

# Tobacco in Australia

## Facts & Issues

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### Relevant news and research

#### 8.4 Smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and teenagers

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#### Research:

Heris, C, Guerin, N, Thomas, D, Chamberlain, C, Eades, S, & White, VM. (2020). Smoking behaviours and other substance use among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian secondary students, 2017. *Drug and Alcohol Review*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32780910>

Heris, CL, Guerin, N, Thomas, DP, Eades, SJ, Chamberlain, C, & White, VM. (2020). The decline of smoking initiation among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students: implications for future policy. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32776634>

##### 8.4.1 Prevalence

Barrett, EM, Maddox, R, Thandrayen, J, Banks, E, Lovett, R, Heris, C, & Thurber, KA. (2022). Clearing the air: underestimation of youth smoking prevalence associated with proxy-reporting compared to youth self-report. *BMC Med Res Methodol*, 22(1), 108. Retrieved from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/35410164>

##### 8.4.3 Influences on smoking behaviour

Hautala, D, Sittner, K, & Walls, M. (2020). Latent Trajectories and Profiles of Commercial Cigarette Smoking Frequency from Adolescence to Young Adulthood among North American Indigenous People. *Nicotine Tob Res*. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32270190>

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Tsourtos G, Ward PR, Lawn S, Winefield AH, Hersh D, et al. Is resilience relevant to smoking abstinence for Indigenous Australians? *Health Promot Int*, 2014. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25315647>

Thomas, DP et al. Smoke-free homes and workplaces of a national sample of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. *The Medical Journal of Australia*, 2015. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26017254>

### 8.4.2 Age at uptake

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### News reports: