

# 1 Treatment agencies

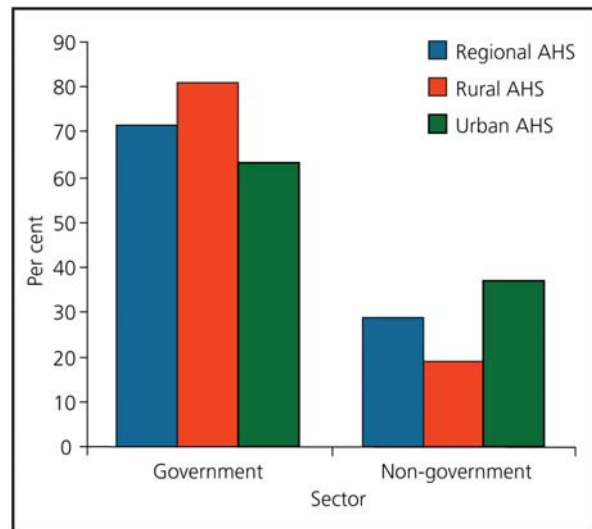
## 1.1 Establishment sector

There were 294 government-funded alcohol and other drug treatment agencies providing data for 2005/06. This included 82 (28%) non-government agencies. These agencies provided 43,502 'closed episodes' during 2005/06. A closed episode is defined as a period of contact between a client and treatment agency with a defined date of commencement and cessation.

## 1.2 Geographic location and sector

The geographic location of treatment agencies in the 2005/06 collection has been classified based on urban, regional and rural Area Health Services (AHS). In 2005/06, 72% of drug and alcohol treatment agencies were government agencies. Of the 28% non-government agencies, 37% were located in urban AHS, 29% in regional AHS and 19% in rural AHS. Note that in rural areas, a single worker is often reported as an 'agency'.

Figure 1.1 Treatment agencies by geographic location and sector, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06



(a) Geographic location is derived based on agency Area Health Service. **Urban** AHS include Central Sydney, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Western Sydney. **Regional** AHS include Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra, South Western Sydney and Wentworth. **Rural** AHS include Far West, Greater Murray, Macquarie, Mid North Coast, Mid Western, New England, Northern Rivers and Southern.

Table 1.1 Treatment agencies by geographic location and sector, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06

Sector	Urban AHS	Regional AHS	Rural AHS	Total
(Per cent)				
Government	63.1	71.3	81.1	72.1
Non-government	36.9	28.7	18.9	27.9
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
(Number)				
Government	53	82	77	212
Non-government	31	33	18	82
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>294</b>

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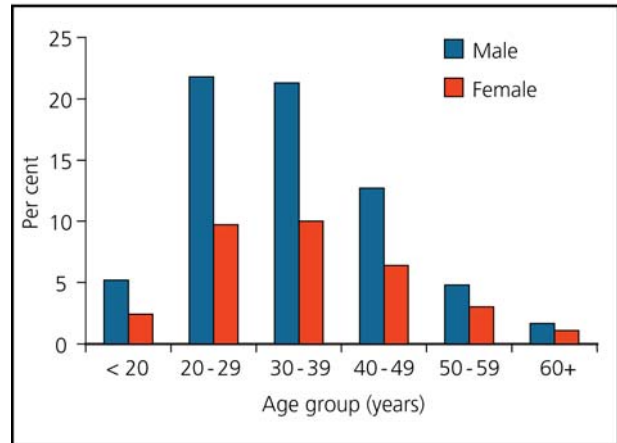
## Client demographics

The 43,502 closed episodes reported in 2005/06 represented approximately 38,536 clients.

### 2.1 Sex and age

Male clients in 2005/06 accounted for over two-thirds (67%) of all closed episodes, with 63% of episodes for clients aged between 20-39 years. The average age of both male and female clients was 32.3.

