



Smoking bans in prisons: Results from the 2015 National Prisoner Health Data Collection

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AIHW and prisoner health information

- AIHW's role as an independent Commonwealth entity
- AIHW's role on prisoner health project:
 - Overall project coordination
 - Secretariat for national committees
 - Technical expertise
 - Data custodianship

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National Prisoner Health Data Collection (NPHDC)

- Development began in 2004
- First collection in 2009
- 2015 was the 4th collection

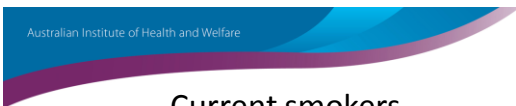
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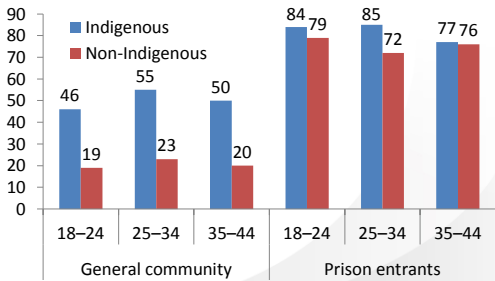
2015 data

- 1,011 prison entrants
- 437 prison discharges
- 23,500 medications
- 21,400 clinic visits

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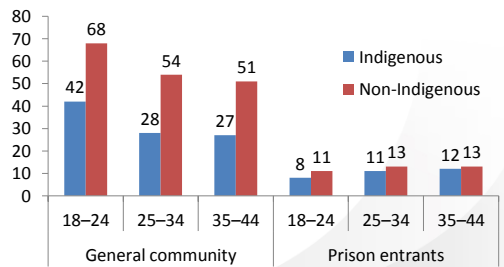
Current smokers



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Never smoked



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Quitting smoking in prison

- Prisoners share characteristics common among smokers
- Smoking is related to other risky behaviours
- Quitting in prison is difficult

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Smoking bans in prisons

- Northern Territory – July 2013
- Queensland – May 2014
- Tasmania – February 2015
- Victoria – July 2015
- New South Wales – August 2015
- South Australia – trial planned for March 2016

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What difference did smoking bans make?

	Prison bans smoking	Prison allows smoking
Smoked on entry to prison	72%	75%
Current smoker	18%	74%
Smokes more now	4%	16%
Smokes less now	56%	22%
Total discharges	51%	49%

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Quit smoking assistance in prison

Category	Prison bans smoking	Prison allows smoking
Quit smoking assistance available	62	72
Quit smoking assistance used	26	10

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Smoking intentions after release of those who smoked on entry to prison

Intention	Prison bans smoking	Prison allows smoking
Intend to smoke upon release	59	73
Do not intend to smoke upon release	23	13
Might smoke upon release	15	10

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Further information

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