abuse, by age, New South Wales, 2004**

Injury	Age group						Aged 14+
	14–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50–59	60+	
	(per cent)						
Bruising, abrasions	39.5	40.8	33.6	45.5	36.7	9.4	38.7
Burns, not involving hospital admission	—	0.8	—	—	—	—	0.2
Minor lacerations	21.9	12.2	9.3	15.2	9.4	12.7	13.5
Lacerations requiring suturing, but not hospital admission	—	1.8	5.6	0.7	—	—	1.9
Fractures not requiring hospital admission	10.5	3.8	8.6	2.7	—	—	5.3
Sufficiently serious to require hospital admission	—	2.0	1.0	5.6	—	30.8	3.0
No physical injury sustained	28.1	38.7	42.0	30.3	53.9	47.1	37.5

*Notes*

1. Base equals total physically abused.
2. Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.

**Table 5.6: Psychological distress<sup>(a)</sup> by selected drug-use patterns, persons aged 18 years and over, New South Wales, 2004**

Substance/behaviour	Level of psychological distress <sup>(b)</sup>			
	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
	(per cent)			
All persons (18+)	68.9	21.2	7.8	2.1
Tobacco smoking status				
Daily	57.3	24.4	12.8	5.4
Other recent smokers <sup>(c)</sup>	57.9	29.2	12.4	0.5
Non-smokers <sup>(d)</sup>	71.8	20.2	6.5	1.5
Risk of alcohol-related harm in the short term <sup>(e)</sup>				
High risk	55.4	29.4	11.4	3.8
Risky	63.1	24.4	9.4	3.1
Low risk	71.3	20.1	6.9	1.7
Abstainer	70.2	19.5	8.0	2.4
Any illicit <sup>(f)</sup>				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	48.6	29.8	15.9	5.7
Not used in the last month	71.2	20.3	6.9	1.7
Marijuana/cannabis				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	50.0	28.8	14.3	6.9
Not used in the last month	70.3	20.7	7.2	1.8
Heroin				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	—	23.6	46.0	30.5
Not used in the last month	69.0	21.2	7.7	2.1
Meth/amphetamines				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	33.2	30.4	25.6	10.7
Not used in the last month	69.4	21.1	7.5	2.0
Ecstasy				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	41.2	33.4	21.7	3.7
Not used in the last month	69.4	21.0	7.5	2.1
Inhalants				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	65.5	22.9	5.4	6.2
Not used in the last month	68.9	21.2	7.8	2.1
Cocaine				
Use in the last month <sup>(g)</sup>	43.2	35.7	17.9	3.2
Not used in the last month	69.1	21.2	7.7	2.1

(a) Using the Kessler 10 scale of psychological distress.

(b) Low: K10 score 10–15; Moderate: 16–21; High: 22–29; Very high: 30–50.

(c) 'Other recent smokers' are persons who smoke 'Weekly' or 'Less than weekly'.

(d) 'Non-smokers' are 'Ex-smokers' or persons who have 'Never smoked'.

(e) At least monthly.

(f) 'Any illicit' does not include 'other opiates' or 'injecting drug use'.

(g) 'Use in the last month' refers to use of the substance at least once in the previous month.

Note: Statistical significance testing was not undertaken for this table.