**Figure 2.1 Closed episodes by sex and age group, NSW, 2005/06**



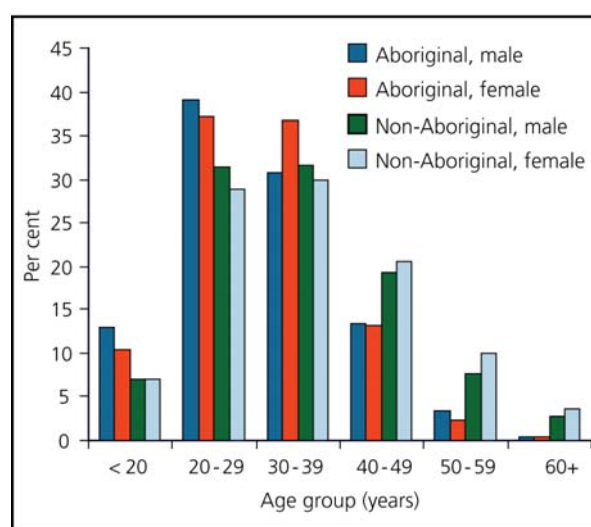
**Table 2.1: Closed episodes by sex and age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
< 20	2,247	5.2	1,053	2.4	3,300	7.6
20 - 29	9,475	21.8	4,212	9.7	13,687	31.5
30 - 39	9,282	21.3	4,341	10.0	13,623	31.3
40 - 49	5,516	12.7	2,782	6.4	8,298	19.1
50 - 59	2,088	4.8	1,295	3.0	3,383	7.8
60+	722	1.7	469	1.1	1,191	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>43,502</b>	<b>100</b>

## 2.2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin

Of the 43,502 closed episodes reported in 2005/06, 4,619 (11%) involved clients who identified of being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) origin. There were approximately 4,122 Aboriginal clients. The average age for Aboriginal clients was 29.6 years, for male Aboriginal clients it was 29.4 and 29.5 years for female Aboriginal clients.

**Figure 2.2 Closed episodes by age group, Aboriginal origin and sex, NSW,<sup>(a,b)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=20 where sex is not stated/unknown.

(b) Includes N=1,751 Not stated for Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander origin (N=1,139 males, N=609 females, N=3 not stated/unknown for sex).

**Table 2.2: Closed episodes by age group, Aboriginal origin and sex, NSW,<sup>(a,b)</sup> 2005/06**

Age group	Aboriginal		Non Aboriginal		Total <sup>(a,b)</sup>		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
< 20	12.9	10.3	7.1	7.1	7.7	7.5	7.6
20 - 29	39.1	37.1	31.5	28.8	32.3	29.8	3.2
30 - 39	30.7	36.7	31.7	29.9	31.6	30.6	3.1
40 - 49	13.4	13.2	19.4	20.5	18.8	19.6	19.1
50 - 59	3.3	2.4	7.6	10.0	7.1	9.1	7.8
60+	0.5	0.4	2.7	3.7	2.5	3.3	2.7
<b>Total (Per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total (Number)</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>26,356</b>	<b>12,508</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>43,482</b>

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## 2.3 Country of birth and preferred language

Ninety-seven per cent of closed episodes were for clients who nominated English as their preferred language and 87% were for clients born in Australia, with clients from England and New Zealand as the next most common countries of birth.

**Table 2.3: Closed episodes by top ten preferred languages, NSW, 2005/06**

Country of birth	Number	Per cent	Preferred language	Number	Per cent
Australia	37,670	86.6	English	42,124	96.9
England	981	2.3	Vietnamese	128	0.3
New Zealand	784	1.8	Arabic (including Lebanese)	53	0.1
Viet Nam	247	0.6	Spanish	49	0.1
Scotland	178	0.4	Italian	30	0.1
Lebanon	144	0.3	Cantonese	22	0.1
Ireland	122	0.3	Serbian	21	0.0
United States of America	109	0.3	Macedonian	19	0.0
Fiji	99	0.2	Russian	18	0.0
Philippines	99	0.2	Albanian	17	0.0
Others	1,958	4.5	Others	247	0.6
Not stated	1,111	2.6	Not stated	774	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,502</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>43,502</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2.4 Source of income by sex

Twenty-three per cent of closed episodes were for clients who were in full or part-time employment, and 66.2% of closed episodes were for clients who received some form of temporary benefit or pension as their primary source of income.

