



Information Sheet

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Online Australian tobacco and smoking statistics

There is a wide range of Australian information about various aspects of tobacco consumption, and its effects now available online. The main sources of reliable information are listed below. Web addresses are current at the time of publication (Oct 2004), but are subject to change.

From the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control

www.vctc.org.au

The latest tobacco taxes, prices, production, expenditure, reported consumption and revenue in Australia.

World Health Organisation Tobacco Country Profiles 2003 - Australia

www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/Australia.pdf

Smoking and disease statistics - online

The following links provide a range of sources of smoking prevalence, smoking related death and disease and general health statistics in Australia. In the main, they come from two sources, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). To gain more useful information from some sources, it is helpful to know the main tobacco-related illnesses.

Australian Bureau of Statistics links

www.abs.gov.au

The ABS is the premier source of a range of Australian statistics. They collect census (mainly demographic) information every 5 years, and are an authoritative source of information on a range of key national indicators. Some of their publications are available online, while others can be accessed at your local library.

The ABS provides population data on a range of health measures. Smoking specific information is rare. Suggested starting point - go to **Themes > people > health**. From there you can look at a list of all ABS health related publications.

Topics of interest include mortality data (eg deaths, causes of death), National Health Survey results, Indigenous health, mental health papers, etc.

Look also at **Year Books** – some years contain relevant articles (See Long-term mortality trends, Chronic diseases and risk factors), and list of publications under **Australian Social Trends**.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare links

www.aihw.gov.au

Browse this site for information on more general topics. Likely sources of information include Australia's Health, Australia's young people, their health and wellbeing 1999, Australian health trends, Cancer in Australia series, National Health Priority Areas etc.

Particularly useful are

The burden of disease and injury in Australia, 1998. Full report

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/health/bdia/index.html

Summary report

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/health/bdiasr/index.html

Quantification of drug caused mortality and morbidity in Australia in 1998

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/phe/qdcmma98/index.html

Cancer in Australia Series

See Health publications list by title

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/H/bytitle

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The health and welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

See Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander publications list

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/subject/1

**National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2001
National Drug Strategy Household Survey 1998**

Statistics on Drug Use

Heart, stroke and vascular diseases - Australian facts

Find all related documents through health publications listing

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/H/bytitle

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