Northern Territory Wholesale Alcohol Supply – 2001 to 2013

1. Estimated per capita consumption of alcohol in the Northern Territory has dropped to 12.9 litres per person in the 2013 calendar year. This is the lowest estimated consumption value recorded for the Territory in the period 2001 to 2013. The latest value continues the general decrease in estimated consumption seen in the Territory since 2005.

Estimated per capita consumption in 2013 was four per cent less than in 2012, and five per cent less than in 2001.

2. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in the Northern Territory in 2013 was two percent less than in 2012.

3. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in Darwin in 2013 was one percent less than in 2012.

4. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in Palmerston in 2013 was four percent greater than in 2012. Palmerston is historically a high population growth region and the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimated drinking-age residential population increased by five percent during 2013.

5. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in Alice Springs in 2013 was six percent less than in 2012. This is the lowest supply value recorded for Alice Springs in the period 2001 to 2013.

6. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in Katherine in 2013 was six percent less than in 2012.

7. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in Tennant Creek in 2013 was six percent less than in 2012.

8. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in Nhulunbuy in 2013 was 14 percent less than in 2012. This is the lowest supply value recorded for Nhulunbuy in the period 2001 to 2013.

9. Wholesale alcohol supply (litres pure alcohol content) in the Northern Territory Balance in 2013 was similar to that in 2012.

Background

a. ‘Per capita consumption’ is calculated as the total wholesale supply divided by the estimated drinking population of the Northern Territory. The drinking population is calculated by adding the estimated resident population aged 15 years and over (published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics) to the estimated number of overseas and interstate tourists aged 15 years and over (provided by Tourism NT).

b. The Northern Territory Balance is all the areas outside urban centres.
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