**Table 2.4: Closed episodes by source of income by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

Source of income	Males		Females		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Full-time employment	5,527	18.9	1,435	10.2	6,962	16.0
Part-time employment	1,619	5.5	1,269	9.0	2,888	6.6
Temporary benefit	13,465	45.9	4,794	33.9	18,259	42.0
Pension	6,006	20.5	4,497	31.8	10,503	24.2
Student allowance	247	0.8	213	1.5	460	1.1
Dependant on others	366	1.2	791	5.6	1,157	2.7
Retirement fund	134	0.5	103	0.7	237	0.5
No income	1,121	3.8	569	4.0	1,690	3.9
Other	334	1.1	155	1.1	489	1.1
Not stated/unknown	511	1.7	326	2.3	837	1.9
<b>Total (Number, per cent)</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43,482</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Includes N=20 where sex is not stated/unknown.

## 2.5 Usual accommodation by sex

Fifty-six per cent of closed episodes were for clients who lived in rental accommodation, 28% owned their own accommodation and 3% indicated they were homeless.

**Table 2.5: Closed episodes by usual accommodation by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

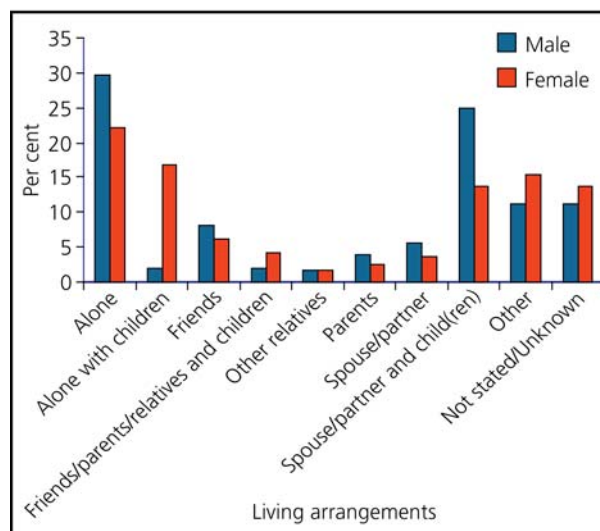
Usual accommodation	Males		Females		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Rented house or flat	15,692	53.5	8,485	59.9	24,177	55.6
Privately owned house or flat	8,330	28.4	3,946	27.9	12,276	28.2
Boarding house	594	2.0	137	1.0	731	1.7
Hostel/supported accommodation	496	1.7	160	1.1	656	1.5
Psychiatric hospital	41	0.1	37	0.3	78	0.2
Alcohol/other drug treatment residence	307	1.0	120	0.9	427	1.0
Shelter/refuge	517	1.8	200	1.4	717	1.6
Prison/detention centre	671	2.3	120	0.9	791	1.8
Caravan or serviced site	311	1.1	89	0.6	400	0.6
No usual residence/homeless	1170	4.0	320	2.3	1,490	3.4
Other	286	1.0	109	0.8	395	0.9
Not known	915	3.1	429	3.1	1,344	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,482</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## 2.6 Living arrangement by sex

Clients had a variety of living arrangements, including 27% of close episode who lived alone, 21% who lived with their parents and 13% who lived with their spouse or partner.

**Figure 2.6 Closed episodes by living arrangement by sex, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Included N=20 where sex is not stated/unknown.

