The types of illicit drugs used in the last 12 months varied across jurisdictions

**Current use**

- **Cannabis** was highest in the NT (16.0%) compared to the national average (10.4%).
- **Meth/amphetamines** was highest in WA (2.7%) compared to the national average (1.4%).
- **Ecstasy** was highest in WA (3.2%) compared to the national average (2.2%).
- **Cocaine** was highest in NSW (3.4%) compared to the national average (2.5%).
- **Pain-killers/opiates** was highest in SA (4.3%) compared to the national average (3.6%).

**Trends**

- Similar to the national trend, most jurisdictions reported slight but non-significant declines in the daily smoking rate between 2013 and 2016.
- More people abstained from alcohol in WA and NT (26% in WA, 24% in NT).
- There were improvements in the lifetime alcohol risk guidelines in WA and ACT (22% in WA, 22% in NT).
- Across all jurisdictions, there was no significant change in recent cannabis use between 2013 and 2016.

Note: findings relate to people aged 14 or older unless specified.

All data presented in this chapter are available in the state and territory tables [http://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/illicit-use-of-drugs/ndshs-2016-detailed/data].