**Table 2.6: Closed episodes by living arrangement by sex, NSW, 2005/06**

Living arrangement	Males		Females		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Alone	8,732	29.8	3,120	22	11,852	27.3
Alone with children	550	1.9	2,380	16.8	2,930	6.7
Friends	2,338	8	884	6.2	3,222	7.4
Friends/parents/relatives and child(ren)	583	2	611	4.3	1,194	2.7
Other relatives	1,652	5.6	523	3.7	2,175	5
Parents	7,298	24.9	1,933	13.7	9,231	21.2
Spouse/partner	3,297	11.2	2,160	15.3	5,457	12.6
Spouse/partner and child(ren)	3,275	11.2	1,942	13.7	5,217	12
Other	1,106	3.8	353	2.5	1,459	3.4
Not stated/Unknown	499	1.7	246	1.7	745	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43,482</b>	<b>100</b>

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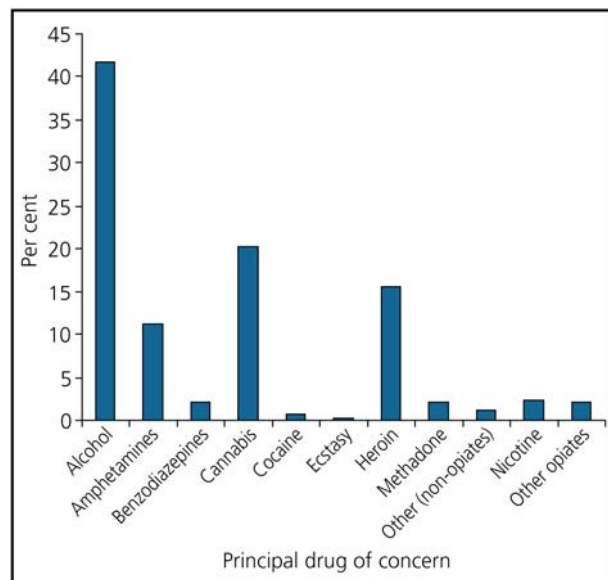
# 3 Drugs of concern

The principal drug of concern refers to the main substance that the client states led him or her to seek treatment from the alcohol and other drug treatment agency. Note that the client may also be using other drugs. For example, a client may be using heroin, amphetamines and alcohol but only be concerned with (and seeking treatment for) their amphetamine use. Note that nicotine has been included as a principal drug of concern but this is a significant undercount of actual nicotine treatment provided in NSW as many nicotine treatment agencies are not in scope for this data collection. Three per cent of closed episodes were for clients who attended treatment for the drug use of another person. Of these 74% were female. This section reports only on those 42,276 closed episodes where clients were seeking treatment for their own drug use. Since the 16,355 clients who are exclusively receiving methadone and buprenorphine treatment as at 30 June 2006 are excluded from the Minimum Data Set, the statistics below for heroin and other opiates is a significant underestimate.

## 3.1 Principal drug of concern

Within the Minimum Data Set (note: this excludes clients who exclusively receive methadone or buprenorphine treatment), 41.7% of closed episodes were for alcohol, 15.6% for heroin, 20.3% for cannabis, 11.2% for amphetamines, 2.2% for other opiates, 2.2% for benzodiazepines, 1.2% for nicotine, 0.7% for cocaine and 0.3% for ecstasy.

**Figure 3.1 Closed episodes by principal drug of concern, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



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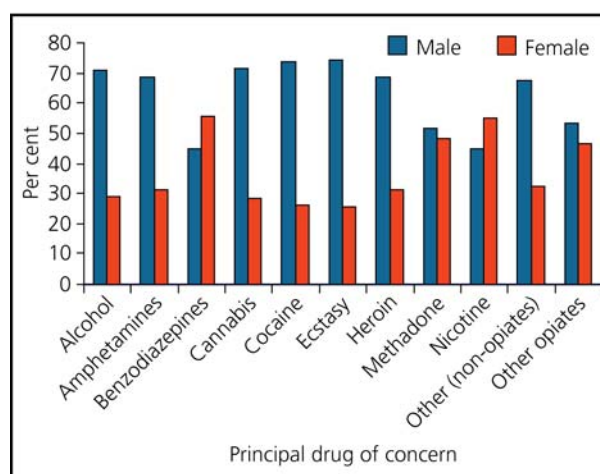
Principal drug of concern	Number	Per cent
Alcohol	17,635	41.7
Amphetamines	4,742	11.2
Benzodiazepines	942	2.2
Cannabis	8,561	20.3
Cocaine	261	0.7
Ecstasy	138	0.3
Heroin	6,591	15.6
Methadone	938	2.2
Nicotine	508	1.2
Other (non-opiates)	1,025	2.4
Other opiates	935	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,276</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Excludes N=1,226 Treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

### 3.2 Principal drug of concern by sex

Male clients accounted for 69% of all closed episodes. Within a particular drug of concern, male clients accounted for 70.8% of closed episodes for alcohol, 72% for cannabis, 74.0% for cocaine, and 74.6% for ecstasy. Female clients accounted for 55.3% of closed episodes for benzodiazepines, 55.1% for nicotine and 47% for other opiates.

**Figure 3.2: Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by sex, NSW,<sup>(a,b)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

(b) Excludes N=20 where sex is not stated/unknown.

**Table 3.2 Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by sex, NSW,<sup>(a,b)</sup> 2005/06**

Principal drug of concern	Males		Females		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Alcohol	12,479	70.8	5,144	29.2	17,623	100
Amphetamines	3,263	68.8	1,477	31.2	4,740	100
Benzodiazepines	419	44.6	521	55.4	940	100
Cannabis	6,124	71.6	2,435	28.4	8,559	100
Cocaine	193	74.0	68	26.0	261	100
Ecstasy	103	74.6	35	25.4	138	100
Heroin	4,526	68.7	2,064	31.3	6,590	100
Methadone	485	51.7	453	48.3	938	100
Nicotine	228	44.9	280	55.1	508	100
Other (non-opiates)	692	67.5	333	32.5	1,025	100
Other opiates	497	53.2	438	46.8	935	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,009</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>13,248</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>42,257</b>	<b>100</b>

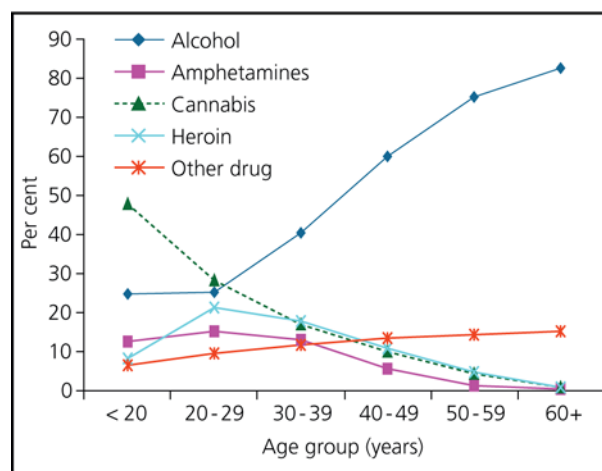
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### 3.3 Principal drug of concern and age

The average age of clients in treatment for nicotine was 40.1 years, 38.2 years for alcohol, 38.1 years for benzodiazepines, 38.1 for other opiates, 34.3 years for cannabis, 33.5 for heroin, 30.6 for amphetamines and 31.6 for cocaine.

**Figure 3.3 Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by age group, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

**Table 3.3a Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Age group	Alcohol	Amphetamines	Cannabis	Heroin	Other drug	Total <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>Per cent</b>						
< 20	24.9	12.5	47.7	8.4	6.4	<b>100</b>
20 - 29	25.4	15.4	28.3	21.2	9.7	<b>100</b>
30 - 39	40.4	13.1	16.9	17.9	11.7	<b>100</b>
40 - 49	60.2	5.6	9.8	11.0	13.4	<b>100</b>
50 - 59	75.3	1.4	4.2	4.9	14.2	<b>100</b>
60+	82.7	0.3	1.0	1.0	15.1	<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>17,635</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>8,561</b>	<b>6,591</b>	<b>4,747</b>	<b>42,276</b>

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**Table 3.3b: Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by sex and age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Principal drug of concern/sex	Age group (years)						Total <sup>(a,b)</sup>
	<20	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60+	
<b>Females</b>	<b>Per cent</b>						
Alcohol	23.1	18.9	38	59.9	73	73.3	<b>38.8</b>
Amphetamines	14.3	17.1	12.5	3.8	0.7	0.6	<b>11.1</b>
Cannabis	40.9	25.3	16.7	9.5	3.6	0.9	<b>18.4</b>
Heroin	12.8	24	15.9	9.1	3.9	1.7	<b>15.6</b>
Other drug	9	14.7	16.9	17.6	18.8	23.5	<b>16.1</b>
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>4,123</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>13,248</b>
<b>Males</b>							
Alcohol	25.8	28.2	41.4	60.4	76.3	87.4	<b>43.0</b>
Amphetamines	11.6	14.7	13.4	6.4	1.7	0.1	<b>11.2</b>
Cannabis	50.9	29.6	17	9.9	4.6	1	<b>21.1</b>
Heroin	6.3	20	18.8	11.9	5.4	0.6	<b>15.6</b>
Other drug	5.3	7.5	9.3	11.4	11.9	10.8	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Total (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>9,442</b>	<b>9,245</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>29,009</b>
<b>Persons</b>							
Alcohol	24.9	25.4	40.4	60.3	75.2	82.7	<b>41.7</b>
Amphetamines	12.5	15.4	13.1	5.6	1.4	0.3	<b>11.2</b>
Cannabis	47.7	28.3	16.9	9.8	4.3	1	<b>20.3</b>
Heroin	8.3	21.2	17.9	11	4.9	1	<b>15.6</b>
Other drug	6.4	9.7	11.7	13.4	14.2	15.1	<b>11.2</b>
<b>Total episodes (per cent)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total episodes (number)</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>13,565</b>	<b>13,445</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>42,257</b>

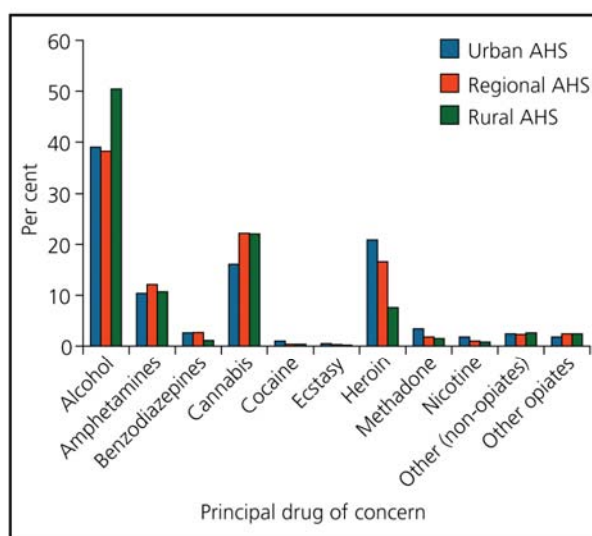
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### 3.4 Principal drug of concern and geographic location

In 2005/06, 41.7% of closed episodes were for alcohol, with 39.0% of urban AHS, 38.2% of regional AHS and 50.4% of rural AHS. 15.6% of closed episodes were for heroin. With 20.9% of urban AHS, 16.6% of regional AHS and 7.6% of rural AHS. 20.3% of closed episodes were for cannabis, on comparison 16.0% of urban AHS, 22.2% of regional AHS & 22.1% of rural AHS.

**Figure 3.4 Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by geographic location, NSW,<sup>(a,b)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes 1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

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**Table 3.4: Closed episodes by principal drug of concern by geographical location, NSW, 2005/06**

Principal drug of concern	Urban AHS		Regional AHS		Rural AHS		Total <sup>(a,b)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Alcohol	5,235	39	6,722	38.2	5,678	50.4	<b>17,635</b>	<b>41.7</b>
Amphetamines	1400	10.4	2,135	12.1	1207	10.7	<b>4,742</b>	<b>11.2</b>
Benzodiazepines	349	2.6	467	2.7	126	1.1	<b>942</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Cannabis	2,153	16	3,914	22.2	2,494	22.1	<b>8,561</b>	<b>20.3</b>
Cocaine	145	1	72	0.4	44	0.4	<b>261</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Ecstasy	68	0.5	46	0.3	24	0.2	<b>138</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Heroin	2,806	20.9	2,925	16.6	860	7.6	<b>6,591</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Methadone	452	3.4	318	1.8	168	1.5	<b>938</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Nicotine	241	1.8	172	1.0	95	0.8	<b>508</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Other (non-opiates)	326	2.4	403	2.3	296	2.6	<b>1,025</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Other opiates	242	1.8	424	2.4	269	2.4	<b>935</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,417</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17,598</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11,261</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>42,276</b>	<b>100</b>

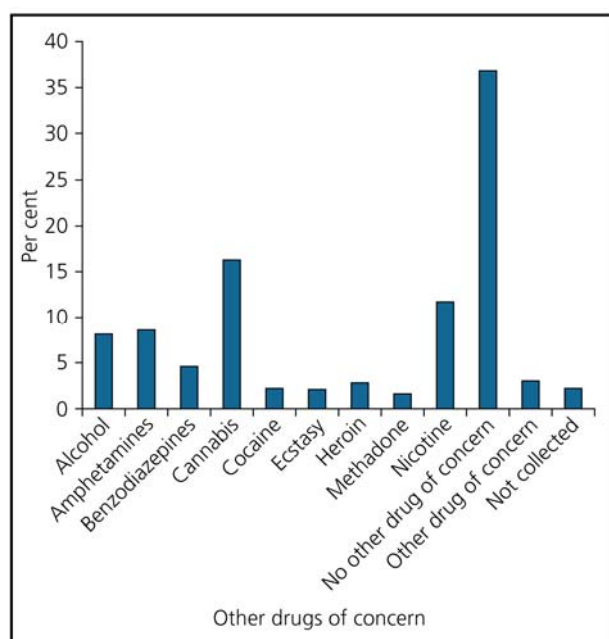
(a) Excludes 1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

(b) Geographic location is derived based on agency Area Health Service. **Urban** AHS include Central Sydney, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Western Sydney. **Regional** AHS: include Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra, South Western Sydney and Wentworth. **Rural** AHS: include Far West, Greater Murray, Macquarie, Mid North Coast, Mid Western, New England, Northern Rivers and Southern.

### 3.5 Other drugs of concern

When asked about the principal drug that was of concern to the client, they were also clients asked if there were any additional drugs they were concerned with. This question is different to asking about any other drugs that the client may have been using, which are not reported on this data collection. Approximately 37% of closed episodes were for clients who reported no other drugs of concern while 16.3% indicated they were also concerned about their cannabis use, 11.7% about their nicotine use, 8.1% about their alcohol use and 8.6% about their amphetamine use.

**Figure 3.5 Closed episodes by other drugs of concern, NSW,(a) 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

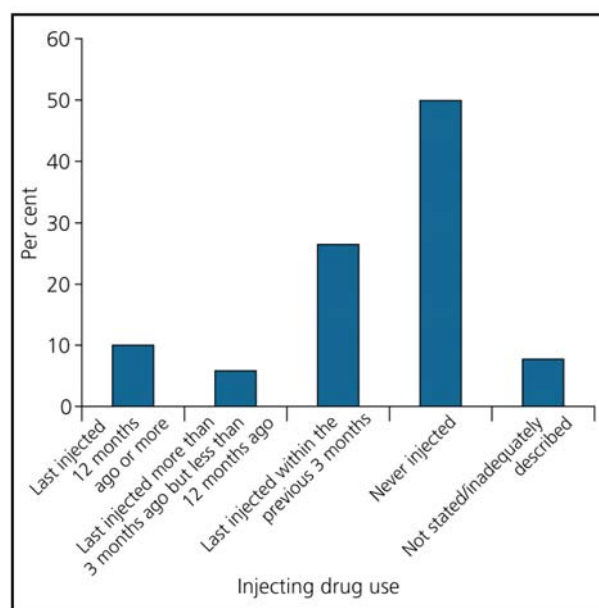
### 3.6 Method of use for principal drug of concern

The breakdown of method of use for the principal drug of concern for closed episodes was ingesting (50%), injecting (24%) or smoking (24%). The method of use for the principal drug of concern was 91% injection for heroin, 74% injection for amphetamines, 95% ingestion for benzodiazepines and 46% Injection for cocaine.

### 3.7 Injecting drug use

For the purpose of the collection injecting drug use includes drug administration methods such as intravenous, intramuscular and subcutaneous form of injection. Fifty per cent of closed episodes involved clients who reported never having injected drugs, while 27% of all closed episodes reported being current injectors. These figures should be interpreted with caution as just over 8% of closed episodes reported 'not stated' for this data item.

**Figure 3.7a Closed episodes by injecting drug use, NSW,(a) 2005/06**



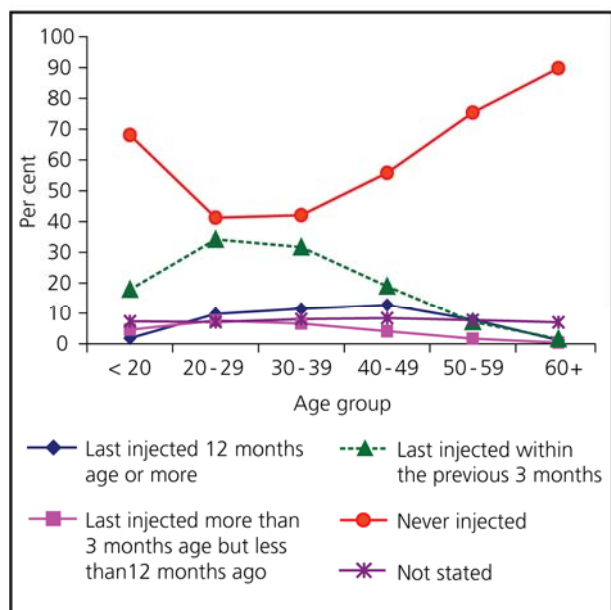
(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

**Table 3.7a: Closed episodes by injecting drug use, NSW,(a) 2005/06**

Injecting drug use	Number	Per cent
Last injected 12-months ago or more	4,208	10
Last injected more than 3 months ago but less than 12 months ago	2,459	5.8
Last injected within the previous 3 months	11,224	26.5
Never injected	21,115	49.9
Not stated/inadequately described	3,270	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,276</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

**Figure 3.7b Closed episodes by injecting drug use by age group, NSW,<sup>(a)</sup> 2005/06**



(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.

**Table 3.7b: Closed episodes by injecting drug use by age group, NSW, 2005/06**

Age group	Last injected 12 + months ago		Last injected >3 months ago but <12-months ago		Last injected within the previous 3 months		Never injected		Not stated/ inadequately described		Total <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
< 20	60	1.9	147	4.6	571	17.9	2,169	68.1	236	7.4	<b>3,183</b>	<b>7.3</b>
20 - 29	1,325	9.8	1,033	7.6	4,639	34.2	5,609	41.3	966	7.1	<b>13,572</b>	<b>31.2</b>
30 - 39	1,543	11.5	894	6.6	4,267	31.7	5,656	42.1	1,088	8.1	<b>13,448</b>	<b>30.9</b>
40 - 49	1,026	12.8	329	4.1	1,511	18.9	4,463	55.8	670	8.4	<b>7,999</b>	<b>18.4</b>
50 - 59	242	7.9	52	1.7	220	7.2	2,299	75.4	238	7.8	<b>3,051</b>	<b>7.0</b>
60+	12	1.2	4	0.4	16	1.6	919	89.8	72	7	<b>1,023</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,208</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>11,224</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>21,115</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>42,276</b>	<b>100</b>

(a) Excludes N=1,226 treatment episodes for clients seeking treatment for the drug use of others.